

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Dr. Gardyn clarified that, while many of the challenges involve students who are already enrolled or are trying to finish their A , he is referring to new students on whom barriers to enrollment are placed.

VP Conzatti acknowledged that the Senate Executive Committee understands that these barriers to enrollment exist and need to be removed as part of a number of charges this semester. Over the summer, as a Senate body we did work with committee members and with some of the Chairs to get relief from some of those policies, changes to which must go through the governance structure. The results of these actions are reflected in a 4-1/2 percent bounce in summer enrollment, but we need to continue to look at long-term improvement. We have dual enrollment, multiple measures, and other opportunities on the ground which need to be explored this year in order for us to be on competitive ground on comprehensive enrollment with other community colleges.

Dr. Gardyn emphasized that these challenges are not new: he has heard them this year, last year, the year before, and so on. He underscored that it is the height of foolishness if we keep doing the same things over and over again and expect different results. He hopes that this time we will be motivated by decreasing revenues and student enrollments to finally eliminate the barriers that we keep inflicting on ourselves. Whatever our marketing campaign to bring in more students, if we continue to erect barriers to enrollment, we are just defeating ourselves. He urged the Senate and whomever else at the College must be involved to resolve the problem this year.

Chair Green asked if there were any other items for the Committee to consider. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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