



Academic Senate

College of the Siskiyous

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Academic Senate Executive Council Minutes

Friday, November 17, 2023

11:00 am – 12:00 pm in DLC Rm #3

Attendance:

Andrea Craddock, Jayne Turk, Tyler Knudsen, Ann Womack, Ron Slabbinck

Convened at: 11:04 am

1. OPEN SESSION

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 3, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a) Academic Senate Resolution addressing hiring Accessibility Specialist

The Senate is generally in support of the resolution, but it needed to be adjusted to reflect our needs. The current version overlaps with DE Coordinator/Instructional Design position description. Andrea will modify the resolution to align with a position description that reflects faculty needs. OER-related needs and justification will also be added. A modified version will be brought back to the Senate at the December meeting.

b) AP 5140 (DSPS) – Providing substitute courses (that have critical/analytical thinking components) as alternative for Math courses

Courses that have math prerequisites were removed. Andrea checked with FT faculty who teach the courses remaining on the list regarding the appropriateness of their inclusion. Some courses were removed according to faculty recommendations. Courses not currently being offered were left on the list until we have a FT faculty member to evaluate.

c) AI Policy for Academic Purposes

Senate Exec generally liked the statement and thought it could be useful. Andrea will tailor the statement for COS and bring it back to Exec.

- d) Dr Perlas has asked Guillermo from Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) Program to talk to Academic Senate about their program and student enrollment.

The intent of the program is to create pathways for homegrown educators in our communities. The program could be headed by BCOE and housed at COS. This was brought to Senate Exec during 2021. Ron and Patrice were supportive at the time, but it's unclear why it didn't move forward. It's unclear if BCOE is partnering with other districts. We would get the FTEs. Andrea will ask Guillermo to speak with Senate Exec at the Dec. 1 meeting.

- e) Next steps after approving revision to local COSGE – Courses that will populate the updated Area 5 (i.e., Lifelong Learning and Self-Development).

Approval of the course list for Area 5 will be an action item at the next Senate meeting.

5. OFFICER REPORTS

- a) President

- i) Update on faculty hirings – Equivalency Committee hasn't received any applications.

All recommended positions have been approved. It's not clear how many applications there are for currently posted combined positions (Ethnic Studies/History, Physics/Math). The other spring hire position hasn't been posted (EMS). Nursing positions also haven't been posted.

- ii) Senate Exec and Academic Senate schedule for Spring semester – Senate Exec will continue to meet Fridays at 11. Andrea will look at scheduling Senate meetings. Most will be on Fridays and a couple during the week.

- iii) Attending ASCCC 2024 Spring Plenary – Thursday, April 18th to Saturday, April 20th in San Jose.

- iv) IPB – The program review and budgeting timelines don't align with the timeline for faculty hiring. Backwards map timing for process based on when we would need to post faculty positions. Hiring needs to occur outside the typical IPB cycle.

- v) Bookstore – The Campus Gift & Book Shop manager would like to speak with faculty about bookstore issues. Andrea will invite her to Senate Exec along with the OER Coordinator.

- b) Vice-President

c) Secretary – Weblinks noticed formatting errors that impact accessibility in the Senate and Senate Exec minutes from the last several meetings. Ann is working with Weblinks to correct the errors so they can be posted on the website.

d) At-Large

Adjourned at: 12:00 pm

Academic Senate Officers:

President: Andrea Craddock

Secretary: Ann Womack

At Large: Tyler Knudsen

Vice-President: Patrice Thatcher

At-Large: Jayne Turk

Past President: Ron Slabbinck

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