

## Senate President Message, Fall 2016

Welcome back, Foothill faculty! I truly hope your summer was restorative and energizing. Although letting go of summer is always hard for me, I am also very much looking forward to seeing everyone and getting back into the groove at Foothill. With just a few days until Fall quarter begins, I want to take a moment to ask your attention to three key issues:

1. If you're not sure what the heck the academic senate is or what we do, there's a great opportunity coming up on [September 29th](#). This is our first meeting of the quarter and will include a general orientation to senate. If you're interested but unable to attend, ask your official division senate representative to give you the low-down.
2. We need volunteers to serve! Your contributions are important and truly valued. Our most immediate needs are:

Tenured faculty willing to serve as at-large members on tenure review committees (need to have completed tenure review training and/or do it at Opening Day)

A second faculty member to represent us on the district's Professional Development Leave (PDL) Committee. This is the shared governance group that reviews PDL applications and reports, and strong faculty representation is critical. Philosophy instructor Brian Tapia has stepped up to take one of our seats at the table, but we very much need a second.

One faculty to serve on the Program Review Committee

Please contact me if you're interested in serving in either of the above capacities, and thank you in advance for considering!

3. The third "issue" is somewhat of an individual call to action...

Over the past several years our campus has been increasingly engaged in planning and implementing student success initiatives. From