



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2020 (Convened at 8:35 am) on Zoom.

Attendees: Shawn Abbott, Jude Baldwin, David Blink, Rhonda Brown, Liz Carlyle, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Wenli Chang, Dave Clarke, Hallie Coppi, Andrea Craddock, Marcy DeMetro, Maria Fernandez, Katie Gale, Mike Graves, Karen Harper, Jenny Heath, Sean Kenny, Ed Kephart, Ann Klein, Michelle Knudsen, Michele Korkowski, Shirley Louie, Kim Parham, Tom Powers, Charlie Roche, Ron Slabbinck, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Mike Tischler, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, Alison Varty, and Carly Zeller. Dr. Char Perlas, Val Roberts, Mark Klever, Debbie Dutcher also attended the meeting.

A. Public Comments

- a. No public comments were given.

B. Approval of Minutes (3 Sets of Minutes – 2/21, 2/25, and 3/3)

- a. Maria Fernandez motioned to approve all three sets of minutes. Dave Clarke seconded. Minutes approved.

C. Action / Discussion Items

- a. **Step-Up Program - Dr. Char Perlas** (Information Only) Eva Jimenez, Asst. VP for Economic & Workforce Development at Shasta College, Robert Bowman, Step-Up Program Director at Shasta College, and Michael Coley, Siskiyou County Probation Chief spoke to us about the Step-Up Program at Shasta College. The Step-Up program is an educational and vocational training program that provides formerly incarcerated students and students who are currently under court directed supervision with financial, administrative, and educational support. The Step-Up program offers degrees in Welding, Office Administration, Business, Heavy Equipment Operations, Forest Health/Logging, and Automotive Technology. Eva Jimenez stated that the program has been going for seven years and has increased in success over time.
 - They are offering a \$25,000 grant/contract for colleges to initiate their own Step-Up Programs and has reached out to COS to see if we are interested in collaborating. They already have alliances with Trinity and Tahama Counties. They recommend that most of these funds go towards students' needs like meal cards, fuel cards, books/materials for their courses, a new computer, etc. They also suggested that colleges do a

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“bridge program” where they bring these students on campus and get them acclimated to the college environment and teach them the skills of how to be a successful student.

- The Step-Up program at Shasta College shared a video with Jayne that she will send out to the faculty after the Academic Senate meeting.
- b. **Credit for Prior Learning** (Information Only) - Jayne shared with senators Palomar Community College AP on Credit for Prior Learning.
 - Charlie Roche mentioned that we already have AP 4235 & AP 4237 Section C that addresses issues related to credit for prior learning. Jayne will look further into it.
- c. **Volunteers for Election Committee**- Jayne Turk, Maria Fernandez, and Jude Baldwin volunteered to serve on the Election Committee. Dave Clarke motioned to approve committee, Ron Slabbinck seconded, motion passed.
- d. **Mandatory Flex Day (Friday, May 22nd)** (Information Only) – Currently, there are SLO and eLumen trainings scheduled for that day.
- e. **Graduation** (Information Only) – Jayne knows that Janice Gonzalez has been organizing a virtual gradation but does not know many details about it.
 - David Blink and Ron Slabbinck have been meeting with Janice and other staff involved in graduation to discuss the music needed for the event. David said they are thinking of having students submit videos and have non-synchronous graduation event.
- f. **Volunteers to serve on new EMT hiring committee** - Jayne says that Mike Wilson has already volunteered to serve on this committee. Jayne also volunteered to be on this committee. Maria Fernandez moved, Jude seconded, motion passed
- g. **Board Response to CTA letter** (Information Only) – Board took action to rescind the letter they sent faculty prior to Winter Break. However, they did not take responsibility for their actions.
- h. **Committee appointments** –
 - **Distance Education** – Maria Fernandez (Chair), Shawn Abbott, Jude Baldwin, David Blink, Liz Carlyle, Mike Tischler, and Alison Varty. Carly Zeller has volunteered to join DE as well and will ultimately replace Shawn who is retiring next December.
 - **Curriculum** – Katie Gale (Chair), Dave Clarke, Tim Frisbee, Michelle Knudsen, and Michele Korkowski are currently on this committee. Neil Carpentier-Alting and Ed Kephart have volunteered to replace Mike Graves and Charlie Roche on the committee.
 - **Flex** – Ron Slabbinck (Chair), Shawn Abbott, and Ann Klein are currently on it. Wenli Chang and Sean Kenny volunteered to serve on the committee to replace Tom Powers and eventually Shawn Abbott.
 - **Equivalency** – Shawn Abbott (Chair), Andrea Craddock, Ann Klein, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, and Chris Vancil serve on this committee currently.

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Andrea has volunteered to replace Shawn Abbott as the Chair when she retires in December.

- **College Council** – Hallie Coppi has volunteered to serve again on this committee. The Academic Senate President also serves on this committee.
- **Diversity Committee** – Wenli Chang, Marcy DeMetro, Michelle Knudsen, Ron Slabbinck, and Patrice Thatcher-Stephens currently make up the committee.
- **Enrollment Management** – Ron Slabbinck and Alison Varty currently serve on this committee. Neil Carpentier-Alting would like off this committee because the meeting times conflict with his schedule. Dave Clarke volunteered to be on this committee.
- **Planning & Budget** – Rhonda Brown, Neil Carpentier-Althing, Maria Fernandez, Jenny Heath, Mike Tischler (Faculty Association President), and the Academic Senate President currently serve on this committee.
- **Accessibility** – Jude Baldwin serves on this committee. We have placed Natalie Bradley on this committee to replace Sunny Greene.
- **ADHS Advisory Committee** – Michelle Knudsen serves on this committee.
- **DSPS Advisory Committee** – Wenli Chang, Michelle Knudsen, and Shirley Louie serve on this committee. We have placed Natalie Bradley on this committee to replace Sunny Greene. Marcy DeMetro asked to also serve on this committee.
- **EOPS Advisory Committee** - Michelle Knudsen serves on this committee. We have placed Natalie Bradley on this committee to replace Sunny Greene.
- **PTK Honor Society** – Marcy DeMetro and Ann Klein serve on this committee.
- **Instruction Council** – Jude Baldwin, Katie Gale, and Kim Parham serve on this committee. Andrea Craddock and Wenli Chang volunteered to replace Ed Kephart and Michele Korkowski on the committee. The Academic Senate Vice President also serves on the committee.
- **Safety** – Jenny Heath, Ed Kephart, and Abner Weed serve on this committee. Karen Harper also volunteered to be on this committee.
- **Administrative Council** – Jesse Cecil serves on this committee.
- **Student Services Council** – Marcy DeMetro, Michelle Knudsen, and Shirley Louie serve on this committee. Carly Zeller also volunteered for this committee.
- **Technology Council** – Jesse Cecil and Alison Varty serve on this committee. Maria Fernandez also signed up for this committee.
- **Web Committee** – Mark Beaulieu currently serves on this committee. Jayne Turk has also volunteered to serve on this committee.

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- **SLO Committee** – Liz Carlyle, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Andrea Craddock, Katie Gale, Shirley Louie, and Patrice Thatcher-Stephens currently serve on this committee.
 - **Library Ad Hoc Committee** – Shawn Abbott, Liz Carlyle, Wenli Chang, and Ann Klein serves on this committee
 - **CTE Liaison** – Michelle Korkowski
 - **OER Liaison** – Katie Gale
 - **Student Conduct & Grievance** – Shawn Abbott, Liz Carlyle, Ed Kephart, Michelle Knudsen, Jayne Turk, and Chris Vancil serve on this committee. Ron Slabbinck volunteered to serve on this committee to replace Shawn when she retires in December.
 - Alison Varty motioned to approve these committee appointments, Wenli Chang seconded, motion passed.
- i. **Mentor for new faculty member, Natalie Bradley** – Patrice Thatcher-Stephens volunteered to be a mentor for our DSPS director, Natalie Bradley.
- D. Reports from Committees**
- a. **Curriculum Committee** – Mike Graves said that the Curriculum Committee is meeting every Thursday morning and are working hard to approve courses.
 - b. **DE** – Maria Fernandez emailed faculty about @ONE courses available this summer. She reminded faculty that they need to be certified to teach online courses. Importantly, if you take these courses in the summer, they will count towards Flex next year and you will also be reimbursed for the course.
- E. Adjournment: 10:05 am** – Mike Graves motioned to adjourn, Maria seconded, motion passed.

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