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## Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

Aug 20th, 2021 (convened at 1:01 pm) in Zoom.

**Attendees:** Sherice Bellamy, Jude Baldwin, David Blink, Natalie Bradley, Liz Carlyle, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Jesse Cecil, Wenli Chang, Dave Clarke, Andrea Craddock, Marcy Demetro, Maria Fernandez, Tim Frisbie, Jenny Heath, Kyle Irwin, Ann Klein, Michelle Knudsen, Shirley Louie, Tasha McCall, Ron Slabbinck, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Kirk Thomsen, Mike Tischler, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, Alison Varty, Abner Weed, Thad Wallace, Mike Wilson, Carly Zeller and part-time faculty representatives Sarah Kirby and Monica Harle. Val Roberts, Mark Klever, and Stephanie Wroten also attended the meeting.

### A. Public Comments

An email was just sent out from Interim Superintendent Dr Char Perlas on an immediate campus closure due to an outbreak of Covid-19 on campus. Tyler Knudsen noted that athletes will be tested starting tomorrow at 7 am following outbreak protocols.

### B. Approval of Minutes

May 14<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>-- Jayne Turk motioned to approve, Kirk Thomsen seconded. Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously.

### C. Action / Discussion Items

1. Senate President Dr Ron Slabbinck gave the opening address. This feels like our first year to work collaboratively as an institution, and he is heartened and encouraged by the discussions and open and positive dialogue, as shown in the Assessment Flex activity this morning. His goal is to work from a positive mindset. He congratulated the Flex Committee for two days of relevant in-service training.
2. Welcome to Thad Wallace in Welding and Manufacturing Technology and Tasha McCall in Nursing. Carly Zeller volunteered to be the mentor for Tasha McCall and Jesse Cecil volunteered to mentor Thad Wallace.
3. Committee Rosters—There are vacancies on committees to replace faculty who have vacated their positions at the college
  - David Blink would like to move to Curriculum committee.
  - Maria Fernandez asked if DE coordinator was a voting member on Curriculum Committee. Curriculum Committee Chair Neil Carpentier Alting will add this item for discussion at Curriculum Committee.

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- Tyler Knudsen and Wenli Change will join SLO committee.
  - The new Marketing Committee should be added to the roster. Mike Tischler recommended that we hire professional marketing firm. Maria Fernandez suggested that we have HEERF funds to cover this expense.
  - Liz Carlyle volunteered to be on Instructional Council position. Dave Clarke is also interested if his schedule allows for it.
  - Pillar 1 co-chair and the Guided Pathways Steering committee position is also open. This should be the Curriculum chair as recommended by the Community College Foundation, and standard protocol across institutions. However, we are a small faculty and perhaps it could be someone who is on Curriculum Committee? Ron Slabbinck will attend the first Steering Committee meeting and find out. Neil Carpentier Alting will also put the Pillar 1 co-chair position on the Curriculum Committee agenda.
  - Patrice Thatcher Stephens volunteered to be on College Council to replace Hallie Coppi.
  - Natalie Bradley would like to step down from IPB due to other commitments. Alison Varty is interested but she is unsure if she can make the time. Kirk Thomsen is also interested in this appointment. Mike Tischler is on IPB as Faculty Association President and not as a Senate appointment. Jude Baldwin is on Instruction council as the librarian representative (and not Academic Senate). It was recommended that their names be marked with an asterisk to indicate that they are not Senate appointments to ensure we have full representation on these committees. As co-chair, Ron Slabbinck will prioritize full representation on IPB.
  - Emergency Preparedness Committee—Director of Facilities, Ronnie Rivera, contacted Ron Slabbinck about this new committee as required by the Emergency Operations Plans for Institutions of Higher Education. We started this plan several years ago but never fully finished all of the trainings due to Covid-19 pandemic. The hope is the future Covid-19 mitigation can shift from IMT to this group for guidance and campus communication, although this is not the main focus. It was noted that the Safety committee did not go through the appropriate participatory governance initially. It would be good to have full representation from all sectors on campus. IMT has a specific mandate. It sets up a structure and chain of command in case of wild fire or an active shooter, but has morphed into managing the Covid-19 protocols. The Emergency Preparedness committee will now take on this charge. Ron Slabbinck will meet with Ronnie and Mark Klever to find out the full purpose of this committee and come back to Senate with questions addressed. Kirk Thomsen and Mike Tischler would also like to attend the meeting.
4. Faculty Handbook--Neil Carpentier Alting thanked everyone for their review comments in Flex workshop yesterday. He would like to approve it as a living document and update it as needed. It has already been reviewed once by faculty at the end of Spring semester. Maria Fernandez motioned to approve; Dave Clarke seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
  5. List of Senate priorities for AY 2021-22--Senate reviewed the list generated by Senate Exec based on discussions last year.
    - Open Educational Resources (OER)--Maria Fernandez noted that not many faculty are using OER. We are required to indicate Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) on the schedule if a course uses OER but we are lacking personnel in Banner and scheduling. Mike Tischler noted that the Senate voted not to mandate OER and to leave it up to the instructor's

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decision. Considering the discussion in Senate, it might be an important goal for our next year. Maria Fernandez suggested that we offer incentives for faculty to design courses around OER paid by HEERF funds. Andrea Craddock suggested using CARES Act funding for Accessibility in our courses (making and captioning videos). Wenli Change asked about a place to make videos on campus. Maria Fernandez noted that DECT is the captioning service for the community colleges. Amara has a library of pre-captioned videos that faculty can use in their courses. 3C media will store videos for instructors. There are resources in Canvas on how to caption videos in YouTube and Canvas Studio. YouTube auto captioning does not meet accessibility requirements.

- Maria Fernandez asked about the two new faculty positions approved in the budget and whether these positions are still on the table. Chris Vancil asked about replacing Michele Korkowski and Katie Elwood. Faculty Hiring was added to our list of priorities.

#### D. Good of the Order

Natalie Bradley, Director of SAS, reported that SAS is starting a peer mentoring program. If instructors know of students who can peer mentor, please let her know. Sarah Weatherby is the new temporary worker at SAS and comes highly recommended from Shasta College.

#### E. Adjournment: 2:13 pm

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