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ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
Friday, October 14, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
DLC 04

Convened at 10:00

Attendance – Andrea Craddock, Ron Slabbinck, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Ann Womack, Tyler Knudsen, Jayne Turk

1. OPEN SESSION

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- The Senate Exec has responsibility to limit contact with administration. That should be left to the Senate President, so we have a single voice representing us. When we do have meetings in our roles outside of Exec, it is important to stay in our lanes. The Senate President speaks for all faculty members, and, if not, it is important to be clear about who the President is speaking for. Faculty can ask for the President to attend meetings with administrators if having the weight of the Senate is important.
- In next Senate meeting, take time to clarify roles as individuals and our groups (Senate versus FA) to educate new faculty and remind others.
- Andrea's Senate priorities survey with selection and ranking functions worked well.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the September 16, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) Status of VPAA search: Dr. Perlas has been open to hearing concerns and takes ownership of her decision.
- b) Prioritizing Goals in Academic Senate Survey to get Additional Feedback from Faculty Members: So far, the top choice on the survey is the formation of a data taskforce. There have been 10 responses.
- c) Highlight different faculty members at Board of Trustees meetings:
 - The President would like to highlight faculty members at Board meetings, perhaps using a survey with fun, non-traditional questions. Will get feedback from Senate. Discussed idea of Exec members meeting with Board members.

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President: Andrea Craddock
Secretary: Ann Womack
At Large: Tyler Knudsen

Vice-President: Patrice Thatcher
At-Large: Jayne Turk
Past President: Ron Slabbinck

- For Campus Connections, the President would like to highlight faculty success stories and will ask faculty to share theirs.
- d) Student Equity Plan – Regina Weston
- There will be a more in-depth discussion during Senate meeting.
 - Due to impacts of the pandemic, the data used for the plan (from 2020-2021), may not be representative of current situations (ex. whites disproportionately impacted).
 - Plan is meant to be institution wide, everything we implement impacts all students. The plan is race-conscious and equity-driven. Not deficit minded.
 - Leverages different pools of money, which allows for more holistic approach.
 - Need Senate approval and would like feedback.
 - Carly, Val, Patrick, Nathan, Regina all worked on plan. Would have liked to include more people because this plan is not just student services but is institution-wide, but most work occurred during the summer.
 - Textbooks – book vouchers are not going away but will be target toward groups identified in plan.
 - We could be a ZTC campus. Must commit to making non-OER books available to students. Could have immediate impact on enrollment. Regina will add idea to her presentation.
 - We are working on auto awarding degrees for students who meet requirements. New student services software to track each student in terms of what services they are receiving and other notes.
- e) Faculty Diversity Internship Program – Alison Varty
- Alison Varty will present during a Senate meeting for to introduce program and get feedback.
 - The programs would bring interns into online classes.
 - Concern was expressed about additional work for faculty mentors.
 - How will we find graduate students to work with?
- f) Spring Schedule: All the Deans will come to Senate meeting to go over modalities, obstacles, etc. regarding the Spring schedule. Scheduling blocks should be designed around 4-unit blocks, not 3.
- g) Revisions to Academic Senate webpage: The Secretary will be sending an email to Weblinks with list of updates. Let Ann know if there is anything you notice that needs to be modified.
- h) Nominating Emeritus Faculty: Tim Frisbie will nominate Phil Maas.
- i) ASCCC Fall Plenary: This is a hybrid event with in-person attendance in Sacramento. Dates are Thurs, Nov 3 to Sat, Nov 5. Per Char, the District will support Andrea and Ron to attend.
- j) New Faculty Onboarding Canvas Course: The course will be shared with Exec for review. There is some urgency to make available to new faculty. Andrea will reach out to instruction office about whose responsibility it will be to administer and maintain.
- k) Zero- and Low-Textbook Costs Definitions – Jude Baldwin

5. OFFICER REPORTS

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Secretary
- d) At-Large: Two faculty members are applying for sabbaticals.

Adjourned at 11:03.