

Senate Bytes

Antelope Valley College Academic Senate Newsletter

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New Task Force Created Academic Senate Advisory Task Force on Student Learning Outcomes

Purpose Statement

Student Learning Outcomes provide specific observable characteristics developed by faculty and staff that allow them to determine or demonstrate evidence that learning has occurred as a result of a specific course, program, activity, or process. The Antelope Valley College Board of Trustees relies primarily on the Academic Senate for advice on educational program development, standards/policies regarding student preparation and success, degree and certificate requirements, and curriculum including prerequisites; thus, the Task Force for Student Learning Outcomes is an Academic Senate responsibility.

The Advisory Task Force on SLOs will determine a campus-wide process for the uniform implementation and assessment of Student Learning Outcomes at the course, program, and department level. A faculty chair will be responsible for chairing the taskforce and overseeing that the functions of the SLO Taskforce are met.



Senate Grant Proposals

The last proposal cycle for Senate Grants is March 13, 2006. There is still plenty of funds to support some great ideas for our students. Supported proposals can extend through the summer months. For more information contact the Academic Senate office at x6306.

SLO Task Force Function

The function of the task force is to provide the following:

- * Provide support and training
- * Recommend and provide samples of effective assessment tools
- * Provide support in the analysis of data
- * Provide connections to current campus practices
- * Provide support and data in program review
- * Provide support and data to the accreditation reports
- * Ensure that Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) are connected to Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)
- * Act as resource group and maintain liaison to AP&P

SLO Task Force Membership

Senate Appointment: Faculty Chair
Director of Institutional Research and Planning
Academic Affairs Vice President
Student Services Vice President
Senate Appointment: 3 Academic Affairs Faculty
Senate Appointment: 2 Student Services Faculty
AP&P Faculty Representative: 1
Classified Staff: 2
Confidential Management: 1



Congratulations to Dr. Irit Gat on her appointment as Faculty Chair of the new SLO task force.

**Academic Senate meets the
1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
at 3 p.m. in room SSV 151.**

Hayward Award Winner Richard Manley



By Patricia Sandoval

As you all know Richard Manley is the Hayward Award recipient for Statewide Senate Area C. He will be honored at the March 6, 2006, Board of Governor's meeting, along with the three other area winners. I thought you would like to read a little of what Richard has accomplished during his time here at AVC.

Richard is a person who leads by example. First and foremost, he is an outstanding counselor and instructor, combining theory with a practical consideration for encouraging lifelong learning and growth. He teaches students skills that lead to success both in the classroom and everyday life. He is truly focused on guiding students to self-actualization and surely is a catalyst for positive change.

As a counselor, Richard continually considers new methods to guide and assist students in developing and identifying their educational and career goals. He has been instrumental in working with staff in the Career Center, providing students with access to programs such as Discover, Myers-Briggs, and Eureka. He interprets student results of these instruments and offers in-class presentations, as well. Regularly, he teaches guidance classes so that students may acquire the skills needed for success. In addition, he creatively offers a mini course on dreams, helping students gain greater self-understanding of their inner resources when thinking about their futures.

Probably more so than anyone else, he has actively kept the mission of the college in the forefront of all that he does. Richard is seen by his colleagues in counseling and across campus as an expert in the role the community college plays in our students' lives, especially when it comes to the importance of advising and counseling. He volunteers to mentor non-tenured faculty and adjuncts on developing Student Educational Plans and provides in-service training. He has been central in updating the



**Congratulations to Jackie Lott!
Regina Stanback Stroud
Diversity Award winner!**

resource manual for counselors and keeping the focus on students. Richard's leadership not only within counseling but also across the campus has led to many positive changes for our college. He is a highly regarded colleague across campus in that he was entrusted to chair the last hiring search for our current College President/Superintendent, Dr. Jackie Fisher.

Throughout Richard's tenure, he has had a long history of serving on the Academic Senate: he was a representative for his division and an at-large representative, several times; he was on the executive board, serving under several Senate Presidents; and he served a term as Senate President. He has proven himself to be a key leader and a staunch defender of the role of the Senate in Academic and Professional Matters, and was the primary author of our shared governance policy that we use today.

In his seventeen-plus years as a faculty member and faculty leader, he has taken on one Herculean challenge after another, and each one has been successful. Currently, he continues to contribute to the future of our college by guiding us through a major revision of the board policy and administrative procedures. So as you can see, there was good reason to select him as this year's Hayward Award recipient, and of course our Scholar in Residence!



Scholar in Residence Presentation

**New Paradigms and Ancient Wisdom:
A Cosmic Counseling Collision**

**Presented by Richard Manley
*Scholar in Residence***

When

Thursday, March 23, 2006
6:30 - 10 p.m.

Where

SSV 151

RSVP

Please sign up in the Flex/Academic Senate
Office (A 154) to assist in planning.



Antelope Valley College Academic Senate Mid-Year Report



2005/2006



Since July 1 to December 30, 2005, the Academic Senate has completed/initiated the following tasks:

- Developed and disseminated the Faculty Handbook
- October 7 held first Senate Executive and Faculty Leadership Retreat
- October 14 coordinated and held a workshop with Strategic Planning and Budget Council on Student Learning Outcomes presented by Bonnie Sudermann, Assessment Coordinator, Bakersfield Community College
- September 22 held the first Mutual Agreement Council meeting
- Developed Processes for Changing the Organizational Structure
- Identified revisions to Program Review
- Established a Program Discontinuance task force
- November 17 coordinated and held second workshop with Academic Policies and Procedures Committee on Program level Student Learning Outcomes presented by Bonnie Sudermann, Assessment Coordinator, Bakersfield Community College
- October 4 Senate Grant Program revised to incorporate Student Learning Outcomes.
- Senate Grant Subcommittee develops a new scoring method for the evaluation of faculty proposals.
- Determined to reevaluate Faculty Development needs.
- Proposed and established an Advisory Student Learning Outcomes Task Force
- Developed a chair job description for Advisory Student Learning Outcomes Task Force
- Currently revising the Senate Operating Procedures Handbook
- Audrey Moore and Dorothy Williams presenters at Statewide Senate Fall Plenary Session
- Audrey Moore and Dorothy Williams selected to serve on Statewide Senate committees: Counseling and Basic Skills
- Patricia Sandoval keynote speaker for Statewide Senate Fall Plenary Session
- Richard Manley nominated and selected as Area C Hayward Award Recipient



Reorganization Task Forces are forming!

Student Services and Academic Affairs have begun the process of forming task forces that will begin examining reorganization options. Speak up and let your voice be heard!

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