



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

May 21st, 2021 (convened at 8:02 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), and Monica Harle (P/T faculty representative).

1) *Public Comment*

2) *Approval of Minutes*

- Academic Senate Executive Meeting, May 11th, 2021. Neil Carpentier Alting moved, Shirley Louie seconded. Motion approved.

3) *Discussion and Action Items*

- a) Committee Assignments (CPL)—The team reviewed the list based on Senate discussions in the last meeting. Carly Zeller has inquired whether Guided Pathways and Accreditation Steering Committees should also be on the list. The team felt the list should reflect the current work of the faculty on committees so both committees should be included. Liz Carlyle sought clarification on the CTE advisory committees. Patrice Thatcher Stephens noted that the CTE liaison is still open; she will seek guidance from CTE Dean Mark Klever. It's important that liaison knows the North/Far North regional organization. Neil Carpentier Alting will email Tyler Knudsen to see if he is interested in the SLO committee. Ron Slabbinck will reach out to those faculty who couldn't attend Senate meetings due to time conflicts with classes on Fridays to see which committees they are interested in serving on.
- b) Special Meeting of the Academic Senate on Department Chairs—The goal is to make a recommendation to administrators on the make-up and structure of department chairs. Questions to consider: How will departments be grouped? What will be the structure (how many and who will they report to) how will it impact the contract and load? How do we appoint chairs and what's the process for removing them if necessary? Ron will request a meeting with Dr Char Perlas and FA President Mike Tischler to get some of these details in place before the Senate meeting. Monica Harle asked if there is a

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protocol in place from previous administrations that we can adjust to our current needs. Neil Carpentier Alting noted that it's been 12 years since we had department chairs and some of the groupings were uncomfortable and didn't work so well. We are unsure if there will be a Dean of LASS; this decision will determine the structure of department chairs.

- c) Senate Elections—The full Senate Exec team was re-elected. Chris Vancil sent an email to Ron Slabbinck and the Elections committee but this information has yet to be disseminated. The adjunct faculty elections haven't taken place yet. Ron will email Chris regarding where we are at in the PT faculty elections.
- d) Accomplishments of the Senate Exec team and Academic Senate—We have accomplished a lot since the beginning of the year with the Covid-19 pandemic and the change in the leadership at the college. We will continue to build on that good work next year. Ann Klein, Shirley Louie, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens and Liz Carlyle are interested in the Senate Leadership institute on June 16, 17 and 18.
- e) Possible goals for next Academic Year 2020-21—
 - Review the constitution. Chris Vancil has agreed to help with this.
 - Faculty Orientation. Neil Carpentier Alting will help put a team together with the Deans and Directors. It's not strictly in the purview of 10-+1, but we can help guide the process. Athletic Director Charlie Roche is in tune with the orientation process as he onboards new student athletes each year.
 - Faculty Handbook. Liz Carlyle is finishing up final revisions before the end of the semester. It would be good to get Senate approval in the first meeting of the AY 2021-22.
 - Monica Harle noted that in addition to the Faculty Handbook, it would be good to have a brief FAQ and a "Quick Start" video to help new faculty orient around the structures at the college. Patrice noted that Flex has Orientation on its list for Fall Flex day. A list of mentors would be good to have. Mentors need to be built into the Orientation process, perhaps sitting with the Mentee throughout. They need to be aware of what the mentee knows/doesn't know and to build a relationship of trust.
 - Roll out the SLO module. The SLO committee will do most of this work but Senate Exec can help guide the process. The initialization process will likely take up most of Fall.
 - Survey on preferred modalities for students. The Distance Learning (DL) Committee discussed this goal as a possibility for Senate.

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- Open Educational Resources (OER). We are a zero-cost textbook campus but we don't have any information on our website or much training for faculty in place. This goal was also suggested by the DL Committee as it fits into our broader goal for equitable instructional practices.
- Important dates—we should send out reminders to faculty so we can meet these dates next year

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Adjourned 1:09 pm

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