

**Academic Senate**

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Regular Meeting, December 10th, 2021 (convened at 1:01 pm) in Zoom.

Attendees: Jude Baldwin, Sherice Bellamy, Natalie Bradley, Liz Carlyle, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Dave Clarke, Andrea Craddock, Maria Fernandez, Tim Frisbie, Jenny Heath, Kyle Irwin, Ann Klein, Michelle Knudsen, Tyler Knudsen, Shirley Louie, Ron Slabbinck, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Mike Tischler, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, Alison Varty, Abner Weed, Mike Wilson, Carly Zeller, and part-time faculty representative Sarah Kirby. Mark Klever, Val Roberts, Christina Van Alfen, Stephanie Wroten, Charlie Roche, Julius Jones and Kim Peacemaker also attended the meeting.

Not present: David Blink, Jesse Cecil, Wenli Chang, Sean Kenny, Ed Kephart, Natasha McCall, Kirk Thomsen, Thad Wallace and part-time faculty representative Monica Harle.

A. Public Comments

None.

B. Committee Reports

1. **Distance Learning**— Chair Maria Fernandez reported Professional Development Awards have passed through IPB and will soon be available to faculty. The classic Canvas quizzes are sunseting in 2023. The new quiz features will be available in January for instructors to try out.
2. **Curriculum**—Chair Neil Carpentier Alting reported that there are 29 courses in the queue to meet the CSU and UC deadlines. Curriculum Committee will complete their review by next week.
3. **SLO Committee**— Chair Neil Carpentier Alting will finalize the settings in eLumen in the Assessment module in January. Coordinator training will begin in February, and volunteer faculty will be trained in March. Assessments will be conducted in April and May to gather data and prepare for full implementation in Fall 22.
4. **Instruction Council**—Instruction Council passed the Enrollment Management Plan, which is an older snapshot pre-Covid.

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5. **Flex**—Chair Patrice Thatcher Stephens reported that the Mandatory Flex day on January 28th will be held on Zoom and F2F. The keynote speaker is on Emotional Wellness and DEI. The Optional Flex day is on February 5th.
6. **Equivalency**—Chair Andrea Craddock reported that Equivalency will meet in the new year to review and revise AP 7211.
7. **SJEDI**—There is a retreat in January; invitation by email. The speaker from Santa Rosa Junior College is next week.
8. **OER**—OER Liaison Jude Baldwin reported that there is funding for faculty interested in developing their own OER textbook. Jayne Turk and David Blink are on the OER workgroup with the DL committee members.

C. Consent Agenda

Mike Tischler requested that the Emergency Declaration be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes--Academic Senate meeting, November 15th, 2021
2. PTK Honor Society – Jayne Turk and Patrice Thatcher-Stephens offered to co-chair.

Mike Tischler motioned to approve; Maria Fernandez seconded. Motion carries.

Aye: Sherice Bellamy, Jude Baldwin, Natalie Bradley, Liz Carlyle, Andrea Craddock, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Dave Clarke, Maria Fernandez, Tim Frisbie, Jenny Heath, Kyle Irwin, Michelle Knudsen, Tyler Knudsen, Shirley Louie, Ann Klein, Ron Slabbinck, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Mike Tischler, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, Alison Varty, Abner Weed, Mike Wilson, Carly Zeller, and Sarah Kirby.

Nay: none

Abstain: none

Not present: David Blink, Jesse Cecil, Wenli Chang, Ed Kephart, Sean Kenny, Natasha McCall, Kirk Thomsen, Thad Wallace

Items pulled from the Consent Agenda--The Academic Senate discussed the declaration that a state of emergency continues because of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and to conduct its meetings via Zoom without worry of violating the public participation requirements of the Brown Act. Mike Tischler asked why the Board of Trustees declaration is not sufficient for all Brown Act bodies on campus. He also noted the discrepancy between what we're saying students can do and what we do in our meetings. The Governor's Emergency Declaration will expire on Jan 31st, 2022. The Senate doesn't meet until February so we will see whether the Governor will renew the declaration. Senate tabled the item: Jayne Turk motioned; Abner Weed seconded.

Aye: Sherice Bellamy, Jude Baldwin, Natalie Bradley, Liz Carlyle, Andrea Craddock, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Dave Clarke, Maria Fernandez, Tim Frisbie, Jenny Heath, Kyle Irwin, Michelle Knudsen, Tyler Knudsen, Shirley Louie, Ann Klein, Ron Slabbinck, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Mike Tischler, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, Alison Varty, Abner Weed, Mike Wilson, Carly Zeller, and Sarah Kirby.

Nay: none

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Abstain: none

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D. Action / Discussion Items

1. Participatory Governance Handbook and Flow Chart of Committees and Councils.

Ron Slabbinck received feedback from Nathan Rexford.

- “In consultation with the College President”-- Because of Title V language, in the extreme case where two employees on the same committee and when those two employees have HR issues, the President may be consulted. This language is for extreme situations rather than common practice. Dave Clarke suggested adding language that states the right of appointment remains with the Academic Senate.
- Anti-discrimination statement—Nathan Rexford hoped the language would indicate full freedom of speech bar anti-discrimination. Dave Clarke sees this document as both an organization document and a management document; it might be good to parse out the differences. Maria Fernandez requested that subjective language be removed, such as decorum, and use legal language that is already clearly defined.
- Maria Fernandez asked where departments fit into the flow chart. Specifically, the English department has been working on program discontinuance for the local AA degree and the governance process is potentially disrupting the recommendation by Faculty over their curriculum. Mike Tischler pointed out that Instruction Council does not have full representation of faculty due to the ASM classification. Ron Slabbinck noted that the Chabot template would help us ensure the committee representations reflects the charge. Maria Fernandez asked that the process be clarified so we know who is responsible and who to ask. Chris Vancil reported that History ADT was changed without his knowledge. Liz Carlyle reported that the English ADT had courses added in COCI without faculty knowledge. Jenny Heath reported a similar situation with CHEM classes and prerequisites. Neil Carpentier-Alting asked if the Program Approval process should go through Curriculum Committee first (approvals, updates, deletions etc). Jayne Turk noted that Administration approval should be returned to “support” of the curriculum.
- Dave Clarke clarified that Senate needs the ability to get information to the board without it going through the President’s Office, specifically on the agenda. This is an important codified right of the Academic Senate.
 - Credit for Prior Learning (CPL). Ron Slabbinck reported that there are language changes with the CSU and UCs so our AP will need revising accordingly. The biggest sticking issue is the list of course that are available

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for CPL. FA President Mike Tischler reported that the new supplementary hourly pay would apply for faculty who agree to a CPL request.

- Abner Weed asked if the credit by exam would be equal across all courses in a discipline. Ron Slabbinck reported that there are good resources in the CPL shell that he can share with faculty.
 - Dave Clarke noted that it should be called credit by assessment to reflect the true nature of what we are doing. CPL assumes that learning exactly matches outcomes.
 - Christina Van Alfen explained that the transcript has a notation that shows the courses are earned through “credit by exam”. Michelle Knudsen said this notation would probably not negatively impact students.
2. Academic Honesty Policy. Ron Slabbinck requested that the Senate appoint a taskforce to bring language to the Academic Senate in the first or second meeting in Spring. Maria Fernandez requested that the Academic Honesty Policy language tie in with DL academic integrity guidelines. Carly Zeller, Liz Carlyle, and Alison Varty agreed to serve on the task force. Maria Fernandez motioned to approve; Jayne Turk seconded. Motion carries.

Aye: Sherice Bellamy, Jude Baldwin, Natalie Bradley, Liz Carlyle, Andrea Craddock, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Dave Clarke, Maria Fernandez, Tim Frisbie, Jenny Heath, Kyle Irwin, Michelle Knudsen, Tyler Knudsen, Shirley Louie, Ann Klein, Ron Slabbinck, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, Mike Tischler, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, Alison Varty, Abner Weed, Mike Wilson, Carly Zeller, and Sarah Kirby.

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3. Senate Constitution Amendment. The Senate Constitution is in conflict with the CBA. Senate Exec is seeking advice on how to make changes to the constitution regarding removing the duty of chairing the Sabbatical committee from the VP. FA President Mike Tischler noted that the CBA changed after the Constitution, and that the VPAA is a non-voting member. Senate Exec will bring an amendment to the full Senate so the constitution is in alignment with the CBA. Tischler also asked about the past practice of the last sabbatical member being on the sabbatical committee. Should this also be included?
4. Faculty Orientation. Ron Slabbinck will send a link to the Canvas shell by email.
5. Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Ron Slabbinck will send the DEI rubrics to faculty by email.

E. Good of the Order

F. Adjournment: 2:34 pm

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