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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2020 (convened at 10:34 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), Sherry Ackerman (P/T faculty representative) and Sarah Kirby (P/T faculty representative).

1) *Public Comment*

- No public comment

2) *Approval of Minutes*

- Academic Senate Executive Meeting, October 22nd, 2020. Patrice Thatcher-Stephens moved. Neil Carpentier-Alting seconded. Motion approved.

3) *Discussion and Action Items*

- a) Equity and Social Justice — President Ron Slabbinck presented his board report to the Senate Exec for feedback. Patrice Thatcher-Stephens noted Ron's inclusion of the new residence building on campus and the fact that it will bring in more diversity to our student population. With Covid, she noted that there have been changes too. Our student body is more diverse online while on campus it is still fairly homogenous. Secretary Liz Carlyle also noted that with the OEI Course Exchange (Finish Faster), there are students from other colleges taking our courses, also increasing diversity in our student body. Sherry Ackerman expressed concerns over the proposed liaisons with the Board of Trustees, specifically for non-contract and non-tenured faculty members. She also expressed concern over the Philosophy program, which has taken many years to build and could be cut as there are no fulltime faculty overseeing it. Ron clarified that the liaisons is primarily an effort to humanize faculty for the Board members. He would like the Senate Exec to be ambassadors for the faculty and help create pathways to people on campus for the Board. VP Neil Carpentier-Alting noted that we need to counter the narrative that we are adversarial and that instead we are willing to talk. Ann Klein expressed concern that as a non-tenured faculty, her voice is often not heard due to concerns over tenure, and would still like to be the liaison for Debby Derby. Sarah Kirby and Patrice offered to be liaison for Kevin Dalton. Liz and Neil will be the

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liaisons for Carol Cupp. Neil will also be the liaison for Barry Ohlund. Ron will work with Greg Hanna and Alan Dyer, and Shirley Louie offered to work with Kathy Koon.

- b) ASCCC Plenary Resolutions—Ron will send out approved resolutions when they are ready.
- c) Program Approval Process—Neil reported that the process is still vague how programs are approved. CTE and LAS have different processes, as does the Noncredit program. Instruction Council will be discussing the program approval process. Curriculum Committee decided that developing a Program Approval process is much bigger than the scope of the committee and therefore is not in their purview. Patrice noted that the order of approval for CTE is really important. Dean Mark Klever is aware of the complexity involved in approving these programs. Developing a process for Program Approval will be a big item but it would be good to get it done this year.
- d) SLO Update—We are at an impasse until the next contract is ratified. Neil, Ron and VPAA Dr Char Perlas met about SLOs. Dr Perlas is aware that we can't move ahead without the contract in place; however, there is a sense of urgency as SLO assessment is connected with Accreditation. The Academic Senate approved the SLO manual but it has not passed through the councils yet. What we can do is make sure everything is ready to go as soon as the contract is in place.
- e) Accreditation—The second meeting is on Friday and Ron will have more to report then. Dr Perlas has a clear timeline for Accreditation. Dave Clarke is stepping down from the steering committee and Ron is looking for a volunteer.
- f) AP 4025—Ron got feedback from those who were involved in the revisions; they stated it looked good as written.
- g) Faculty Handbook—Neil and Liz will review and generate questions to bring to Senate Exec and Academic Senate. It would be good to establish a timeline to complete the work.
- h) Faculty Orientation—We need to complete the Faculty Handbook first to guide our Orientation.
- i) GE Area F: Ethnic Studies—Curriculum Chair Katie Elwood can maybe attend a Senate Exec meeting. We have an Ethnic Studies course in the catalog. By Fall 2021, CSUs will require this GE Area for certification of our ADTs. Dr Char Perlas indicated that we have PT faculty who meet the minimum qualifications to teach this class. Katie and Char will likely be the point people on this item.
- j) The Exec team drafted the agenda for upcoming Senate meeting.

4) Good of the Order—no items discussed.

Adjourned 12:06 pm

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