



Academic Senate

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Academic Senate Executive Council Minutes

Friday, September 1, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in DLC Rm #3

Attendance: Michelle Knudsen, Tyler Knudsen, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Jayne Turk, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Andrea Craddock, Ann Womack

Convened at 11:00 am

1. OPEN SESSION

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 12, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) Changes to COSGE to accommodate Ethnic Studies and Cal-GETC
The new COSGE pattern needs to be in place by Fall 2024. There is more time for Cal-GETC.

Primary issues with COSGE alignment:

- Students will need to take transfer level math. Math faculty will consider developing math for CTE courses as we only have stats and college algebra as options for those students.
- Other than math, the biggest change is in Area 5 – multicultural/living skills. The area will be removed. All multicultural classes can be moved to other areas, but living skills classes don't have another area. Living skills area is optional in GE patterns, so we can decide to keep it or not. Michelle encouraged creating a living skills area because this education in this area is important for students as evidenced by the fact that (upper division) living skills courses are still required at Cal States. We can revamp what classes are included in this area.

It was suggested that Senate Exec form taskforce with one representative from each area and charge them with helping redesign the COSGE pattern. Another option was that the taskforce could work specifically on winnowing courses included in each area with consultation from discipline faculty.

We don't know how many students are using the local pattern.

We can try to align COSGE with Cal-GETC as much as possible to avoid large impacts on students who change majors. Michelle will make list of classes that will be displaced with new Cal-GETC

We need to think about which classes we can offer and deactivate classes that we aren't able to teach.

It was decided that a Taskforce comprised of Michelle Knudsen, Neil Carpentier-Alting, and Andrea Craddock will review the current pattern, collect data about the classes (e.g. how often have been offered), and make a proposal about living skills area. Their work will be brought to Senate Exec for discussion and then to the full Senate in October.

- b) Update New Faculty Orientation Canvas course
- c) Faculty Prioritization Taskforce
- d) Training Faculty to be EEO Representatives
- e) Safety Trainings (Mass Shooter Incident)
- f) AP 5140 (DSPA) – Providing substitute courses (that have critical/analytical thinking components) as alternative for Math courses

5. OFFICER REPORTS

- a) President
 - i) Christina Van Alfen wants to create taskforce about space utilization. Jayne Turk will join, and Andrea will invite others by email
 - ii) Not going solicit goals for this year
 - iii) Replace Sarah Kirby PT representative – Andrea will reach out to PT coaches.
 - iv) Guided Pathways Coordinator position
 - v) Academic Senate agenda
- b) Vice-President
- c) Secretary
 - i) For Academic Senate meeting this year, we could aim to use first hour for business and use second hour for a task or deeper discussion
- d) At-Large
 - i) ASM would like help with holiday food baskets.

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