January Academic Senate Report to Board of Trustees

The Academic Senate would like to acknowledge President Smith, the board, special trustee Henry, administrators, faculty, managers, classified staff, district committees and student representatives for their commitment, hard work and follow-through with the challenging and difficult decisions made this past fall semester in order to obtain fiscal stability while also responding to accreditation recommendations and sustainability. Despite the new challenges and issues these changes will no doubt bring in the short term, we anticipate and expect the growing trust and open communication will continue throughout the district while maintaining a focus on the highest level of quality instruction and student success.

The senate would like to especially recognize the efforts and extensive work of the curriculum committee this past month in forwarding through several course outlines above the already high demand for approval through the senate in order to meet new schedule demands for this spring semester.

Finally, the Academic Senate presidents, both past and current as well as all senators wish to make a special recognition of thanks to the recently retired classified staff member Sally Frazier for her dedicated support of 14 ½ years to the Academic Senate and senate committees. Her commitment to the faculty and the tremendous work of keeping all operations running smoothly in and out of the senate office has been a critical and extremely beneficial service to the entire institution.