

LASSEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC SENATE



APPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
3:00pm in HU-204

2014-2015

President

Cheryl Aschenbach

Senate President Aschenbach called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.
In attendance were Senators Cheryl Aschenbach, Carrie Nyman, Richard Swanson, Barbara Baston, Cory McClellan, and faculty guests Natalia McClellan and Ken Theobald.

Vice-President

Carrie Nyman

Approval of Agenda: (Swanson, McClellan: MSCU)

Minutes

Minutes from August 26, 2014 approved (McClellan, Baston: MSCU)

Secretaries

Lisa Gardiner

No Public Comment

Richard Swanson

Action

1. Approve 2014 Business IPR: (McClellan, Baston: MSCU)
Business instructor Ken Theobald was commended by the Senate for work he and Garrett Taylor devoted to the IPR. Senate had no further questions for Theobald regarding the IPR.
2. Approve Online Instructor's Handbook: McClellan Baston: MSCU
Aschenbach commented on the most recent revisions; many of these related to condensing language. Nyman asked about future additions that might include instructor training in use of online instruction. Aschenbach shared that an online faculty training is being soon, but more should be offered. Senate discussed the need for language that clearly states what "feedback" is and how many times student and instructor should communicate. Cory McClellan commented that a current problem with online instruction is difficulty including video clips with captions to meet accessibility standards.

Senators

Barbara Baston

Cory McClellan

Discussion

1. Review of Senate Statement on Athletic Team Schedules and Academic Standards.
Discussion included faculty frustration with athletic teams taking students out of classes, especially during final exam week, and acknowledged that this goes against the letter and spirit of the Senate Statement adopted in 2012. Discussion also recognized that there are no consequences for coaches and administration disregarding the statement by scheduling competitions in and around finals week and approving said schedules. Statement to be revisited as Senate feels necessary. For now, Senate will consider making the current statement more prominent, will share the statement with current administrators who weren't here in 2012, and will consider ways of making sure coaches are aware of the statement and try to abide by it.
2. Faculty Ethics Statement & AP 3050 Ethics Statement
Senate is revisiting the idea of an institution-wide ethics statement that combines all of the constituent groups' ethics statements. Regarding AP 3050, Aschenbach recognized that much of the document was "boiler plate language" and suggested the Senate consider personalizing the document to Lassen College and omitting some of the document's redundancies. No senators were interested in taking on the project, so this project will be placed on hold for now.

Reports

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- Senators
- Administration
- LCFA: Nyman reported that negotiations with the District “are still ongoing”

No Closed Session for Approve Minimum Qualifications and Equivalencies

Adjournment: (Baston, McClellan: MSCU) Senate adjourned at 3:35 p.m.