



Academic Senate
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ACADEMIC SENATE Minutes
August 14, 2014
ESTC 113

A. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

http://www.siskiyous.edu/academicsenate/agendas-minutes/Senate/2013-2014/2014_04_17%20Proposed%20Minutes.pdf

- Moved Reynolds, Second Read, passed unanimously

B. REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

- Update on Summer Discussions (Graves)
 - Summer meetings:
 - Scotty seems to be on same page as faculty and is looking to follow best practices; he knows we have problems and is working hard to fix them
 - Academic Management Structure:
 - Student learning model no longer exists.
 - Returning to best/proven practices with a two Dean structure.
 - LAS Dean position was advertised internally to give preference to the institution's existing talent.
 - Vice President of Academic Affairs positions was created due to small school size and limited numbers of administrators to allow for supervision of all areas of instruction and some related student services areas.
 - A Yreka Campus supervisor position in development.
 - Look for admin office rearrangement
 - Every CCC has ISAs now
 - Student Services VP likely to happen in Spring
 - Discussion ensued regarding how we have gained an additional layer of Admin while Faculty is shrinking.
 - Now we have an Admin to Faculty ratio of 1:3
 - FON numbers are calculated by District and may be inaccurate
 - 435 students dropped for non-payment, as of this date, only 220 re-enrolled
 - Canceling classes
 - Aug 11 meeting to cancel classes
 - Senate Discussion:
 - With FTES concern, we should NOT be cutting classes
 - Cutting classes=bad press
 - Success @ COS is based on faculty
 - Board seems to believe cutting students = less cost but ignores that, even without tuition, students bring positive dollars
 - What harm would be if we lose tuition but keep FTES?
 - We used to brag about our 17:1 ratio, good recruiting tool
 - What is we dropped cut point to 12?
 - Concern we are being LESS student friendly

Academic Senate Officers:
President: Michael Graves
Secretary: Jayne Turk
At Large: Ahmed Ismail

Vice-President: Sunny Greene
At Large: David Clarke
Past President: Sean Kenny

- Almost ALL student athletes were dropped
- Financial Aid delays/mistakes also hurting enrollment
- We need to keep EVERY student who has shown interest
- Shasta College-assessment to completely registered > 65 Minutes
- Equivalency Procedure Tweaks
 - Graves resurrected EQ procedure adopted by Senate last year with following changes:
 - COS President will assign an Administrator to serve
 - 5 faculty members on committee
 - 5 faculty are voting members, Administrator is non-voting
 - District likely to quickly adopt this procedure
 - Moved Clarke, second Cecil, passed unanimously
- Introduction of new Faculty Members:
 - Ron Slabbinck- Music Instructor
 - Jude Baldwin- Librarian

C. ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of Committee Member Appointments
 - College Council-Mike Graves, Steve Reynolds
 - Budget-Chris Vancil
 - VP Admin Services-Mike Graves, Shawn Abbott
 - Dean LAS-Shawn Abbott, Jayne Turk
 - Equivalency –Mike Tischler, Alison Varty, Jude Baldwin
 - Curriculum Committee-Sunny Greene, Cora Brownell
 - Program Review Committee-Patrice Thatcher, Kim Butler
 - Moved Kenny, Second Hirt, passed unanimously
- Designate Faculty Mentors for Ron Slabbinck-- Neil Carpentier-Alting, & Jude Baldwin--Jesse Cecil
 - Moved Carpentier-Alting, Second Gilmore, passed unanimously
- Calendar for 2014-15 > Spring Planning Day
 - Change current planning day to either Friday or Monday later in year
 - Current position takes Counselors, Advisors, Enrollment staff away from positions on busy day.
 - Moving requires change to finals week that creates difficulty for Faculty, Students, and grading
 - Moved Reynolds, Second Read, motion fails unanimously
 - Options, skipping it this time, adding in an optional Flex day, Saturday retreat. Concerns Scotty might have important tasks to accomplish on Flex day.
 - Motion: Spring Planning day be made into an optional Flex day for this year only. Vancil moves, Gilmore second. Passed with 2 opposing votes
- Senate Goals for the 2014-15 Year--to be completed via email

D. NEW BUSINESS

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 11-11:50 AM in DLC 03

E. ADJOURNMENT

Present:

