



**Fullerton College Faculty Senate
President's Report, Josh Ashenmiller
15-Nov 18**

**EXTRA! EXTRA!
Read All About It
President's Report Addendum
(i.e., stuff that happened after I already sent out the president's report)**

- 1 Pres. Schultz is attending the Community Colleges League of California Convention.**
He wanted us to know he is not ducking the Senate. All College presidents have to attend this thing. It was my fault for not checking with him first before including him on the agenda.

- 2 New District positions: Director of Professional Development and the District Director of Grants**
You might recall that at our 18-Oct Senate meeting, we voted to support a United Faculty resolution that opposes the creation of these two new positions in the District. Specifically, the resolution says that no "additional managers" should be hired until "all shared governance committees and the collective bargaining process" have been completed.
On Tuesday evening, the Board of Trustees reviewed the job descriptions for these new positions. Members of the Resource Table (i.e., senate and union presidents) presented the resolution and tried to block this. The Board punted. They did not vote on the job descriptions, but it looks like they will appear on the 27-Nov Board agenda.

- 3 Guided Pathways Steering Committee**
The first meeting will be on Mon, 26-Nov, 12:30-1:30P, Room 227.

- 4 Academic Senate for California Community Colleges**
My original report said that the resolutions passed at the ASCCC Fall Plenary had not been posted yet. They were posted this morning (Wed).
<https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/Resolutions%20Packet%20F18%20Adopted%20FINAL.pdf>

- 5 FC Sports triumphs!**
Men's soccer won the conference title.
Women's water polo enters this week's championship weekend as a #1 seed. (Next match this Fri, 1:00P, West Valley College.)
Football remains undefeated.
Women's soccer has made the playoffs.
Eunsoo Jeon is the CCCAA golf champion. *What?! What?!*

6 A cautionary tale from a fellow senate president

When I was at ASCCC Plenary, I heard a tale of woe from a president of a faculty senate at a college who shall remain nameless. He said that they are having a problem getting new curriculum approved because faculty within the same department are at odds over new curriculum. Some refuse to give approval, so the process has ground to a halt for these particular courses.

Who cares? The whole college cares, because these particular course proposals are the college's strategy for AB 705 compliance, so the stakes are rather high.

The question the senate president asked me was this. Do you have a written process for how departments and divisions decide how to propose new courses or modify existing courses? I think the answer to that question is no. I think FC's existing process is for department faculty to work that out on their own, collegially. But what if collegiality fails? This president recommended to me that all departments consider writing down their procedures explaining how they make decisions about curriculum. Otherwise, when a major dispute erupts within a department, it can turn the department faculty into a circular firing squad.

Just a thought.