



## **Academic Senate**

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## **Academic Senate Executive Council Minutes**

Friday, December 1, 2023

11:00 am – 12:00 pm in DLC Rm #3

### **Attendance:**

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

**Convened at:** 11:05 am

### **1) OPEN SESSION**

### **2) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ron Slabbinck moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2023, meeting. Jayne Turk seconded. Unanimously approved.

### **4) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a) Guillermo from Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) Program will discuss their program and student enrollment

Guillermo is the Senior Director for BCOE.

The Future Educator Support program targets marginalized groups and assists them with furthering their education so they can become teachers in CA.

There is a focus on those in classified roles who want to become teachers.

The pathway frontloads with pedagogy and provides resources through the coursework. Opportunities to practice pedagogy they will encounter in their programs is provided as is assistance with licensing exam preparation.

The program lasts as long as each individual needs and has multiple entry and exit points.

Curriculum Committee has been involved with development education courses.

The program is completely online. BCOE supplies instructors. COS benefits from the FTEs and provides support.

There are 300 students on the waitlist who want to register for spring, which may be a strain for Admissions and Records.

The program is working on developing one bi-lingual course for those who are developing their Spanish language skills and may work on developing introductory courses taught in Spanish for students.

They are not trying to develop a credentialing program, just trying to support individuals who want to complete a credentialing program.

COS already have a webpage for this program.

All people are eligible if they live in CA and want to become a teacher. There are different funding mechanisms available. Advisement provided isn't about which courses to take; it's more focused on coaching and support. Students will be FT at another institution would only take 1 course at a time through this program.

All required textbooks will be provided. Most courses rely on articles.

b) AI Policy for Academic Purposes

The Faculty Orientation Canvas module has been updated to include the AI statement approved by the Senate last spring.

Make an action item on the Senate agenda to include it in the Faculty Handbook.

It needs to be worked into student-facing materials as well.

c) Academic Senate Resolution addressing hiring Accessibility Specialist

The primary issues raised in Senate were to highlight how this would support OER use in our courses and to redefine duties so that they don't overlap with those of the DL Coordinator.

Approval of this resolution will be an action item at the next Senate meeting.

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

Approval of this AP will be an action item at the next Senate 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 change this will be an action item at the next Senate meeting.

## 5) OFFICER REPORTS

### a) President

- i) Academic Senate agenda – Reviewed the agenda and action items.
- ii) Update on faculty hirings – All positions have been approved. Hiring committee members may need to meet over winter break. Stipends will be provided for this work.
- iii) Senate Exec and Academic Senate schedule for Spring semester – Senate Exec will continue to meet on Fridays. Two Senate meetings will be on Fridays, one on a Monday, and one on a Wednesday.

### b) Vice-President

### c) Secretary

### d) At-Large

**Adjourned at:** 12:10 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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