



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

Aug 16th, 2021 (convened at 9:00 am) in Zoom

Attendees: Ron Slabbinck (President), Neil Carpentier-Alting (Vice-President), Liz Carlyle (Secretary), Ann Klein (At-Large), and Patrice Thatcher-Stephens (At-large).

1) *Public Comment*

Senate President Ron Slabbinck showed appreciation for the Flex Committee and the work they are doing to bring relevant activities to the Flex days. Senate Vice President Neil Carpentier Alting and Patrice Thatcher Stephens will present the Faculty Handbook in one of the workshops. Ron Slabbinck and Liz Carlyle will attend the Board docs training.

2) *Approval of Minutes*

- Academic Senate Executive Meeting, May 21st, 2021. The committee tabled the minutes to the next Senate Exec meeting.

3) *Discussion and Action Items*

- a) Discuss Senate goals for Academic Year 2021-2022—Ron Slabbinck shared a list of goals developed from our discussions at the end of last academic year. As we enter the new school year, with shifting Covid pressures and lingering smoke, how can we continue to find pathways to accomplish priorities without burying ourselves, and how can we motivate those who don't feel good about the new year? We have some hard conversations ahead but we want to do it from a positive outlook and not from a place of fear or shortage consciousness. Neil Carpentier Alting added that it's important to recognize the issues at hand (pandemic and college crisis) but hold onto our humanity.
- Accreditation – there will be draft for full review in a month.
 - Implement ideas in the Faculty Handbook. How can we turn it into action?
 - Orientation. Ron Slabbinck and Val Roberts have met and are developing a Canvas shell. Ann Klein suggested a Faculty Resources Canvas shell.
 - Program Approval Process—Interim Superintendent Dr Char Perlas and Neil Carpentier Alting have discussed a few initial steps to establish our process. One first step is to revise AP 4020, which will likely take a few months.

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- DEI decision-making document from Folsom Lake College. This document provides a checklist for DEI in all processes at the college. Do we want to develop our own at COS?
- Nursing Program. Ron Slabbinck is now meeting with Nursing Director Hallie Coppi regularly. He is also meeting with Charlie Roche, Athletics director.
- Department Chairs. Ron has not had any further conversation on this topic and the Administrative structure is still a little in flux. We have yet to hire a CTE Dean.
- The team added a Student Survey on modalities and Open Educational Resources (OER) to the list. Both are important for creating equitable learning experiences at COS.

We will discuss the list with Academic Senate to establish priorities and vote in the September meeting.

- b) The team reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Academic Senate meeting on August 20th.

4) **Good of the Order**

Adjourned 9:57 am

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