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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020 (convened at 10:32 am) in Zoom

Attendees: Ron Slabbinck (President), Neil Carpentier-Alting (Vice-President), Liz Carlyle (Secretary), Ann Klein (At-Large), Shirley Louie (At-Large), Patrice Thatcher-Stephens (At-large), and Sarah Kirby (P/T faculty representative). Jude Baldwin also attended the meeting.

1) *Public Comment*

- No public comment

2) *Approval of Minutes*

- Academic Senate Executive Meeting, September 24th, 2020: Neil Carpentier-Alting moved. Ann Klein seconded. Motion approved.

3) *Discussion and Action Items*

- a) Vital Source—Jude Baldwin, Ryan Galbraith, and President Ron Slabbinck met yesterday to clarify new information about the options offered by Vital Source. We are primarily interested in Opt-In or Launch and Compare. Opt-In provides free digital access for the first two weeks but does not work seamlessly with Banner. Launch and Compare allows students to compare different sources for their books, but there is no free digital access during the first two weeks. It is able to integrate with Banner, but will take more time to set up on our end. It. Launch and Compare encourages student choice but there are equity issues if students can't afford the textbook from day one. There is also a fee associated with this model, which could be covered with Guided Pathways funds. Maria Fernandez, DE Coordinator, could not attend the meeting yesterday and there are questions around use in Canvas, especially during the pilot in Spring. Ron noted that the faculty who are piloting Vital Source in Spring should be in agreement so we can get good feedback from them. Jude will contact the vendor to see if we can get a quick comparison to bring to Academic Senate on Friday. A recommendation from Senate Exec for the Opt-In model might help Senate come to a decision on Friday. Ron will draft up a motion and send it to Maria Fernandez for her to review. Ron thanked Jude Baldwin for her detailed work on this project.
- b) Equity and Social Justice— Ron noted that as a campus, we're excited about the social justice and equity trainings but there are many parallel motions with little

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communication. COS paid \$25,000 to be part of a series of workshops by the USC Race and Equity Center. Due to lack of information, no one attended the most recent workshop. There is also a training by Lasana Hotep on October 23rd. What can we point to as a Senate that is tangible in regards to equity and social justice beyond these workshops? The team discussed the value of “Brown bag lunches” or informal discussions among colleagues to apply what we learn in the trainings. Sarah noted the need to compensate P/T faculty to encourage participation and make the training equitable. Ron will put together an email with a description of the training and dates for the USC workshops. The team also discussed formulating a resolution that the Academic Senate could approve. Patrice noted that many of the statements posted by colleges and the Chancellor’s Office are no longer there. She also noted that faculty voice is missing in Flex, and that the post-training discussions could be aligned with Flex days. There has been no public statement by the college or the board on Social Justice and Equity thus far. If the Senate were to approve a resolution, it would be good to read the resolution before the board of Trustees. We decided as a faculty that Equity and Social Justice is a priority so it would be good to have a full discussion at the next meeting and establish how we move forward on the topic.

- c) Credit for Prior Learning—Curriculum Chair Katie Elwood has been going to workshops and will report out during Committee reports so we understand the implications of this new mandate from the Chancellor’s Office.
- d) Budget-- During IPB meeting, there were many questions about the budget. VP of Administrative Services, Darlene Melby, and Kent Gross prepared an extensive presentation to address questions that came up before the meeting. As there were more questions than answers, there was no vote on the budget. There will be another meeting on Thursday October 15th to allow more time for discussion. In particular, there is concern over the fact that the District is out of compliance in spending on instruction, which includes faculty salaries.
- e) Senate Exec meetings—President Ron has not received a response yet from ASCCC as to whether the Senate Exec meetings need to follow the Brown Act. Chris Vancil, the Parliamentarian, stated there was no clear answer. We would like to discuss items that come up within 72 hours of the Senate Exec meeting to bring to the Academic Senate. The item “Create Senate Agenda” may cover these items, as long as we are following the intent of the law, and making our deliberations clear in the Minutes.
- f) Create Senate Agenda—In addition to the action item to approve Vital Source and discussion of Equity and Social Justice, there is a request for Senate representation on the Hiring committee for the Football coach to the agenda for Friday’s meeting.

4) Good of the Order—no items discussed.

Adjourned 12:09 pm

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