



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2020 (convened at 11:00am) in Zoom

Attendees: Ron Slabbinck (President), Neil Carpentier-Alting (Vice-President), Liz Carlyle (Secretary), Ann Klein (At-Large), Shirley Louie (At-Large), Sarah Kirby (P/T faculty representative)

1) *Public Comment*

- No public comment

2) *Discussion and Action Items*

- a) **Senate President Meetings** – Ron is still meeting with President Schoonmaker regularly and debriefing him on the work of the Academic Senate. Ron also met with Dr. Nathan Rexford who wants to talk to the full Senate about IEPI to help build an SLO manual for non-instructional assessment. Currently, Dr Schoonmaker does not think faculty need to be involved so this is currently on hold until further notice. He also met with Doug Haugen, ASM Senate President. College of the Siskiyous is the only college with ASM. Employees are considered either management or classified by the State and there are no defined parameters for ASM. While these issues may not be under the purview of Academic Senate, there should be a space for these kinds of conversations. Ron encouraged Doug to reach out to CSEA Senate President, Carrie Schafer, and the CSEA Union President, Donna Farris. His meetings with Darlene Melby have been primarily about the Theater and Fine Arts building project. VPAA Dr Char Perlas is unclear on who needs to be on each committee from each group and is looking forward to getting clarity. Neil will research into this and bring information to the next Senate Exec meeting when Char and Melissa will also attend. There is a limited number of faculty to serve on committees, so it's important that faculty have full information when we bring appointments to the full Senate. Ann asked about the Incident Management Team and the need for instructional faculty to be included. Ron will also meet with the ASB president after the upcoming election. ASB also have 10+1 responsibilities. Ron will

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continue to meet with board members and work diligently to build trust so board members can be receptive to our work on campus.

- b) **Academic Senate Minutes**-- Liz shared the minutes with the exec team. They will be approved formally at the next full Senate meeting on Sept 18th. There were questions about Flex and the current status of the policies and procedures. Flex is our tool to bring professional development to the campus so it will be good to improve how it functions for faculty.
- c) **Priority List from Academic Senate**-- Ron pulled the recommendations from the Accreditation Report, the mid-term report, and the update from last semester. The priorities aligned with several of these recommendations: SLO clarity, Equity and Social Justice, and Enrollment Management. Other priorities identified by Senate include Faculty Orientation and Distance Learning.
- Ron suggested more comprehensive reporting out by committees will help with some of these priorities so faculty can act with full information; for example, Enrollment Management Committee. It will be important to identify a point person for each committee to ensure full reporting out to Senate.
 - Faculty Orientation indicates the need for more communication by faculty. A taskforce may also be a good way to work collaboratively with Administration.
 - In his meeting with Melissa Green, chair of the Diversity committee, Ron recommended a taskforce of the leadership of all constituency groups on campus. All Senates will then be able to address Equity and Social Justice. The Diversity Committee is also currently adopting a new name.
 - We have an SLO committee and a manual, but it is being held up by the lack of release time for faculty to lead that work. The SLO committee could meet to drill down on the concerns and report out to the Senate.
 - Distance Learning was prioritized by faculty, possibly because of the need for more professional development and access to resources now that many of us are teaching online. It also relates to equity and social justice, as do all our priorities.

We will need to come up with concrete items for faculty to consider at the next the Academic Senate meeting. Ron has created a Google sheet with Senate priorities and notes from our discussions.

- d) **Appointment of Special Election Committee**-- Ron will contact David Blink, chair of the Special Election Committee. We would like the election to happen as soon as possible so we can replace the At-large Senate Officer.

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- e) **Agenda for next Academic Senate meeting--** We will set agenda items at the next Senate Exec meeting in two weeks. We will meet as a full Senate monthly for one hour. We will meet for 1.5 hours in Senate Exec in future so we can fully discuss items and be prepared to bring them to the Academic Senate.

Adjourned 12:20 pm

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