



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

March 19th, 2021 (convened at 8:00 am) in Zoom

Attendees: Ron Slabbinck (President), Neil Carpentier-Alting (Vice-President), Liz Carlyle (Secretary), Ann Klein (At-Large), Shirley Louie (At-Large), Patrice Thatcher-Stephens (At-large), Sarah Kirby (P/T faculty representative) and Monica Harle (P/T faculty representative).

1) *Public Comment*

- None given.

2) *Approval of Minutes*

- Academic Senate Executive Meeting, March 9th, 2021. VP Neil Carpentier Alting moved, Shirley Louie seconded. Motion approved.

3) *Discussion and Action Items*

- a) Revision of Academic Senate website—Weblinks contacted Senate Exec about cleaning up the website. The team reviewed the website and requested that a new link be created to house Senate Resources and to move all appropriate links to the Equivalency Committee website.
- b) Academic Senate section in the Faculty Handbook—The Faculty Handbook taskforce has been working on getting review from the various departments on campus. The team reviewed the section for Academic Senate. It should be made clear that we are a Senate as a whole, so all FT faculty should attend and vote. The on-campus responsibilities and 10+1 should also be made more clear. The Senate is how we volunteer for committees and our voice weighs heavily in these areas. Sarah Kirby will create a narrative for PT faculty who are welcome to attend but don't vote. Their voice is heard through PT representatives who are elected at the end of each Spring semester for the following year. Access to this information is part of equity.
- c) Review the items discussed at the previous Academic Senate meeting. People have reached out to President Ron Slabbinck about our Equity resolution. Guided Pathways will help us further address this language and turn our resolution into action. Maybe Sunny Greene can attend an upcoming Senate Exec meeting.

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d) Prioritization of tasks for the remainder of the semester-- Projects in Progress

- SLO Manual--Designate clearly who is on SLO Committee/committee meets/selects chair/brings chair selection to the Academic Senate.
- Guided Pathways Initiative: A Guided Pathways Faculty Coordinator Job Description has been prepared by the VPSL (clarify?). Ron will report to VPAA Dr Perlas that it looks good and bring it to Academic Senate.
- May Spring Flex Day will include looking at steps toward conducting a [Cultural Curriculum Audit](#).
- Information from the Diversity Committee will be compiled soon and brought to Senate Exec and then to the Academic Senate.
- [ASCCC Handbooks](#)--hardcopies are not currently available based on COVID Status. The Handbook is available online.
- Local Decision-Making Handbook--the committee is in process of gathering feedback and documentation regarding committee make-up and processes in the local decision making. They are looking at other colleges and will check ASCCC and CCCC.
- Program Approval Process is almost ready for a test run.
- The Curriculum Committee Handbook update is in process. The plan is for the handbook to be a complete overview and for there to be a FAQ/Referral document for faculty to use for reference in completing common processes.
- Faculty Orientation Process seems to have been lost in the other excitement. We need to continue to prioritize and to focus preparation for fall 2021

The Senate Exec will check this review against the 2020-2021 Priorities next meeting. We need to celebrate the Senate's Achievements.

- e) Graduation, 2021—Janice Porterfield and Ron met to discuss graduation. The Drive-through graduation is May 7th. Formal virtual graduation is May 21st. Faculty video greetings were well received last year. Dawnie will reach out to Jayne Turk for student speakers. Lasana Hotep is a possibility for the key note speech. We need 3-4 faculty readers to read student names. Patrice recommended highlighting more student voices in the virtual graduation. Ron will present this information to the full Senate.

4) Good of the Order

Adjourned 9:30 am

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