

EDISON STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE-WIDE FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM. Dr. Wilcox introduced himself as the campus-wide Faculty Senate President and explained that his agenda for the meeting was to introduce new faculty and develop a list of issues and concerns that the faculty would like to address over the coming semester.

After new faculty introduced themselves, Joan van Glabek gave a review of summer Faculty Senate actions. She described the discussion with Dr. Allbritten that came as a result of those senate meetings. Don Ransford added that the interactions with Dr. Allbritten had been positive, yet honest. Amanda Pollitt –Lehrian reported that Dr. Allbritten was pro-active in addressing communication concerns and shared governance issues.

Dr. Wilcox then opened the floor to comments about faculty concerns:

- Concern that attendance verification date is too close to the cut-off date for registration. Dr. Wilcox recommends that there be a break-out session afterward where the Calendar Committee meet and discuss the problem. The suggestion was made to talk to Dr. Watjen about it immediately.
- Need for clearer communication among faculty, administration, and campuses in general, but specifically within the Faculty Senate (re: minutes, agendas, feedback, etc.).
- Need for a Bylaws Committee to revise existing rules and clarify the role of Faculty Senate.
- Need to ensure that no other activities are scheduled during the time that is set aside for Faculty Senate meetings.
- Concern about late changes to master syllabus wasting faculty time. Suggestion that the VPAA office should adhere to a deadline when making changes. Additional concern about new mandates being added to the sections of the syllabus reserved for the faculty, detracting from faculty academic freedom.

Dr. Wilcox then called upon the chairs of the standing committees to give a brief summary of their work.

- Assessment Committee Chair Scott van Selow gave an overview as to the function of the committee and the plan to more clearly define the roles of committee members, to meet less and work more.
- Chair of Curriculum Committee Jennifer Grove reported that there is a new schedule this year for curriculum presentation, and that the committee will be more inclusive, open to adjunct and experts in their field for the three year commitment to committee service.
- Professional Development and Academic Technology Committees currently have no chair. The Academic Standards Committee will be electing a new chair this year to continue to deal with SACS concerns.

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The meeting concluded with a conversation about the standing faculty presentation at the Board of Trustees meeting. Dr. Wilcox asked for suggestions via email for upcoming BOT presentations that could then be worked into a schedule for the whole year. Break-out groups were formed, and the meeting was called to a close at 11:15 AM.

Catherine Wilkins
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