



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

October 16th, 2020 (convened at 3:00 pm) in Zoom.

Attendees: Shawn Abbott, Jude Baldwin, David Blink, Natalie Bradley, Liz Carlyle, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Wenli Chang, Dave Clarke, Hallie Coppi, Andrea Craddock, Marcy Demetro, Katie Elwood, Maria Fernandez, Jenny Heath, Ed Kephart, Ann Klein, Michelle Knudsen, Tyler Knudsen, Michele Korkowski, Shirley Louie, Ron Slabbinck, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Mike Tischler, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, Carly Zeller and part-time faculty representatives Sherry Ackerman and Sarah Kirby. Mark Klever, Char Perlas, Charlie Roche, and Cheryl Coppin also attended the meeting.

A. Public Comments

- a. No public comments were given.

B. Approval of the Minutes

Maria Fernandez motioned to approve; Katie Elwood seconded. Motion passed.

C. Committee Reports

- a. Distance Learning: Chair Maria Fernandez reported that courses are being prepared for Winter and Spring for the OEI Finish Faster exchange. Faculty are still working on certifications for teaching online. Please send your badge to Maria by Dec 31st.
- b. Curriculum:
 - E-Lumen--Chair Katie Elwood reported that the deactivation workflow is up and running. Please make a note of any programs that might be impacted by deactivation of your course. Faculty should continue to enter programs into eLumen and reach out to any Curriculum Committee members for help. Mike Tischler asked about the end result of program entry and noted that it is a clerical work. Maria Fernandez mentioned that there is precedent for entering programs by student workers. Dr Char Perlas noted that it is helpful if faculty know how to do this as new programs will be proposed this way.
 - DE Addendum--Katie reminded everyone that Dec 31st is the deadline for the DE Addendum for all courses.
 - Credit for Prior Learning—Dr Perlas reminded faculty that the deadline for CPL is Dec 31st for the AP/BP to be approved by the Board. The AP will go before the Instruction Council on 11/5 and College Council 11/11. It must

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also be approved by Senate. Maria Fernandez asked how CPL will impact the Curriculum process. Oct 27th is the next workshop with Kate Mahar but only for those who attended the previous workshops. Maria Fernandez asked if faculty are going to get training. Dr Perlas offered to reach out to Kate Mahar to see if she can present to the Academic Senate. Mike Tischler noted that CPL addresses equity issues related to Credit by Examination.

- c. Flex: Chair Patrice Thatcher-Stephens shared the activities for Flex day on Oct 24th. The activities will count for flex if a completed Flex Analysis form is submitted to the Instruction Office by EOD. If you took a course over the summer, you may also apply for Flex. There will be an hour dedicated to Racial Literacy training to share and collaborate on ideas.
- d. Equivalency: Nothing to report from Chair Shawn Abbott.
- e. Instruction Council:
 - VP Neil Carpentier-Alting reported that Instruction Council approved the Academic Calendar for 2021-22. Calendar Committee brought it forward without the Winter session; Jayne Turk noted that the Calendar Committee decided that courses could be either a late or early start instead. Neil reported that Instruction Council weren't informed of the action of the Committee and so they voted to reinstate it. In the Winter intersession, ¼ of the students are from other colleges, success rates are higher and 1 in 6 students is tied to athletics.
 - IPB: The Committee voted 6 to 5 against the budget. In College Council, it was voted 4 to 2 to approve. Mike Tischler noted the lengthy Q and A session. The intent for IPB was to plan and then develop the budget according to the plan. Instead the budget is just brought forward without the planning process. We currently are represented by five faculty although there should be six according to initial approval. Any change in membership should go through a governance process and it was noted that this shows the need for a written process for shared governance. As co-chair, Academic Senate President Ron Slabbinck should be making the decisions around membership.

D. Action / Discussion Items

- a. Motion to approve Vital Source—Maria Fernandez moved to approve. Jude Baldwin seconded. Motion passed with one “no” vote. Ron thanked Maria, Jude, Ryan and the Exec Committee for their work.
- b. Discussion on Social Justice and Equity--Senate President Slabbinck opened the discussion. He just attended an Area A, ASCCC meeting and noted that all colleges in our area are looking through the lens of equity and social justice in their decision-making. It would be good for our own Senate resolution that reflects our campus. COS paid \$25,000 to be part of a consortium of colleges who are doing work on social justice. What can we do with these trainings? What do we as an institution want to do that embodies social justice and equity? Mike Tischler asked if this was

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just the Senate or Institution wide. There is a concern that the board is not responsive, and unless there is institutional commitment it's not going to work. Patrice Thatcher-Stephens noted that a priority would be to address the barriers to equity and social justice and faculty innovation stipends for curriculum might help. Chris Vancil informed the Senate that the District did not support the "Black Miners of Siskiyou County" project that he is involved with and instead it was presented at the Sons of Italy Hall in Weed. Ron Slabbinck noted that institutional commitment is important if we are to make a difference.

- c. Hiring Committee—Senate voted to affirm Ed Kephart, Tim Frisbie, and Jayne Turk on the Hiring committee for Head Football coach.

E. Good of the Order

F. Adjournment: 4:04 pm

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