



Communications Committee Notes

September 29, 2023
10:00 – 11:00 am

Attending: Ryan Tripp, David Balch, Suji Venkataraman, Amy Leonard, Catherine Cheng, and John Fox
Absent: Troy Myers
Staff: Ashley Hamilton

Action Items

Amy Leonard and Ryan Tripp

Prepare podcast episode on Indigenous students at Mendocino College

Prepare an *Amplifying Voices* podcast highlighting the experiences of Indigenous students at Mendocino College. The interview will be completed and ready for promotion in October.

Catherine Cheng

Write an article on students with disabilities

Write an article focusing on the challenges faced by part-time faculty in dealing with an upsurge of students with disabilities, lack of support, and inadequate training. Perhaps full-time as well?

John Fox

Write an article on AB 811

Write an article on AB 811, focusing on the angle whether the governor signs it or vetoes it. Perhaps another article on AB705 and enrollment dynamics.

Ryan Tripp

Conduct interview with Evan

Conduct an interview with Evan for a podcast and article. The interview is to be held off until Ashley can talk to him.

Ryan Tripp

Committee Membership

Conduct an interview with Evan for a podcast and article. The interview is to be held off until Ashley can talk to him. Brian Greene dropped from the committee due to scheduling conflicts during the weekday and scheduling conflicts with All-Committee Days. The committee welcomed back John Fox as board liaison.

Overview

- Meeting began at 10:05 am on **Sep 29, 2023**
- Ashley provided a distribution update for the 2023 Fall *FACCCTS* Journal - EditPros have the document and ideal print date to be scheduled for next week.
- Student enrollment, artificial intelligence benefits and misconceptions, and the impact of AI across multiple fields were discussed.
- Various articles for 2024 Spring *FACCCTS*, blog, and podcast proposals were confirmed, focusing on experiences and issues in academic settings.

Meeting Details

Check-In and Start

- Ryan Tripp led the official start to the FACCC Communications Committee Meeting, welcoming attendees, including a newcomer named Soni's Circleback, an AI representative..

AI Discussion

- Ryan Tripp led a discussion on artificial intelligence, focusing on its benefits and misconceptions.
- David Balch commented on the increasing integration of AI in various fields such as social science, humanities, applied mathematics, and medical practice. Amy contributed to this discussion.
- Ryan voiced concerns about the AI notetaker's conflict-of-interest with this topic and exclusion of critical comments from the notes. Ryan tabled discussion until he could review the AI notes.
- AI emphatically is not self-aware and deferred to Ryan's assessment of the notes.

Meeting Schedule and Agenda

- Due to board meetings and the upcoming holiday season, it was decided to send a Doodle poll for scheduling the next meeting.

Article, Blog, and Podcast Proposals

- **Spring 2024 FACCTS Article Proposals** Ryan and All
- **Deadline: January 1**
- Suji: part-time experience with college committees, including compensation and/or direct pay.
- Ryan: Planned FACCC endorsements for spring 2024 campaigns and the state of FACCC ideas on, and promotion of, "leadership" (Membership & Leadership/Professional Development Committees?). Also, interview part-time "leaders" in academic senates and district unions---multiple colleges/districts, comparison of electoral and/or appointment procedures, part-timers in multiple colleges/districts, etc.
- Amy: Articles on "Return to Work" college/district policies as well as ZTC and OER subsidized expansion. Interviewing ZTC/OER groups and individuals
- Ashley: "Interview with Evan"? Executive Director stepping down (Ryan: article and podcast episode)
- Ryan, Amy, Suji, etc.: Intersectional and Mixed Students in California community colleges (administrative classification, faculty ideologies, co-conflicts, etc.)
- Members proposed writing articles, blogs and podcasts on different topics related to academic settings.
- Suji Venkataraman confirmed her interest in writing an article about part-time experience with compensation on college committees.
- Ryan Tripp proposed an article focusing on leadership in the upcoming electoral season.

FACCC Blog Proposals

Ryan and All

Dave: Carnegie Unit and "Bot Quiz" and AI book

Amy: High Flex

Suji: Chancellor selection process and Board of Trustees

***Amplifying Voices* Episode Proposals**

- Podcast ideas included coverage of indigenous students of Mendocino College, exploring Community College Board of Trustees involvement, and discussing the endorsement of a one-tier system by the board.
- Interview proposals included David Balch's AI work and candidate interviews.

Plan and Recap

- Ryan Tripp proposed a plan for each participant to contribute at least one article, blog post or interview, aiming for everyone's active participation (except for AI).

Meeting Conclusion

- Participants agreed to work on the discussed ideas.