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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020 (convened at 10:30am) 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), Sherry Ackerman (P/T faculty representative), Dr Char Perlas, VP of Academic Affairs, and Jude Baldwin, faculty librarian.

1) **Public Comment**

- No public comment

2) **Approval of Minutes**

- The minutes were approved from the Academic Senate Executive Meeting, September 1, 2020

3) **Discussion and Action Items**

- Committee Appointments**-- VP Neil Carpentier-Alting clarified committee appointments with Dr Char Perlas.
- Course Challenge Process**--Dr Char Perlas shared that Credit by Examination will be replaced by Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) as a requirement by the State by Dec 31st. There have been a handful of meetings so far. The challenge will be figuring out how we are going to accept previous experiences that a student might have. It is applicable to CTE areas but also Music, Theater Arts etc. Kate Mahar and Dr. Sunny Greene are putting together a training for Faculty. There is a course challenge on the agenda for Instruction Council in English. The current AP 4235 states that courses need to be approved by faculty by May 1st of the previous academic year, which in this case, it has not been approved. Moving forward, Char recommended we follow the current AP until CPL is implemented.
- Purchase of Vital Source**- COS librarian Jude Baldwin presented information on the purchase of the Vital Source platform. There are two models: Inclusive that requires students to opt out, and Launch and Compare that requires to students to opt in to purchase their e-book. There is a slight discount if the Inclusive model is selected for

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COS but this will mean students will be responsible for opting out if they want to purchase their e-book elsewhere. All students will have access for the first two weeks, at which point they would need to purchase the book. We need to decide which model to purchase if we decide to go with Vital Source. The instructor still gets to decide whether they want to use Vital Source for their course texts. There may be an impact on the Reserves at the library if less students need textbooks at the beginning of the semester, but students will be able to access their texts more easily. Vital Source would be connected to Banner, so students would be billed through their accounts. Programs that offer book vouchers (EOPS etc) will be able to run them through Banner too. The deadline to purchase Vital Source platform is mid to late October if we want to implement it in the Spring. OER texts can also be implemented using the Vital Source platform but there will be a small fee. There are additional features such as annotation tools and flash cards that might be useful for students (must be implemented by Instructor). This will go as an information item to the Senate on Friday Sept 18th and as an action item for the following meeting in October.

- d) **AP 2510**—This AP needs to be approved by Senate to move forward. Dr Char Perlas noted that we will need to start working on a manual as soon as it is approved. This is required for accreditation purposes. There were specific concerns outlined in the minutes for the October 25th Senate meeting last year. Neil, Ron, Char and Dr Nathan Rexford, Director of Research & Evaluation, will meet to discuss these concerns and bring it to the next Senate Exec meeting.
 - e) **Agenda for Academic Senate meeting on September 18th, 2020**—Neil has been gathering information on committee appointments. He noted that it would be important to have a standard practice for listing membership. We need one faculty member to replace Rhonda Brown as she has taken the position of Interim Director of Nursing. Neil has generated a list of important dates that we'll share with Senate for feedback.
 - f) Ann volunteered to work on the acronym list, currently in the Senate Exec Google Drive folder.
- 4) **Good of the Order**--Ann shared that the Equivalency committee feels strongly about revising the AP on CTE equivalency hires. We will ask for Senate Feedback in the Committee Reports at Academic Senate.

Adjourned 12:03 pm

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