



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Council Minutes

Friday, November 3, 2023
11:00 am – 12:00 pm in DLC 3

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

Convened at: 10:59 am

1) OPEN SESSION

2) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Flex committee discussed the Distance Learning ongoing professional development requirements at their most recent meeting. The committee is concerned because the PD requirements overlap with their mission and thinks there should be a discussion about professional development at the College. The entire committee agreed on these points.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) Next steps after approving revision to local COSGE – Courses that will populate the updated Area 5 (i.e., Lifelong Learning and Self-Development)

Counselors Michelle Knudsen and Liz Jungermann shared proposed modifications to COS GE Area 5. They used the outcome from CSU GE Area E when considering which courses to keep, remove, or add. Suggestions of courses to add included courses in CSU GE Area E. Of the courses that were suggested for removal, all courses except BA and CSCI courses could be moved to other GE areas. Counselors will try to identify which areas the other courses will land in.

This will be a discussion item at the next Senate meeting. The Senate will make recommendation and vote on it at the December meeting.

Faculty members will have work with the Curriculum Committee to submit their courses for movement from Area 5 to another area. If there are no FT discipline faculty, it will have to be brought forward by someone else. Neil will check on provisions for this.

No physical activity classes will currently be included because all are 1 unit, but we could leave it in the area outcome in case we add new courses that would meet the requirement.

Once revision of Area 5 is complete, we need to work on a full review of COS GE. One approach could be to form a taskforce with faculty from each area, counselors, and Curriculum Committee Chair. This will be a priority for next semester.

b) Approval of updated DL Handbook / Canvas Shell

The committee reviewed handbook and letter of support from DE committee.

It was noted that our current contract does not include professional development, only 5 days of staff development per year, which are our Flex days.

Senate Exec is of the opinion that the change in PD requirement needs to be negotiated between the FA and District because it is a change in working conditions. Exec will recommend that the Senate not approve the updated handbook pending consideration by the FA and potential district negotiations.

c) Academic Senate Resolution addressing hiring Accessibility Specialist

The committee reviewed a draft of the resolution and feedback from Maria Fernandez.

Concern was expressed that we could lose a potential faculty position in favor of this position, so we may want to wait on this resolution until decisions about faculty positions are made.

The resolution seems to be asking for a position with duties that may already fall under the job description of the DL Coordinator and Instructional Design Specialist.

d) AI Policy for Academic Purposes

e) Faculty Volunteer for Hiring Committee for Director of Planning and Research

f) AP 5140 (DSPS) – Providing substitute courses (that have critical / analytical thinking components) as alternative for Math courses

5) OFFICER REPORTS

a) President

i) Academic Senate Agenda for Monday, Nov. 6 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

ii) Update on faculty hirings – There are 13 Physics / Math and 8 Ethnic Studies / History applicants so far. Bev is referring applicants to the equivalency process.

Andrea will reach out to Jenny Heath as Equivalency Committee Chair to keep her updated. If all proposed positions won't be hired, the Hiring Committee Taskforce will meet again to rank the positions.

iii) Attending ASCCC Fall Plenary – Thursday, Nov. 16 to Saturday, Nov. 18 at Costa Mesa, CA

b) Vice-President

c) Secretary

d) At-Large

Adjourned at: 11:50 am

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