

Committee on Academics

Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday January 29th 2014 at 4:00 P. M.
Joe Crowley Student Union Room 317

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Hoover called the meeting for the Committee on Academics to order at 4:06 pm on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, in Room 317 in the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding committee secretary Jordanna Payne.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Cale, De Leon, Hoover, Olmos and Robertson were present. Senator Carter was absent-excused.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

Senator Cale motioned to approve the minutes for December 4, 2013.

Senator Olmos seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes for December 4, 2013 were approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Reports of Liaisons- Deans

Senator Robertson, College of Engineering

Senator Robertson has a meeting set up for February 21, 2014 with the Dean. Updates from the College of Engineering include an upcoming career fair, as well as positive report for the Engineering Tutoring Center.. Engineering week is coming up and there are plans to make a Ruhb-Goldberg machine this year. Senator Robertson will discuss where the money that comes from differential fees should go with the Dean.

b. Reports of Liaisons- Core Advisory Group

Senator De Leon, Mathematics and Capstone

Senator De Leon had a meeting with the Mathematics Advisory Group planned. The Capstone Advisory Group was revamped and a meeting has not yet been planned.

Senator Hoover stressed the importance of getting in touch with Core Advisory Groups so changes could go into effect next semester.

c. Project Updates

Senator De Leon invited members of the committee to attend the upcoming meeting for the Committee on Civic Engagement in which projects would be discussed for the semester.

Senator Olmos gave a report on the Core Advisory Group looking at accrediting two classes that could be counted as diversity credits.

Senator Robertson told the committee that the new Core Humanities Silver Plan which changes the amount of required credits from 9 to 6 will be going into effect in the fall.

The Undergraduate Research Journal website is under construction.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Senator De Leon discussed an initiative Director Gomez wanted to start that would give students diversity credits for studying abroad.

Senator Hoover discussed the binder that the committee will create to be sent out to students once they are accepted to the university. The binder will be the only physical copy; an online copy of the book is what will be sent to students. The binder is meant to be a consolidation of forms and information to aid students before orientation.

Senator Robertson was assigned to the research portion

Senator Cale was assigned the creativity portion, which entailed putting together a table of contents and a color scheme.

Senator De Leon and Olmos were assigned to contacting the Residence Halls, Greek life, and Athletics.

Senator Olmos discussed a resolution for the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template, which is a contract the University would have with companies that wouldn't allow the University to buy product that aren't accessible by disabled students.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Cale requested the liaison for the College of Education.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the committee, Senator Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm.