



Academic Senate

College of the Siskiyous

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Academic Senate Executive Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm in DLC Rm #3

Attendance:

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

Convened at: 3:32 pm

1. OPEN SESSION

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Should the Senate act regarding issues with food services? No dinner was served on 4/22 and only limited services were available on 4/23. Should students be required to have meal plan if we aren't able to consistently provide meals? This is in addition to other issues including limited number of calories when athletes require more. Students can't use meal points to order food via Toast, which athletes on tight schedules need to have access to in order to attend their classes on time.

This falls under Senate purview because it is an obstacle to student success and students being able to show up and participate in their classes. The Senate could advocate for meal plans to not be mandatory, but this hurts students because there are very few other ways for students in the Lodges to acquire nutritious food. Alternatively, the Senate could advocate for food services to develop a back-up plan for when staffing issues occur. There should be an option for a 19 meal-a-week plan (3 meals per weekday and 2 per day on the weekends).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 5, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) OER/ZTC incentives – Ron Slabbinck

Current work is focused on identifying courses, programs, and pathways that are ZTC.

We now have a ZTC/OER Canvas shell as a repository for resources that Ron will build out over the summer.

Ron now has access to the ZTC budget in Banner. We have >\$200k, some is earmarked for ADJ.

The OER workgroup survey last semester found that the majority of faculty are strongly in favor of using OER. Obstacles include compensation for work involved in converting courses to ZTC and concerns over OER materials being accessible. Ron reached out to the state regarding use of the grants funds to hire a consultant to evaluate OER materials as they are brought into courses. The DE and Instructional Design Coordinator can help with accessibility in how the materials are presented.

Faculty need someone to help them make the materials accessible, not just say whether they are or aren't accessible. This needs to be clarified. The faculty are asking for an accessibility specialist that remediates OER materials to make them accessible. Ron will speak with Mark Fields and let him know that much of this work hinges on hiring a fulltime accessibility specialist. This is in alignment with the Accessibility Capability Maturity Model initiative at the Chancellor's Office.

Incentives will be available for faculty converting courses to ZTC. Incentives will be tiered (Explorer for converting a module, Enthusiast for converting a course, Expert for converting the final course in program to create a ZTC pathway). Compensation for each tier is to be determined.

Senate Exec will review the final version of the incentives and response to request for accessibility specialist.

b) Status of Nursing Program – Hallie Coppi

CTE Advisory committees should be meeting once per year. There is no record of the Nursing Advisory Committee meeting since 2021. There are currently no courses scheduled for fall.

c) Senate Exec Election

Andrea is hearing negative feedback from a few faculty members about the nomination of Co-Presidents because our constitution does not allow for Co-Presidents and is relatively unprecedented state-wide. Those who have expressed reservations do not want to be President.

An alternative option could be to elect a President and Vice President now with the intention of amending the constitution and holding a special election in the fall.

With the current ballot (Ron and Ann are listed as Co-Presidents/Vice-Presidents), what would happen if individuals wrote in a different VP?

How would information be shared with Co-Presidents? Would only have the authority to speak on behalf of the Senate? One approach could be for the Co-Presidents to share an email. All incoming messages go to the shared email, but there isn't the ability to respond from a shared email, only individual email addresses.

The Senate intentionally decided that the Vice-President would only be a one-year position. The Co-President/Vice-President arrangement would not honor that.

d) State of the Senate Speech

5. OFFICER REPORTS

a) President

- i) Share Committee Roster to faculty before the Academic Senate meeting to make sure it is accurate.
- ii) There are currently no nominees for Academic Senate Secretary or Curriculum Committee Chair. The Guided Pathways Coordinator position is going away. There are vacancies on IPB, College Council, and Instruction Council. Mike Tischler asked to be removed from IPB. Jayne Turk needs to be removed from the Student Conduct and Grievance Committee. There are several faculty members who are on 0 or 1 committees. They will be encouraged to serve on more.
- iii) Andrea sent forward Senate feedback on the SEM plan, and it may be coming back through the governance process.

b) Vice-President

c) Secretary

d) At-Large

Adjourned at: 4:42 pm

Academic Senate Officers:

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

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

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