



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

March 16th, 2022 (convened at 4:03 pm) on Zoom

Attendees: Ron Slabbinck (President), Neil Carpentier-Alting (Vice-President), Liz Carlyle (Secretary), Ann Klein (At-Large), Shirley Louie (At-large), Patrice Thatcher Stephens, and Sarah Kirby (Part-time faculty rep). David Blink also attended the meeting.

1) Public Comment—none given.

2) Approval of Minutes

- Academic Senate Executive meeting, March 7th 2022; Neil Carpentier Alting moved to approve; Shirley Louie seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

3) Discussion and Action Items

a) Company Nurse and the protocol for visitors in class—David Blink brought concerns regarding Covid check-ins and confusion over visitor to Senate Exec. Ron Slabbinck asked Exec to consider: how does the issue fit within the purview of Academic Senate and what can we do to support David with his needs in this regard? David reported that students are struggling with Company Nurse as they can't access their Siskiyous email. There is little support in the evening, and they have not received timely answers to their requests. He was unaware of the need for a visitor form. Ann Klein reported that she saw a paper version of the student check-in at TRIO. David also expressed issues with how the Covid team were interacting with him. Members of Senate Exec also teach in the evenings but their students are likely better prepared to handle the Covid protocols. David has noticed more support in the last week in the evenings. Neil Carpentier Alting noted that protocols may change after Spring Break.

b) Academic Senate discussions

- Data dashboard—Ron Slabbinck clarified why Nathan Rexford was asked to present to Senate. It is fully funded through categorical funding so it should be an informational item in IPB; it ended up being an action item due to ongoing costs past year 1. It also appeared on the agenda without Ron's prior knowledge

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as chair of IPB. Ron questioned why he didn't know about data dashboard when he sits on many committees. Neil asked about the order the presentations to councils and committees. The local decision-making handbook should have the order and the specific points of origin for items like this.

- AP 4235—Instruction Council passed this AP and it will now move forward to College Council and then the Board of Trustees.
 - Hyflex modality—the Exec team are glad Maria Fernandez brought this issue forward to Senate, even though many Senators expressed concern and questioned its validity as an instructional modality, specifically around student choice and who would be in the classroom/online at any given time. Ron Slabbinck noted the amount of items coming out of Distance Learning now that we have a FT Distance Learning coordinator. Maria is leading these initiatives and they are coming to Senate fully developed so we can have rich and meaningful discussions. Imagine if we had this support in all areas?
 - Academic Honesty statement—Liz Carlyle reported that the workgroup will meet again to revise the statement.
- c) President's Report—Ron Slabbinck reported that it's unclear when the Declaration of Emergency will end. It may be March 31st or in 2024. He noted that online meetings have both higher attendance and participation. In conversations state-wide, Senates are noting similar findings.
- d) DEI Rubric—Based on feedback from committees, the Peralta DEI rubric will be good for our use too. It is already reviewed and addresses classes in all modalities. Maria Fernandez would be in full support of adopting this rubric. Whenever a course is revised, it will be reviewed through this lens. We will bring the rubric to Academic Senate to get it approved.

4) Good of the Order.

5) Adjourned 5:13 pm

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