

Colleagues,

I hope your summer has been enjoyable and rejuvenating! We are approaching an exciting academic year where we will welcome even more students back to our campus and where we will be celebrating 100 years of academic excellence and community service!

As you may know, Arielle Smith has stepped into an interim dean role for part of the fall semester, so I will be serving as the academic senate president until November. I am excited and honored to be back in this role, and I look forward to working with the other shared governance constituencies in supporting our mission and tackling the issues facing CSM.

In many ways, CSM is at a crossroad. In addition to celebrating our centennial, we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic whilst grappling with the historical social pandemics of racism and white supremacy. These dual pandemics have been deadly and discomfiting, but the campus closures have allowed us to reflect on what kind of college we want to be for the next 100 years. It is no longer an open secret that higher education wasn't working for too many of our students before COVID-19, so now our challenge is to reinvent CSM in a way that serves all our students as well as our community. We have amazing faculty colleagues, some of the best classified professionals in the business, and an administrative team that is passionate and innovative, not to mention an incredible, brilliant student body. In other words, we have what it takes to tackle this challenge, and on behalf of the academic senate, we are ready to get to work!

Welcome back and see you on flex day!

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