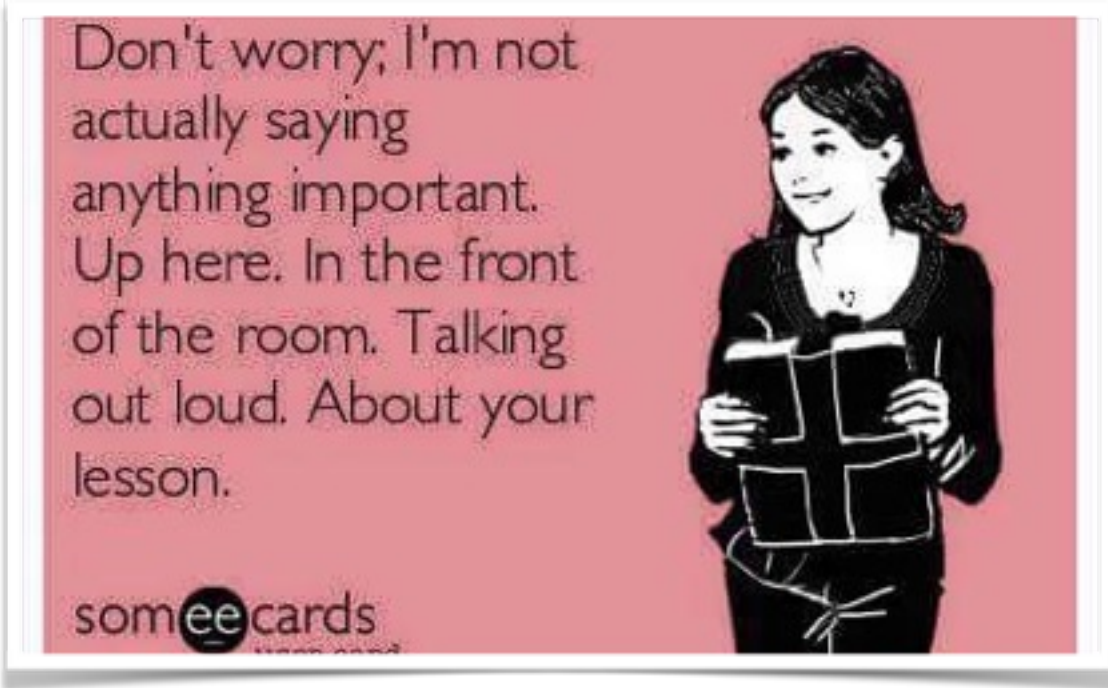


Faculty Senate

Bright Sun Dispatch

GET THE SCOOP RIGHT HERE!



IS ANYONE LISTENING TO US?

Sometimes it feels like no-one is listening. In our classrooms, in our offices, in our personal lives. But we're trying to change that...and we can't do it alone!

Hi friends and welcome to the RCC FS Bright Sun Dispatch! Let me take a moment and introduce your co-chairs for the Faculty Senate this year: (cont on pg 2)

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OUR OUTLOOK GROUP

On Outlook you can join "Faculty Senate" by emailing facultysenate@rogucecc.edu

2

EMAIL US

Email Chelsea cfine@rogucecc.edu or Marina mwhitchurch@rogucecc.edu

3

MONTHLY MEETNGS

Come to any one of our meetings and see what we're all about! Last Friday of the month.



Stay focused. The fall term can throw us some curve balls: illness, weather & time changes, approaching holidays. List keeping can help.



Get plenty of rest. Make sure you're getting enough rest to stay on top of your list (above). Even cat naps can help us out! Meow...purrrr!



Trick or Treat!! Oh who doesn't love to dive into a plastic pumpkin full of candy? Try to be kind to your body and resist this year...you'll be thankful in November!

My name is Marina Whitchurch and I am one of your Co-Chairs. I teach Interpersonal Communication on RVC and love it! I've been here for about 2 years and come to you from SFSU and SRJC. My fabulous Co-Chair is Chelsea Fine and she teaches in the writing department on RWC and has been with RCC for over 10 years. We are excited to get rolling on some great projects and have lots of energy to give! Please feel free to contact us with any ideas, questions, or concerns that you may have. The various ways to contact us are listed above. And of course, you are always welcome at our monthly meetings!

Notes From Our First Meeting

By: Dorothy Swain

A big welcome and thank you to our two new Faculty Senate co-chairs: Chelsea Fine and Marina Whitchurch. Their positive energy and fresh insights are greatly appreciated! We also welcome Jana Pierce (administrative assistant to our new VP of Instruction, Leo Hirner) who will take minutes at our meetings. Thank you, Jana!

Next, the FS web page needs to be updated. Do you have any suggestions for what you would like to see there?

We would also like to establish an Emergency Fund (faculty supporting faculty). Would you contribute to such a fund? Do you have any

suggestions for the nuts-and-bolts of administering such a fund?

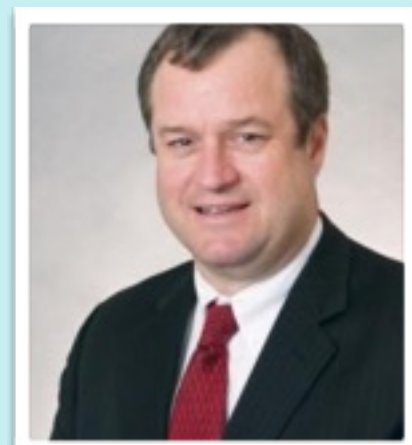
Finally, we engaged in a long dialogue regarding our priorities for the coming year: hosting teaching-and-learning breakout sessions at in-services, hosting a Chautauqua lecture, establishing a culture of support/finding ways to genuinely support each other as faculty, reading a book together about teaching, establishing a FS newsletter (TA-DA!!)....

If you would like to contribute to the conversation about priorities, please contact a FS rep and/or attend our next meeting on October 26th at the Riverside Campus from 10am to noon in the HEC Building Room 225.

COME MEET LEO HIRNER ON OCTOBER 26TH!

Come meet our VP of Instruction, Leo Hirner at our October 26th meeting on RVC from 10am to noon in room 225. Leo will be there for the second hour of our meeting and will focus on the concepts of the roles between RCC, Faculty Senate, and the Union. He stated that shared governance is incredibly important and each body needs to understand the role that they play and how one can impact the other. He will share with us his ideas for how he envisions these bodies working together, each doing their own "heavy lifting" to help the other.

Leo will stay for Q&A afterward with coffee and refreshments!



Faculty Senate Needs YOU!

Isn't it nice to be needed? Indeed! And we need you, nay, WE WANT YOU! According to Section 5 of our FS Bylaws, each group, or department, will elect their own representatives (1 or 2) and they may be part-time or full-time. We will also elect 5 at-large part-time representatives. That means you could be from any group, or department. As a part-time faculty member you do get compensated for your time. Check with your department chair, coordinator or dean if you are interested for more information.

We have compiled this list to the best of our ability, based on past and current information.

Chelsea Fine - New Senior Co-Chair - Writing
Marina Whitchurch - New Junior Co-Chair - Speech
Kristi Kowalski - Adult Basic Skills
Donna Mae Fiore - Adult Basic Skills
Serena St. Clair - Adult Basic Skills
Terrie Sandlin - Allied Health/Academic Success
John Hawkins - Allied Health
Karl Brake - Art
Sharon Davis - Computer Science
Tom Pike - Counseling & Advising
Andrew Childress - Disability Services
Deborah Murphy - Early Childhood Ed.
Jim Shaw - Emergency Services
Felishia Jenkins - Library (Maternity Leave?)
Carolyn Oates - Library
Tiffany Clarkin - Massage Therapy
Mandi Feetham - Massage Therapy
Svetlana Varner - Math
Tracy Redd - Math - Past Co-Chair
Kathy Meyer - Nursing
Dusty Rittenbach - Science
Dorothy Swain - Science
Curt Erikson - Social Science
William Hopkins - Tutoring Center

If your group, or department is not represented here then you know it's time to show up and be heard! Join the conversation and be in the know. Two hours a month you can let your voice be heard about important issues that involve you and your classroom.

So come on. Now's to your chance to say, "I'm a Senator!" and be proud of it! ;)



Building A FS Library

Open up your brain and share with your colleagues!

We'd like to start a Faculty Senate Library and perhaps not a physical Library, though if we find the space to do that...awesome!

We'd like to start a collection of OUR favorite titles: books, articles, documentaries, movies, and more. If you have something that you think would benefit the rest of the group, let's share! Why are we keeping it to ourselves?

Too often I have found myself reading something or finishing an activity that I found online that really worked in class and I looked around for someone to share it with and... no one was there.

I'm positive our Library Staff can help us out with sharing materials and we can post information, links, titles, etc online (I know how to make this happen now!) and we can create a most excellent resource base for all our faculty.

What do you say, friends?

