



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2020 (Convened at 4:10 pm) in DLC Rm #3 (Weed Campus) and Building 4 Rm #5 (Yreka Campus)

Attendees: Shawn Abbott, Marcy Demetro, Maria Fernandez, Katie Gale, Jenny Heath, Ed Kephart, Ann Klein, Michelle Knudsen, Michele Korkowski, Charlie Roche, Ron Slabbinck, Jayne Turk, Chris Vancil, Alison Varty, Mike Wilson, and Carly Zeller,. Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, Dr. Burt Peretti, Doug Haugen, and Sarah Kirby also attended the meeting.

A. No Public Comment – No public comment given.

B. Action / Discussion Items

- a. **Senate Exec Resolutions** – The Senate Exec put forward a couple of resolutions for approval from the Academic Senate
 - Resolution #3 (Resolutions #1 and #2 were passed on Oct 4, 2019 and Nov 5, 2019, respectively) pertains to the budget shortfall announced by the President last week (see below)
 1. Maria Fernandez motioned to approve resolution; Jenny seconded; motion passed (6 abstentions were noted).
 - Resolution #4 is a response to the letter from the Board (see below)
 1. Maria motioned to approve resolution; Charlie Roche seconded; motion passed (6 abstentions were noted).

******Resolution #3******

College of the Siskiyous Academic Senate Resolution: Budget Shortfall

Whereas the President of the college ignored collaborative processes outlined in AP 6200 by announcing a budget shortfall of 1.7 million to the campus community;

Whereas this budget shortfall and associated layoff timelines were announced in an all-campus meeting on February 11, 2020;

Whereas a further admission was made by the administration, at an IPB meeting on February 14, 2020 that management did not take into account the cost savings stemming from a significant number of employee retirements and resignations;

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Whereas a press release was issued before the Board approved the budget assumptions; and

Whereas the President has damaged the reputation of the college and engendered uncertainty and fear amongst the students, faculty, and staff about the college's future;

Be it therefore resolved:

The Academic Senate no longer trusts the President's fiduciary leadership or his ability to ensure the long-term fiscal stability of the college and district.

*****Resolution #4******

College of the Siskiyous Academic Senate Resolution: Response to Letter from the Board

Whereas the Academic Senate is empowered by the state legislature through AB1725 to communicate directly to the Board on academic and professional matters related to shared governance and budget development processes;

Whereas the Board's letter on December 10th, 2019 addressed to Academic Senate members demonstrates a disregard and contempt for our mandated role in college governance;

Be it therefore resolved:

The Academic Senate will continue to use its voice to communicate directly to the Board on academic and professional matters related to shared governance and budget development processes.

- **Adjournment: 5:00 pm**

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