



Academic Senate
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ACADEMIC SENATE Minutes
February 26, 2015
DLC 03 / RHSI 119

Members Present: Mike Graves, Patrice Thatcher, Sunny Greene, Andrea Craddock, Shirley Louie, Galen Ferrel, Rich Dixon, Mike Read, Jayne Turk, Tim Frisbie, Mike Tischler, Jim Gilmore, Bill Hirt, Wenli Chen, Michelle Knudsen, and Chris Vancil

Guests: Todd Scott

Call to Order 2:03 PM

A. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes were read and approved by consent

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Constitution and Standing Rules Ad Hoc Committee
 - a. Mike Graves, Jayne Turk, volunteers needed
2. Mentors (Reynolds / Heath, passed unanimous)
 - Jenny Heath – Wenli Chen
 - Maria Fernandez – Andrea Craddock
3. EEO Pool
 - Please e-mail Jayne Turk if you would like to be included in the EEO pool for District hiring committees from now until May 2017.
 - The following volunteered at the meeting:
 - Jayne Turk, Dave Clarke, Mike Graves, Sunny Greene, Bill Hirt, Shirley Louie and Patrice Thatcher.
 - A discussion occurred about training and it is the hope that EEOs would receive some additional training on specific District policies and procedures.
4. Hiring Committees: Volunteers will be needed for hiring committees.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Committee reports and discussion of voting members
 - a. Budget: No Report
 - b. Flex/Staff development: No Report
 - c. Equivalency: No Report
 - d. Curriculum: Neil, the curriculum Chair, sent out an e-mail with the newly proposed Gen Ed areas so each can create one program SLO. Please review that correspondence and act accordingly.
 - e. Program review: No report

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f. Distance Ed: No Report

2. Are we interested in adopting open source textbooks? <http://www.cool4ed.org/>: A discussion occurred that if a certain percentage of our classes use open source texts from the above link, then COS will receive some incentive grant monies. No one was sure where the money would go or who would have control over the monies. More information is needed. The use of the open source texts would be voluntary.
3. Poverty Workshop: Please attend. The seminar is on March 25, 2016
4. Block Scheduling: Block scheduling will take effect in 2016-2017
5. Faculty Work stations: Please send Jayne your thoughts and comments about classroom workstations and any upgrades that may be needed.
6. Getting ready for accreditation: The visiting team will be here next week. Some of you may be asked to participate in meetings with various visiting team members. A schedule for visiting team members is on the web. Please review the self-study before the team arrives.

D. NEW BUSINESS

Our next meeting is on March 18 in DLC 3/RHSI 119 from 2-3

E. ADJOURNMENT at 3:05 PM

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