



Academic Senate

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Academic Senate Executive Council Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2024

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm in DLC Rm #3

Attendance:

Jayne Turk, Andrea Craddock, Tyler Knudsen, Ann Womack, Liz Carlyle, Ron Slabbinck, Patrice Thatcher-Stephens

Convened at: 3:32 pm

1) OPEN SESSION

2) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on February 5, 2024, were unanimously approved.

4) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a) SLO Assessment Philosophy Statement – Ann Womack and Liz Carlyle

In researching assessment programs at other colleges, Liz found that institutions with robust assessment programs had philosophy statements.

The philosophy statement was drafted by combining resources from other colleges that matched the needs for COS. A subset of the SLO Assessment committee worked on revising and refining the statement.

This is a draft statement. The committee is open to revising the format and/or content to create a statement that most faculty can support.

There was positive feedback for the format and emphasis that assessment falls under faculty purview.

May be better to blend point #7, grades versus SLO assessment, into “what is assessment?” point. The goal with point #7 is to highlight the importance of SLO assessment because it provides different information than course grades.

Clarify that #7 is about FINAL grades.

b) Update on DL Ongoing Professional Requirements

The committee reviewed the notes from 12/12/23 DL Committee meeting attended by Andrea and Ann. Regarding ongoing professional development requirements. Senate Exec had asked for a minimum number of hours and better integration with Flex.

The new requirements include 9 hours or 3 flex days every 3 years. Those whose certification is about to expire will only have to do 1 flex day.

The DL Committee agreed that all committee members will review non-preapproved activities for approval.

Senate Exec was supportive of the requirements.

Does everyone have the same requirements for ongoing development regardless of degree of initial training?

Date cutoffs for the 3-year period will need to be clarified. Faculty can be given a choice to apply activities to current or future 3-year period if an activity occurs in summer.

The DL Committee still needs to reach out to the Flex committee.

It would be helpful if Flex activities for DL could be scheduled well in advance so faculty can plan.

Most @ONE courses would satisfy the requirement for all 3 years.

c) Local Decision-Making Handbook (Updated Appendix C)

Appendix C with committee charges and composition was added.

Each committee provided the included information.

Faculty are in the minority on Instruction Council (7 nonfaculty and 5 faculty). Instruction Council responsibilities are part of 10+1. Dilution of faculty voice takes away purview provided by Ed Code. This should be brought up during the Senate meeting.

d) Taskforces on GE categories

Andrea met with Neil and Michelle about revising the COS GE pattern including the courses in each area.

The state has pushed back the requirement having an Ethnic Studies area until Fall 2025, so it was suggested that we hold off on the approved area modifications until we have reviewed and modified the courses in each area. This will minimize confusion for students.

- e) AI Policy for Academic Purposes

5) OFFICER REPORTS

- a) President

- i) Textbook adoption/bookstore

Andrea sent an email to the bookstore and the VPAS over the weekend following the last Senate Exec meeting summarizing the discussing outcomes. Per Mark Fields, there is scheduling symposium scheduled for March, and the textbook adoption timeline could be discussed then.

Andrea visited the bookstore and spoke with Sara on Wednesday. While there, she noticed incorrect books for her classes and was told they couldn't order one of her OER books. Andrea invited Sara to our next Senate meeting, but Sara declined. The VPAS will come to the Academic Senate in March to discuss the bookstore and textbook adoption/delivery issues.

Andrea created and distributed a list of faculty needs that would be helpful to implement to make the process smoother.

There was a suggestion to create a general faculty due date calendar that could include textbook adoption dates.

- b) Vice-President
- c) Secretary
- d) At-Large

Adjourned at: 4:35 pm

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