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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
Friday, December 9, 2022
12:00 p.m. in DLC Rm #3

CONVENED AT 12:01

Attendance: Voting – Andrea Craddock, Shirley Louie, Ron Slabbinck, Chris Vancil, Tyler Knudsen, Tim Frisbie, Leigh Moore, Sherice Bellamy, Jayne Turk, Mike Tischler, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Jenny Heath, Kirk Thomsen, Liz Carlyle, Michelle Knudsen, Emaly Brann, Maria Fernandez, Ann Womack; Nonvoting – Mark Klever, Charlie Roche, Patrick Walton, Jude Baldwin (Zoom), Thad Wallace (Zoom)

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Enrollment: Andrea Craddock spoke with President Char Perlas about enrollment concerns. Char encouraged faculty to attend next Board of Trustees meeting where they will discuss enrollment management in a study session.
- Faculty hiring committees: HR is having trouble getting CSEA and ASM representatives. Stipends (\$50/hour) will be approved for faculty to meet while off contract over break to go over position descriptions. Andrea requested that individuals inform her if they are not willing to meet over break so you can be replaced. Meetings will be via Zoom. There is hiring handbook in HR. Char has purview over HR going forward, even after new VPAS arrives.
- Student survey is ready. Nathan Rexford has resigned, so we would prefer to send it out now.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Amendments to Brown Act provisions for teleconferenced meetings (AB 2449 [Rubio 2022]); Starting January 1st, 2023: Legislation goes into effect starting January 1, 2023. There needs to be a quorum (13 voting member for Academic Senate) physically present. Teleconference location does not have to be on the agenda in order to attend via Zoom. Individuals attending via teleconference must still provide notice, but there is some flexibility for emergencies. In order to attend via teleconferencing, one must have just cause (illness, childcare, disability, travel for official business). One may attend via teleconference for 3 months or 20% of meetings. Video and audio must be enabled. Teleconference disruption precludes taking action. If a voting member attendance via teleconference, voting will be done via roll call.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kirk Thomsen moved, Jayne Turk seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Assign Members to Committees and Taskforces
 - a. Student Housing Ad Hoc Committee: Tyler Knudsen
Jayne Turk moved to approve the appointment. Kirk Thomsen seconded. Committee is headed up by Ronnie and is focused on construction of new student housing. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Block Scheduling for Courses
 - Maria Fernandez moved to approve the proposed block schedule. Liz Carlyle seconded.
 - Blocks should be 2:05, not 1:55. This needs to be clarified with Office of Instruction. When there are holidays during the semester, class length changes, so that needs to be taken into account. Need to be flexible by semester.
 - We could do alternate days with 3 LHE blocks and 4 LHE blocks, but this may not work and may be confusing.
 - Regarding Fridays: For classes that meet for longer than 2 hours, we would need to add a third class each week, likely on Fridays. Attendance in classes that meet on Fridays hasn't been great in the past but could be because students don't have other classes. There are two meeting slots when classes shouldn't be scheduled. Friday afternoon meeting slots would not work for performing arts and athletics.
 - Our current block schedule isn't being adhered to, and there is no cohesive scheduling process, which would be necessary to enact this.
 - We're not offering many afternoon general education courses right now. This also leads to too much overlap, limiting student choice/opportunities.
 - What about transportation considerations? Stage won't commit to being here before 9 am.
 - Almost half of our FTEs are distance ed. 70% of our courses offering are online, excluding academies.
 - Veterans must take in-person classes for maximum funding.
 - Schedule needs to take in account timing of food availability in the cafeteria.
 - We need to have an administrator here when classes are in session including evening and weekend classes. We also need to have services available to the students and faculty including facilities and IT staff to make sure the campus is operable.

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- It was suggested that we table a vote and establish a task force to look at this. Maria Fernandez amended motion to approve draft version with understanding that it will be refined by a task force. Task force volunteers – Ann Womack, Jayne Turk, Emaly Brann, Chris Vancil, Ron Slabbinck, Tyler Knudsen, Liz Carlyle. Motion passes with one abstention.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. GP Pillar 1 approved Academic and Career Pathways
 - The intention is for these pathways to become accessible to students soon.
 - Some corrections are necessary before this list is made available. Degrees listed are not correct. Are we planning on culling programs for which we don't have faculty to teach the classes? The degrees listed need to actually exist before this is made available to students. We could just list the programs we offer because there aren't that many.
 - We don't have a current catalog, and the previous version has a different grouping. The current catalog should have been live last spring.
 - This list was made to identify natural groupings of programs, was not intended to be perfectly accurate or reflect what we're offering now.
 - The Business and Industry grouping doesn't seem to go together. There is very little overlap of classes, which is not in the spirit of guided pathways.
 - Public Safety, Health, and Wellness may be an overly large category.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Curriculum Committee – Four classes were approved including history lab, which is used to help students with writing since there isn't a prerequisite. This does not increase the number of units a student has to take and has increased success. The committee also discussed goals during their meeting.
2. Distance Learning – The committee is working on updating APs and guidelines around regular and substantive interaction. This will have implications for all classes and front-facing materials.
3. Instruction Council – no report
4. Flex – no report
5. IPB – no report
6. SJEDI – no report
7. OER – no report
8. Other Committees – no additional reports

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H. ADJOURNMENT – 1:25 PM

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