COA Academic Senate

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Meeting Called To Order: 12:20pm on Zoom

Note: For Virtual meetings, senators indicate in the Zoom Chat No's and Abstentions.

Quorum: 50% + 1

Senators in Attendance: Richard Kaeser, Marissa Nakano, Andrew Park, Susanne Altenbach, George Cruz, Cady Carmichael, Jacob Schlegel, Jennifer Fowler, Bruce Pettyjohn, Jacinda Marshall, Jeff Sanceri, Fathia Mohamed

Guests in attendance: Vanson Nguyen, Stefanie Ulrey, Peter Olds, VP Maurice Jones, Robert Brem, Eva Jennings, Reza Majlesi

Agenda Item	Summary	Motion
Agenda Review &		Motion to Approve
Approval for February 2,		Review of Agenda
2023		
		First: Cady
		Carmichael
		Second: Sue
		Altenbach
		MOU
Review of minutes from	Any grammatical changes can be sent directly to	Motion to approve
December 1, 2022 tabled	M. Nakano or M. Goldstein.	minutes.
until Feb 16, 2023 meeting		
		First: Andrew Park

		Second: Jacinda Marshall
		MOU
Action Items:		
1. Confirmation of C. Pegues as CE Liaison (M. Goldstein)	Summary of Action Item #1: Dental Assisting Chair Carla Pegues has agreed to return as the CE Liaison!	Motion to approve the confirmation of Carla Pegues as the CE Liaison. First: Jennifer Fowler
		Second: Marissa Nakano
		MOU
2. Recommendation to form DAS Enrollment Management Committee (M. Goldstein)	Summary of Action Item #2: Recommendation that COA AS endorses creation of a district-level faculty enrollment management committee (DEMC). Originates from decisions being made around FTE without faculty input and data to support. We are the first local AS to start this movement Question: how much detail do we need to include? A general statement is necessary unless there are details that AS would like to emphasize	Motion for AS to endorse the creation of a district level to the DAS 1. Jacob Schlegel 2. Jacinda Marshall MOU

Discussion Items:		
 Class cancellations, schedule & modality changes (M. Jones) 	 Summary of #1: Shared that COA was second in its productivity numbers. Due to active faculty effort (intersession instruction and promotion of courses by individual instructors) Shared a chart comparing course modality versus FTES per Modality (for Fall 2022 productivity) Senators requested clarification about the percentages presented and what raw data was used. Inconsistencies; VP Jones requested that he finish his presentation before answering questions Class cancellation/changes policy communicated to all chairs. VP Jones shared the dates established between PCCD and PFT VP Jones presented recommendations and suggestions for 2023-2024 based on Fall 2022 percentages and data 	
	Questions & Feedback:	
	 M. Goldstein Feedback: emails sent at the start of the semester are not effective. Continue to have that commitment of communication between Deans, Chairs, and Faculty especially when it comes to scheduling and livelihood A. Park Feedback: the VPI has discretion to decide to keep a section that is low enrolled (I.e. 3-4 students), but it is not exercised enough at COA. VPI jones shared that he is also a steward of tax funds and needs to be mindful of how money is spent 	

	 J. Sanceri Feedback: there is no article in our contract which in-person courses are required to change modality based on an administrative decision. VPI Jones also shared that for full time faculty, there is an obligation to Feedback: we want more strategic and philosophical reasons why class cuts are being done, not just data and numbers determining cuts. Question: why do we cut classes weeks before it begins? Recommendation they shorten that time line. Answer: they do not cancel 15-20 units. They look at stagnant courses; how many other sections are offered through the district Senators were left with unanswered questions and lack of clarification on how makes the in-person courses "holding well" Observation that we are using old data to plan instead of quickly responding to what's happening and needed now
Officer Reports	No report
Announcements	 Vanson Nguyen: Prioritization is happening. Faculty are involved. Full time hiring requests popular the prioritization list. V. Nguyen provided historical reference with the AS and Faculty partnership. This has been years in the making!

	 Feb 14, 12:30 tentatively Senators joining the Chair of Chairs Meeting. Announcement will be made soon 	
DAS Updates/Announcements	No meeting of spring '23 yet. No announcements.	
Public Comment	 R. Brem: Brown Act rules are outdated and administrators are operating under these similar rules J. Fowler, C. Carmichael: expressed frustration surrounding the lack of transparency and communication. M. Goldstein and others expressed how slideshows with percentages and "data" are disheartening. We are hoping to have a conversation, but we keep getting the same presentation. J. Sanceri: be careful of the data and slides presenting. Making numbers appear more dramatic than they are 	Motion to extend meeting First: Cady Carmichael Second: Andrew Park MOU
Proposed agenda items for next meeting Feb 16, 2023	Email items to M. Goldstein for agenda items.	
Adjournment		Motion to adjourn at 1:30pm First: Andrew Park Second: Marissa Nakano MOU