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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016 (Convened at 8:00am) in DLC 01

Attendees: Chris Vancil (President), Bill Hirt (Vice President), Andrea Craddock (Secretary), Jayne Turk (Past President), and Mike Graves (At Large)

A. *Approval of Minutes*

- ❖ Graves motion; Hirt second. Minutes passed.

B. *Officer Reports*

- ❖ Chris Vancil received a communication from Jude Baldwin that she would like to serve on the Instruction Council as a representative of the library.
 - Jayne Turk suggested that Jude should come to Instruction Council meetings when a library issue is on the agenda. Bill Hirt, who is on the Instruction Council, will notify Jude if there are any issues discussed by the council pertinent to the library. He will talk to Jude about this arrangement.

C. *Discussion Items*

- ❖ **Institutional Set Standards.** Bart Scott and Dr. Todd Scott are formulating preliminary Institutional Set Standards to be approved by the Academic Senate. These are average floor numbers.
 - Bart Scott indicated he would circulate an email explaining the difference between Institutional Set Standards and IEPI numbers to faculty members, but hasn't done so yet.
 - Dr. Scott has informed Chris Vancil that once Institutional Set Standards are set and approved, he will expect faculty to work toward achieving those standards.
 - Bill indicated that these Institutional Set Standards should not apply to a single program or course. Chris said he would mention this point to Dr. Scott.
- ❖ **STAGE Operations.** The bus service has stopped service to and from Lake Shastina on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Chris suggested that Academic Senate write a letter to

STAGE conveying to them the difficulties students are having with getting to COS without available bus service.

- ❖ **16-Week Calendar**. A 16-Week calendar was approved by the Board. They are now working on when classes will be scheduled.
- ❖ **Weekend Food Service**. Refrigerated vending machines were set up in the dorms with the idea that they would accept student cards. Unfortunately, they do not accept student cards and there is not enough food in the vending machines to feed students throughout the weekend. In addition, the cafeteria is also running out of food while students are still in line to receive food.
 - Jayne made an impassioned plea to the Board to fix these issues. COS President, Scotty Thomason, said he is working on a solution.

D. New Business

- ❖ **Planning Day - General Education**. A task force has been set up to determine Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for each discipline and which courses will make up these areas.
 - During an accreditation visit, Mike Graves said that a representative from the Chancellor's office told him that GE courses should be unique to an institution and should not align with CSU or UC requirements.
 - Jayne argued that GE courses should align with CSU and UC requirements, as well as being applicable to a chosen degree
 - Chris has reminded faculty members that previously the Academic Senate passed a mandate that the GE courses be restricted and identified.
 - Academic Senate will meet next Thursday (9/22) to discuss these issues pertaining to general education courses and Planning Day.

Adjournment at 9:20am