

Mentoring Report to Senate Sept. 2017

Mission: The Gavilan College mentoring program builds on past efforts by creating and sustaining an effective, positive mentoring program that emphasizes teaching and learning, connected relationships in the academic and general communities, and work-life balance for faculty. Priority will be given to new faculty who wish to feel more connected and successful at Gavilan College.

Activities:

- Pairing new faculty with returning faculty mentors, follow-up
- Outreach to part-time faculty to offer mentoring and other help
- Newsletter: Did You Know?
- Programs for new faculty (this semester, “Learning from the Experts—Your Faculty Colleagues”—on surviving faculty evaluation and supporting student integrity through anti-cheating measures
- Website with resources on teaching, working in the college community, and work-life balances;
- Give Help, Get Help exchange
- End of semester dinner
- Best Practices for Integrating New Faculty into academic departments

Questions for Senate input:

- what program topics do new faculty want/need?

- would a skills bank be a good addition to our work here—how would you use it and what skills do you need?

- would a “Best Practices for Integrating New Faculty into academic departments” resource be helpful for department chairs? What would be the best format?

Civic Engagement Report to Senate Sept. 2017

Mission: Civic Engagement at Gavilan College: fostering a commitment to understand, connect and transform ourselves and our community.

We believe that:

- Scholarship strengthens critical thinking and social justice
- Authentic hands-on exchanges build civic and leadership capacity
- Engagement heightens awareness and compassion, transforming students, college and community

Activities in Year Three of Title V grant:

Service Learning at Gavilan College—new agencies, new faculty, new partnership with Workability, new focus on student research in addition to client services short video in production so we can have a good roadshow

One Book—gearing up for Spring 2018 One Book across campus after August Professional Development Day presentation; Gilroy Arts Center art exhibit and other events and activities in planning stages.

A Closer Look—Three (maybe four) talks planned with Gavilan faculty and community partners in Gilroy, MH, Hollister; see flier

Speakers Bureau—about ten faculty signed on so far to have short profiles on the Civic Engagement website for community groups looking for speakers; you are invited!

Peace Day Sept. 21—support for effort to promote peace and civic engagement with table on peace groups and letter writing to elected officials

Civic Engagement website—excellent resources for academic and citizen participation in a democracy, including a DACA page for staff and many resources for students.

Curriculum work on Social Justice Studies ADT with first-ever Intro to Women's Studies class; discussion of a **Social Work major** and a **Helping Professions** cohort with CD, CMUN, and others; discussion of graduation distinction for students who have done excellent CE/SL work

Student debate on the direction of the country—October, waiting for more information from Democratic and YAF clubs

Possible participation in Graduation Pledge—a graduation day effort that helps students consider their work options and their commitment to using their college educations to make the world a better place through the work they do

Questions for Senate:

Can you bring students to the A Closer Look?
Do you want to be on the Speaker's Bureau?

Civic Engagement is in great demand in Gilroy, Hollister, and Morgan Hill!

Yes! I'd like to be a resource for community groups who might want a speaker on my area of passion! (please return to Leah Halper)

Name _____ **What I'd like to speak about** _____