



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

April 20th, 2022 (convened at 4:02 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, Monica Harle (Part-time faculty rep) and Sarah Kirby (Part-time faculty rep).

1) Public Comment—none given.

2) Approval of Minutes

- Academic Senate Executive meeting, April 11th 2022; Neil Carpentier-Alting moved to approve; Shirley Louie seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

3) Discussion and Action Items

a) Senate Meeting Discussions

- Academic Calendar AY 23-23—VPAA Mark Klever is in agreement with moving the flex day and lightening the load of the two mandatory flex days. He’s looking to the Chancellor’s Office for information on moving one flex day to mid semester. One day is for the campus community; the second day is for faculty flex activities (professional development and training).
- Academic Honesty Statement – Senate approved the statement. Neil Carpentier-Alting liked the idea of inserting statement language into the AP. It is then codified and will be used. He would like to introduce it to Instruction Council. Liz Carlyle will put it in the Faculty Handbook. Ron Slabbinck will ask the Instruction Office to send out to faculty as needed and he will put it in the Faculty Orientation Canvas site. We want it to be in as many places as possible.
- DEI Rubric—Ron Slabbinck noted that this rubric is new to a lot of faculty. We need to be engaging with it and he is excited that it’s in the conversation. It’s important to realize all this work is on a continuum Liz Carlyle noted Patrice Thatcher Stephen’s comments in Senate about desensitizing ourselves to the language, the need to work in small groups. Ann Klein noted she heard a lot of fear but it may not as hard as we think,

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and faculty may already be implementing it in varying ways. Sarah Kirby appreciated the conversation around what diversity and equity means from the different disciplines and perspectives. OER allows for diversity in content. Neil Carpentier-Alting noted that it could feel like another layer of compliance. Shirley Louie—we need to help faculty do this work out of love, not fear. Neil agreed it's important to keep the conversation going.

- b) Academic Senate Officer Elections for Part-time faculty – Adjunct faculty were notified of nominations process and the election by the Elections committee. The process is not clear in the Constitution and should be clarified to ensure there is an equitable process.
- c) ISER Report—Neil Carpentier-Alting has reviewed the first two standards. It is dense with information and evidence from CQIPs, Program Reviews, and meetings. Ron Slabbinck reported that Dr Char Perlas is happy with the final document. She complemented the Academic Senate on the work that's been done over the last 2 years (committees and taskforces). Liz Carlyle will extend the meeting on May 16th for 30 minutes so the full Senate can discuss. She will send out the ISER so faculty can review beforehand.
- d) President's Report
 - GP coordinator—The Steering Committee has done final revisions to the job description created by Ron Slabbinck and VPSS Patrick Walton. What are the measurable outcomes for this position? Dr Char Perlas is in full support of raising the release time to 7.5-9 units per semester as the position entails a lot of work. Guided Pathways was just extended for five more years.
 - AP 7211—VPAA Mark Klever is in full support of the revisions. It is in within the purview of 10+1 but the AP is housed in HR. We need to check on the process to get it approved by the Board. Ron doesn't anticipate any issues.

4) Good of the Order.

Monica Harle asked about the Senate vote against the Emergency clause of the Brown Act. Senate will meet in person on May 16th. Senators can still meet remotely but they must declare their location on the agenda (Brown Act). The BOT voted to keep the declaration of Emergency at the last board meeting. Neil Carpentier-Alting asked if this means all the standing committees must now meet in person. The curriculum committee has non faculty members. Patrice Thatcher Stephens noted that the hybrid technology is not fully working; it will be challenging to return to in person meetings. The arguments in Senate were around the language, and not the practical concerns. Liz Carlyle noted that it is an equity issue. Meeting remotely means better access. Those who have child care/health care concerns or who live out of the county are impacted. Ron Slabbinck recommends standing committees remain meeting remotely so we can work efficiently until the end of the semester. Academic Senate will see

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what the issues are first. Liz Carlyle has booked DLC 3. Ann Klein recommended asking the ASC for a cart of laptops so we can use Board Docs. We'll have to work out how to do Zoom and VC from Yreka.

5) Adjourned 5:25 pm

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