## **Academic Senate**

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## ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, December 2, 2022 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. DLC 04

Convened at 10:01

In attendance: Tyler Knudsen, Jayne Turk, Andrea Craddock, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Ann Womack, Ron Slabbinck

- 1. OPEN SESSION
- 2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 8, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved.

## 4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) Letter to Administrators regarding failure to adhere to Program Review timeline and process: LAS programs for review this AY still do not have data, which should have been received in June. There is a need for leadership for the process to work as designed. Minor edits to the letter were suggested. Andrea will send letter next week after giving Senate Exec more time to make suggestions.
- b) Amendments to Brown Act provisions for teleconferenced meetings (AB 2449 (Rubio, 2022)): Andrea presented information about update to the Brown Act to allow for teleconferencing. The amendments allow for more flexibly for teleconferencing due to emergencies and just causes (childcare, illness, disability, etc.). Individuals can only attend 20% of meetings via teleconferencing (or 3 months). Teleconferencing individuals must have their cameras on. There is a process for ADA compliance. Importantly, quorum is determined only by the number of in-person attendees. If there is a teleconference disruption, the meeting stops. Teleconferencing location do not need to be listed on the agenda. These new provisions go into effect January 1, 2023. We may want to change Zoom link for each meeting so we can better keep track of who is on Zoom and to encourage in-person attendance.

- c) <u>Pillar 1 Academic and Career Pathways:</u> It's unclear if the Senate needs to approve the pathways. It was noted that the pathways approved by Pillar I do not match groupings listed in 2021-2022 catalog.
- d) <u>Faculty Prioritization Taskforce Results:</u> We have faculty volunteers to serve on all hiring committee for all positions expect DE Coordinator where one more faculty member is needed.
- e) <u>Block Scheduling for Courses (Jayne)</u>: Currently, it is difficult or impossible for students to take a full-load of courses in-person, so our scheduling blocks are being revisited. Instructional Council is also seeking direction regarding class scheduling. Jayne Turk presented proposed schedule blocks designed with the goal of enabling students being to take a full in-person load. This is important because we need in-person classes for recruitment and retention. Also, when classes cross blocks, is prevents students from adding another class. The proposed blocks were designed for 4-unit classes. It was noted that studio and lab classes will be difficult to fit into the proposed blocks.
- f) No more COVID funds and COVID EWs: It is understood that COVID will not be an allowable reason for an EW starting this Fall 2022. Andrea will ask for clarification from Char.

## 5. OFFICER REPORTS

- a) President
  - i) Tyler Knudsen Student Housing Ad Hoc Committee: We will make Tyler's appointment official at the next full Senate meeting. This committee is to start compiling information for the housing building. 2027 is earliest opening for the new building.
  - ii) Academic Senate agenda: Andrea will send out questionnaire. We will add schedule blocks to the agenda.
- b) Vice-President
- c) Secretary
- d) At-Large

Adjourned at 11:30 am.