

Dear Colleagues,

Normally, at this time of the week, the Senate officers would email you information about next week's Senate agenda. Instead, this email is announcing a repurposing of next week's meeting and sharing some information that the Senate officers think you'd like to know.

Here's the info you can find below:

- (1) Next week's meeting: "On Civility"
- (2) Officers and community time next week
- (3) Your role in the Provost Search
- (4) Coming soon: faculty travel funding
- (5) Shared governance and program Chairs

If you have information that you think Senate officers should know, or questions you would like us to help answer, send us an email at [senate@csuci.edu](mailto:senate@csuci.edu).

Happy Reading --

Gregory Wood, Ph.D., Chair, Academic Senate

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#### INFORMATION FOR SENATORS

(1) Next week's Academic Senate meeting is canceled to allow a campus conversation on the topic of civility. The new University Ombuds, Mark Patterson, will facilitate the conversation to explore attitudes regarding civility, how we handle difficult topics, and our goals for working with each other in the CSUCI community. The Executive Committee of Senate encourages all faculty to attend and participate in the conversation. **The meeting will be in Malibu Hall 100 at 2:30pm on Tuesday, 1 October.** To enhance participation, please bring an internet enabled device (laptop, tablet or smart phone) if possible.

(2) At 2:00pm, for Senate 'community time', the Senate Officers will be available to talk with people about thoughts they have on civility, shared governance, the Provost search, or any thoughts on issues within (or adjacent to) the purview of Senate.

(3) Self-nomination for faculty interest in serving on the Provost Search Committee are **due at 11:59pm tonight**. Please encourage colleagues who you think will be a strong candidate for the work to self-nominate!

Also note that once a list of candidates is compiled, the Committee on Committees will send out a Survey on the Sense of the Senate to ascertain which candidates have the support of the Senate. In the survey, each Senator will be asked to identify four candidates they would be happy to have representing faculty on the committee. The results of the Senate survey will inform the Executive Committee's selection of one faculty member for the committee and the President's selection of three others.

(4) Seeing a faculty need, the President has set aside \$200,000 this year to support faculty travel for research, scholarship, and creative activity. The Provost is working with Senate Exec to develop a clear and equitable process for distributing these funds. Keep your eyes open for an announcement, soon.

(5) At the request of a group of Program Chairs in Arts & Sciences, Senate Exec agreed to form a Task Force to Form a Council of Chairs. This task force will explore the question of how our shared governance structures can and should include Chairs, and what mechanisms Senate can put into place to support programs.

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