

Subject: Districtwide Workgroup in Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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To: Maria Jose Zeledon Perez, John Crocitti, John Bromma, Paul (Pablo) Martin

Dear Academic Senate Presidents:

Today at DGC, you heard about developing a districtwide workgroup in innovation and entrepreneurship. This group will provide a setting for folks to collaborate across the district, identify innovations already occurring at our individual institutions, and create innovative solutions and the necessary infrastructure to help our district move forward. We will discuss challenges and opportunities related to innovation and entrepreneurship and brainstorm ideas for creating a supportive infrastructure and environment to help nurture innovation. I want to ensure that in my role, we are creating plans that will support your work while also planning for the future. The sooner we develop these collective plans, the sooner I can reach out to Vice Chancellor Coskey to secure funding for some of this work while also contributing to a proposal that can be used when we go out for a Bond.

I am happy to come out and talk about this with your constituents and any other matters related to my new role and division.

As you heard from Chancellor Cortez, he called out for faculty doing innovative and entrepreneurial work who will be excited to collaborate. Just to let you know, the intent is to include all constituents, and I have also been engaging with the presidents (not all yet) to have similar discussions for recommendations.

I'm looking forward to engaging further with you all!

Best,
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