



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

May 11th, 2021 (convened at 11:34 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), Sarah Kirby (P/T faculty representative) and Monica Harle (P/T faculty representative).

1) *Public Comment*

2) *Approval of Minutes*

- Academic Senate Executive Meeting, April 23rd, 2021. Neil Carpentier Alting moved, Shirley Louie seconded. Motion approved.

3) *Discussion and Action Items*

- a) Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)—Senate reviewed and passed the AP/BP on CPL as required by the Chancellor’s Office in December. Jayne Turk and Dr Sunny Greene would like to create professional development training videos and materials for faculty. Patrice Thatcher-Stephens noted that videos would be good to help instructors understand the process. She asked how information on CPL will be communicated to students.
- b) Committee Appointments—The team reviewed committee appointments. Neil queried whether the SLO Committee a standing committee of the Senate. Integrated Planning and Budget Committee needs two more faculty representatives and the Flex Committee is short one member. Ron Slabbinck asked if we can indicate who is chair on the Committee Appointment roster. Ann Klein asked about adding whether the position has LHE attached. THE PTK advisor position now has 1.5 LHE in the Collective Bargaining Agreement approved in January 2021.
- c) Faculty Handbook—Senate Exec is seeking input on the revision cycle and who will be charged with updating the handbook. The team will review the Senate Constitution next year—perhaps this process can be included? Senate Exec should also send out calendar reminders for important dates. Another important date is faculty hiring requests for FT

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faculty. Ron Slabbinck noted that the hiring dates are difficult to meet and that perhaps there is an opening to discuss revising this process with the new administration.

- d) Department Chairs—Dr Char Perlas noted in her email that 1 CTE and 3 LASS department chairs had been suggested as a possibility. CTE is complex and requires good coordinators. The Police Academy coordinator position is currently being discussed in IPB, and there are a lot of floating positions in CTE. The coordinator is essentially the chair so we don't want to create redundancy. Dr Char Perlas indicated that the discussions will happen between herself, LASS Dean Val Roberts, CTE Dean Mark Klever, and the Academic Senate. The team discussed setting a special meeting to discuss this topic with the Deans and VPAA. We need to address the issue strategically and globally with all the relevant stakeholders at the table. Ann Klein noted that it is a struggle to see how department chairs will work when we don't know what the leadership structure will be.
- e) Academic Honesty Statement—Senate Exec has asked Maria Fernandez to present on this item. COS doesn't have a unified statement around academic honesty and the plagiarism policy is currently buried in AP 5500. Faculty have different processes for dealing with plagiarism, and it would be good to have a unified approach.
- f) Guided Pathways Coordinator position—Ron Slabbinck will send out a request for interest with the job description. We will appoint a faculty member in the full Senate meeting on Friday.
- g) Academic Senate website—The team discussed changes to the website—Liz Carlyle will follow up with weblinks.

4) Good of the Order

Adjourned 1:09 pm

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