



# ***SENATE BYTES***

Antelope Valley College Senate Newsletter

Fall 2013

## **After A Long Hiatus**

It is exciting to see the publication of ***SENATE BYTES*** again for the first time in six years. We hope to re-establish it as a consistent part of the Senate, with mid Fall and Mid Spring as our initial goal for publication to better inform the campus and community of what is happening within the AVC Academic Senate and the AVC campus as a whole. And as we hit the mid portion of our Fall Semester already, this seems like a good time to start.

## **Too Many Changes to Count This Year...**

***SENATE BYTES*** would like to give a formal and special welcome to our new college President and Superintendant, Mr. Edward Knudson, as well as our new Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Erin Vines, a new Vice President of Administrative Services, Ms. Mazie Brewington and Mark Bryant, as the new Vice President of Human Resources. In addition, we also have a new Dean of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, Dr. Meeta Goel and a new Director of Information Technology Services, Mr. Richard Shaw. We wish all of them good luck and a quick transition to the AVC community. We look forward to working with all of you for the foreseeable future. As Thomas Jefferson would say, "A little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing."

## **Institutional and Structural Reorganization**

Shortly before the Fall Semester began, Mr. Knudson called for a review of the entire structural organization of AVC. Though there have been some initial issues concerning communication, clarity and timelines, the Academic Senate has been in careful consultation and negotiation with the college president. To keep the campus abridged of what is developing in that area, the Senate is extremely pleased that Mr. Knudson has agreed to have once-a-month public question and answer meetings on this subject. One meeting already occurred on September 27th, so the **next one is currently scheduled for Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> in the Student Lounge at 9am.** Please

check your email for any possible changes. The Academic Senate *strongly encourages all* faculty and staff to come to any future meetings to voice your opinions and have questions answered. On this manner, **the Academic Senate is still seeking input from faculty and staff as to any recommendations and opinions** concerning Institutional and Structural Reorganization. You are directed to send such input to the President of the Academic Senate, Maria Clinton, at [mclinton@avc.edu](mailto:mclinton@avc.edu). Don't miss *YOUR* opportunity to make a difference!!

### **Senate Goals**

Speaking of input, the Academic Senate is also identifying goals that we need to or wish to achieve by the end of the academic year. All faculty are also strongly encouraged to pass along your ideas to your division representatives. Remember, if you do not make your case known, we cannot help you!!

### **Senate Program Review**

Similar to the academic divisions across campus who are completing both Annual and Comprehensive Program Reviews, for the first time ever, the Academic Senate has been requested to complete a Program Review within Academic Affairs. All Senators are advised to assist us in treading new territory at each Senate Meeting!

### **Midterm Accreditation**

The Academic Senate gives a tremendous and special "Thank You!" to AVC's Accreditation Coordinator, Tina McDermott and for directing and writing our midterm report, and another thank you to Sharon Lowry and all those who served on all the subcommittees behind the scenes. We expect and look forward to a positive report from the Accreditation Commission later this academic year!

### **Help Wanted!**

The Academic Senate is seeking a coordinator for Faculty Recognition Day in Spring 2014. Anyone who is interested should contact Maria Clinton, at [mclinton@avc.edu](mailto:mclinton@avc.edu) or tell your division's representative of your interest.

### **Moving On Up...**

The Academic Senate would like to congratulate Dr. Scott Lee for his appointment to the California Community College Council's Faculty Evaluation Task Force, along with Mr. Ronald Coleman, who was appointed to CCC's Low Unit Certificate Task Force, both for the 2013-14 academic year.

### **Academic Ranking**

So far the following faculty have achieved a higher academic ranking:

Rosa Fuller-Associate Professor  
Casey Scudmore-Associate Professor  
Santi Taffarella-Professor

Monica Slone-Adjunct Assistant Professor  
Roland Thomas-Adjunct Assistant Professor  
Cindy W. Walk-Adjunct Assistant Professor

### **Parting Can Be Such Sweet Sorrow....**

Ms. Maria Clinton has tendered her resignation as Academic Senate President, effective at the end of the Fall 2013 Semester, so as to fully pursue her doctoral dissertation at UCLA. We thank her for sincere effort, hard work and for a wonderful job as senate president! Good luck with your dissertation. We look forward to calling you “Dr. Clinton” when it is finished. Hence, with the next publication of ***SENATE BYTES***, the senate will have a new president. Stay Tuned!!

### **Thought For The Day...**

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” Benjamin Franklin.

### **Extra Deep Thought For The Day...**

“Logic is the beginning of wisdom, not the end.” Commander Spock, *Starship Enterprise*

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We hope you enjoyed the initial resurrection of ***SENATE BYTES***. Suggestions for future publications can be forwarded to [kshafer2@avc.edu](mailto:kshafer2@avc.edu).

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