

Faculty Senate Minutes
October 5, 2016
3:30pm – 5:00pm
Room 7101, Fremont Campus

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Members Present: Larissa Favela, Brenda Ahnholz, Sheryl Einfault, Lisa Wesoloski, Mark Grabiner, Roberto Santiago, Larissa Favela, Jeff Roberts, Drew Wise, KG Greenstein, Nan Zhou, Narinder Bansal, Jim McManus, Debbie Franklin, Marty Kludjian, Jacqlyn Vetter, Sobia Salem

Members Absent: Rose Margaret Itua

Others Present: Jeremy Levenberg, Rob Smedjfeld, Leta Stagnero, Janel Tomlin-Brown,

Started 8 minutes late

1. Share
 - a. Marty Kludjian is a new member of the senate. ASOC student representative.
 - b. Everyone introduced themselves and shared something about their department
2. Approval of minutes from Sept. 21, 2016 – Ahnholz (A)
3. Announcements – Brenda (I)
 - a. Faculty of the Month was announcement on Tuesday. It is Diane Berkland. Notimations will be requested in another week or two for November.
 - b. Faculty Prioritization Committee
 - i. Proposals are due this Friday. If you have an questions. Eight new faculty are being hired, and the two failed recruits are moving forward. Committees have been formed for the recruitments. Job description and job chair was included last year in the process, but it wasn't clear for this years process. Will back track once all proposals are received.
 - ii. Brenda – if a department is lucky enough to. Picking the best to serve on committess, you also have to think diversity (for example, diversity of subjects). This needs to be an consideration when forming the committee. Encourage consideration of diverse committee members.
 - c. Sabbatical Committee (need 3 faculty senate reps). Three faculty senate reps are needed to serve on the sabbatical group. This is a workgroup, not a committee, so it will not count towards committee work. Funding for 2-4

sabbaticals that will be awarded. Sheryl Einfalt is interested. Only two meetings for this workgroup. It's a faculty senate workgroup, so senate members are being asked first, and then a general call for volunteers will be sent to all faculty. Proposals are due by noon November 3. When this group meets will be determined by the members on the workgroup.

- d. Office/Classroom furniture (FP-21 and FP-8) – FP-8 has moc furniture for classroom set-up. Three different set-ups in FP-21 for faculty offices. Academic affairs would like to get feedback on this furniture. Desk chairs – some are great, some are not. The tables and chairs is great.
 - i. Rob – Office furniture – will one choice be made. Narrow it down to one. Standards for furniture in the new buildings. Like the tier structure of seating arrangements.
 - ii. Is there old furniture that will be surplused. But that won't happen until 2019. If you need new furniture now, for classrooms that are going to be staying, work with your dean. There are some specialized labs that will have one-on-one discussions about the furniture needs (art, science, etc.)
 - iii. KG-Thank you for the progressive office furniture options. All sit/stand desks.
 - e. SSSP representative – Nan Zhou. Thank you for being the SSSP representative. Feel free to update faculty senate as needed.
 - f. Need faculty - Physics Hiring Committee/Facilities Committee/DE
 - i. DE – needs a chair starting in spring 2016.
 - ii. Chair/Bookstore Advisory Committee – Looking for someone to advise the bookstore
4. GE Consent Agenda – Janel Tomblin-Brown (I)
- a. Last May GEOG 107/108 sparked a conversation about good ol' area 6 for GE. Should we create two sub groups for National and the other for Global. If so, what would we call these groups? What would the requirements. Area 6 has lost it's orginial intent. 2016-2017 goals is to vet this discussion.
 - b. 4 courses to review at the last meeting.
 - c. Passionate, educational, multiple possibilities – what would we call the subgroups, should we use and/or, or should it be required to take both? Students traveling to other nations/countries. Some classes in this area cover diversity/cultural interest, and if we include an “and” in this section, this increases the plan by three units. The committee is seeking feedback from faculty.
 - d. Rob – Always interesting topics. It's all about academics.
 - e. Brenda Reynoso did some research about what to do with the titles. She did find 19 require an ethnical studies component, multicultural, ethnic studies, ...
 - f. Definition for area 3 has two sub groups, and didn't add “and.” Decided not to include 3 units.
 - i. Jim – Add units is a bad idea. Was diving into subgroups a consensus

of the group.

1. It would be good for students to be well-rounded and know what's
- ii. Jeff – If 19 other institutions, is are local GE is different, than how is it different? If there is a consideration to adding something to our local plan A, how different is our plan A different from other colleges? And if it's different, how is it different?
 1. Rob - Ethnic studies as the name or at least a major part of it. I don't think many colleges are doing two courses.
- iii. Brenda - Why not add units to the GE plan? CSU GE is 30ish units. UC is 42 units.
- iv. Shouldn't be reactive to what others are doing, and adding units is a concern that should be discussed.
- v. Area 6 - Does this area still meet it's original intent? How many of the classes in area 6 will double count (to address the three extra units), and look at what other colleges are doing.
- vi. The courses need to be "wholly focused" on cultural or ethnic studies to be approved for Area 6.

5. Curriculum Consent Agenda

- a. Many years ago the Curriculum, DE, and GE committes never reported back to faculty senate. Other colleges have these groups report out because they are a subcommittee of faculty senate. The consent agenda makes it apparent that the faculty senate is aware of, and an opportunity to review the committee actions. This is not to micromanage their meetings, but more of a blessing and an opportunity to raise questions as needed during seante meetings.
- b. Moved to approve – Sheryl, Debbie seconded.

6. Ohlone College Bookstore review of faculty book ordering – Jeremy Levenberg (I)

- a. Has been at Ohlone for two years and 20 years in the business. Aristole has been here for four years.
- b. Bookstore has a goal. Simple to have the required and recommended materials two weeks before the semester begins. This takes a lot of work and planning. Looking for ways to improve this process. Top dollars at buy back time, or the best available price for textbooks.
 - i. Email blast
 - ii. Specific email follow-ups
 - iii. Division Office follow-up
 - iv. Challenges
 1. How to reach new faculty.?
 2. Class information changes from the time import is done and classes change.
 3. Students will financial assistance/need – they only way to purchase books is through the bookstore

4. Departments order textbooks for the entire department. What is the best mechanism for communicating this information.
 5. Price is a sensitive subject.
 - v. Looking for student members, as well as faculty. These individuals are needed on the council to help make these decisions.
 - vi. Brenda – this is important and we should talk about it. Brenda worked with Aristolte worked with the publishers to lower the cost of the textbook because they order in such large quantities.
 1. All courses approved in Curriculum require a textbook. – Is this a requirement?
 - a. Rob – the Course outline requires a textbook listing, but it could be suggested, not required.
 - b. This is a question that needs to be follow-up on.
 - vii. At another college, when you select what class you teach you also select a textbook.
 - viii. What’s the next step? Brenda will email faculty to find volunteers. The committee meets four times an academic year.
7. 2017-2018 Academic Calendar discussion – Nan Zhou (I)
- a. There is an argument is sticking with what has already been decided, but when something substantial is raised we should reevaluate.
 - b. Four week cyber section between fall and spring.
 - c. Nan – It would be really nice. The month of January can take some winter cyber classes, and then start spring that last week of January. It would be helpful to have a 4-week session. SSSP is bringing more students in. Early start for others college, Ohlone can capture students that missed other college deadline.
 - d. Mission and cabrillo offer winter classes.
 - e. Marty – just discussed this yesterday from ASOC. Most students were not leaning towards pushing back the spring semester. Students are excited about taking a short-term class during winter. They would rather overlap classes from winter with spring if 4 weeks are needed. Students are disinterested in having graduation and memorial day on the same weekend. Dissatisfaction from students about the finals schedule.
 - f. Leta – email communication. Challenges with cyber session. Start winter term in December and then not having to push spring back. We may need to officially add a titled. Further information will be brought back.
 - g. Narinder – if people are going to study, they will study. To say that if we push the spring back a semester, let’s try it and get data.
 - h. Brenda – Jeff O’Connell – we have had graduation on memorial day weekend before.
 - i. Jeff – I think it’s premature to vote.
 - j. Has cyber session been built into the schedule right now? Yes and it’s creating some issues. The vote is premature. Leta would like to come back

to senate to talk about a defined term.

- k. Chemistry does not have cyber sessions. What classes are having cyber sessions? Social science classes . The college really needs to have a defined term. Adjunct and load for example – challenge.

The meeting was uable to get to: Faculty Senate Bylaw revisions – Roberts/Vetter (I)

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm