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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

Oct 18th, 2021 (convened at 3:03 pm) in Zoom

Attendees: Ron Slabbinck (President), Neil Carpentier-Alting (Vice-President), Liz Carlyle (Secretary), Ann Klein (At-Large), and Patrice Thatcher-Stephens (At-large), Monica Harle (part-time Faculty rep) and Sarah Kirby (part-time Faculty rep).

1) Public Comment—President Ron Slabbinck informed Senate Exec that the Brown Act modifications have been extended through January. The minutes are supposed to reflect Senators' votes, specifically who voted and which way. It is important to get administrative support for Senate so we can use Board docs effectively in our meetings as the Secretary is also a voting member. Ann Klein also questioned the placement of the Academic Senate on the COS website. Liz Carlyle will follow up with weblinks and bring it back to the team.

2) Approval of Minutes

- Academic Senate Executive meeting, October 12th 2021. Ann Klein moved to approve; Patrice Thatcher Stephens seconded. No discussion; minutes were approved unanimously.

3) Discussion and Action Items

- a) New and modified COVID BP/APs-- Patrice Thatcher Stephens noted the documents had too many details and that the policy and procedures should be broader. She would like to make sure that the policy and procedure is clearly delineated—the policy is broad, and the procedure tells what we will do to enact the policy. She asked if there was a broad policy regarding health and safety that the AP 3506 could be attached to.
- Ann Klein thought Jayne Turk's point in Academic Senate about the consequences was good and that there should be more details in that regard. Ron Slabbinck brought this up to Dr Char Perlas in his last meeting with her. What is the accountability piece for both employees and students? If we had a policy that was enforced across campus, faculty would feel safer.
 - Monica Harle noted the issues raised about equity at the last Senate meeting. The lack of rapid testing is also a problem. Patrice Thatcher Stephens noted that there are vending machines with rapid tests at UCLA.

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- Ann Klein asked about night administrators to help enforce the policy during evening classes. Monica Harle asked if it was a safety issue for faculty that is outlined in the CBA? Patrice Thatcher Stephens noted that both students and faculty are at risk. Sarah Kirby noted insurance issues around using cadets from the academy to help with security in the evening. Ron Slabbinck discussed that no one is applying for the positions we're posting.
- Regarding consequences—what might help this aspect feel more well thought out? Faculty do not want to be obstructionist. Faculty want to be back in the classroom with students and to be as flexible and as accommodating as possible, but it's not unreasonable to want to know the consequences. Is it possible to have a QR code to enter buildings? Patrice Thatcher Stephens did a classroom evaluation and the instructor was unmasked the whole time. There is little faith that these policies will be enforced.
- Sarah Kirby noted that it would be important to tell students that they can still enroll in online courses if they're unvaccinated and don't want to be tested. Monica Harle pointed out that students still need to come to campus for other reasons, even if they're taking an online course. Ann Klein noted that it would be important to keep the Nov 15th date to show intention for either option. She is also noted that there is no legal enforcement of mask wearing so this too is problematic.

Ron Slabbinck will take the feedback from Academic Senate to the President's Office for further revisions of the APs and BPs regarding Covid-19.

- 4) Good of the Order--** Ron Slabbinck attended the Fall Plenary last week. AB928 requires students to be placed in an ADT pathway automatically if they identify a major and say they may want to transfer. It passed with little support from CSU, UC or CCCs. ASCCC will be helping colleges navigate this new bill in the near future. There were good resources on fraud mitigation. There is no system wide mandate for the CCCs on Covid-19 mitigation as each district is independent with a board of trustees. There were also a lot of resolutions regarding DEI.

Adjourned 4:25 pm

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