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Senate Fall 2020 List of Activities, with points of contact:

- 1) Language for a Senate Standing committee on Equity and Anti-Racism has been drafted. On the 20th of August, our latest draft of the Committee was sent out for feedback on how the committee charge and composition can be revised to reflect our current realities. These suggestions were incorporated into an improved draft that we would like to distribute as early as next week. Contact Marie Francois and/or Gregory Wood with feedback on this. They are leading this effort. At the 29th of September meeting of the Senate, the text would be a first reading item, as an amendment to the bylaws of the Senate.
- 2) The Operational Definitions will be a discussion item at the Academic Senate Meeting on the 8th of September and a resolution to endorse these definitions is planned for a first reading on the 29th of September. We will reach out to the Chair, Amanda Quintero, and Vice Chair, Jose Alamillo, to introduce the Definitions.
- 4) The Office of the Provost is organizing the cluster hire and is in the initial stages of this process. Senate Executive designated Virgil Adams as the liaison with the Provost on this issue. The BFSA demanded that a plan and process be in place for a cluster hire by Summer 2021, and we are working to meet that deadline.
- 5) The Africana Studies Minor is on the agenda for a first reading on the 8th of September in Academic Senate. The vote to place it upon the agenda was 10 in favor, and zero opposed. Curriculum for any new major must go through the APPC (the Committee formerly known as Curriculum and the Academic Planning Committee).
- 6) This requested modification to the Multicultural Perspectives requirement has been forwarded to the APPC who will consider on how best to proceed. Jeanne Grier and Monica Pereira are the liaisons between APPC and Senate Executive. Jared Barton and Ruben Alarcon will be the faculty co-chairs of APPC along with Dr. Jenn Perry this academic year.
- 7) The faithful implementation of AB 1460 is to be handled by a task force. The liaisons between Senate Exec and the task force are Monica Pereira and Jeanne Grier. Faculty to represent each of the four areas of ethnic studies specified in the bill are being sought via the Ethnic Studies Council of CI.
- 8) An Equity-Based Hiring Handbook has been in development. The Faculty Affairs Committee has agreed to discuss carrying on this important work. The liaison between Exec and FAC is Virgil Adams.

9) As noted in a Black Lives Matters Statement from Senate Exec in July, a resolution declaring that Black/African American lives matter and including explicit plans for actively examining and changing institutional structures, processes, and practices that allow racism to persist will be drafted for consideration at the next Senate meeting. The point person for this effort is Marie Francois. All Senators and others who would like to have input on this draft should contact Marie to get involved.