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# Faculty Senates Coordinating Council Minutes
## Approved

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| | | **Faculty Senates Coordinating Council Meeting**<br>**Wednesday, April 17, 2013**<br>**9:00 AM-10:00 PM** |

| 9:00 | 1. | **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 17, 2013 AND THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2013 AND APRIL 3, 2013 MEETINGS.** (discussion/**action**)<br>**It was MSC to approve the agenda for April 17, 2013. All in favor. Approved.**<br>**It was MSC to approve the minutes of March 6, 2013. All in favor. Approved.**<br>**It was MSC to approve the minutes of April 3, 2013. All in favor. Approved.** |
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| | 2. | **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC -  All Meetings Are Open - Everyone Welcome** (information only)<br><br>**None.** |
| | 3. | **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (information only)<br><br>None. |
| | 4. | **AA DEGREE EQUIVALENCIES (information/discussion)**<br>**Council will discuss procedures for granting equivalencies for AA degrees.**<br><br>Council discussed granting equivalencies in response to a resolution passed at a Plenary session on developing guidelines for granting equivalencies for AA degrees.  Norris said LMC does not give equivalencies for AA degrees. Lema said it would be useful to review all of our equivalencies at a future meeting.<br>Lema asked if it is required under Title 5to grant equivalencies for non-masters areas that include work experience. Organ said it is.  Lema said she has a situation where in Architecture they are saying for a particular course, if they have a masters and no experience they can be granted an equivalency for that course. However, they said they have some courses that do require work experience. She said we grant equivalencies for a discipline, not a course. She was told by the State Chancellor's office said it is on our best interest to follow the disciplines list. She added that Masters degrees are not generally available in other disciplines that have equivalencies for work experience. Other disciplines that have equivalencies for work experience, masters are not generally available.  She feels the discipline should deal with this, not FSCC. Her senate's position is to follow the disciplines list but the Chancellor's office did not say it is against regulations if a college grants an equivalency for one course. She explained Architecture is looking for people to teach philosophical courses. Organ said they would be part-timers but cautioned the equivalency would cover all courses in the discipline and it could result in bumping other part-timers. Lema will let Council know what is decided. |
| | 5. | **FSA'S FOR DISTRICT OFFICE MANAGERS (information/discussion)**<br>**Council will review and discuss requests from District Office mangers for FSA's.**<br><br>Council discussed an application for an FSA for a district manager. They noted that the FSA application does not state what discipline the request is for. Lema said sometimes the committee decides what discipline to approve for the FSA depending on the applicants degree(s). Norris asked if the applicant has any teaching experience. Lema said managers don't have to have teaching experience. She did question why a senior dean of research an academic dean. She said the academic senate should be involved when |

| | | hiring an academic dean because of the possibility they could get an FSA.<br><br>Organ said FSA's were developed for faculty who want to move into management and have retreat rights. |
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| | **6.** | **REPEATABILITY UPDATE** (information/discussion)<br>**Council will discuss the status of the guidelines on course repeatability.**<br><br>Organ reviewed an MOU from Mehdizadeh in which she states the determination of course families is an A&P matter and is the responsibility of faculty. He said however, FSCC had a good process that was open to non-faculty but he notes they should have included A&R and scheduling. Mehdizadeh said VPs were included.<br>Organ asked what do about leveling courses that have not yet been approved by the state. Mehdizadeh does not know at this time. Organ commented that it takes a while to get approval from the state Wayne talks about the timeline for getting approvals from the state and we need to have those courses in families as soon as they are approved if they are to be offered in the fall when the regulation takes effect. Organ told Mehdizadeh that all the courses that they have worked on so far were existing courses. She said the state is working to on approving courses faster than they have been.<br>Organ asked about the enrollment issue and also how this could impact faculty load.<br>Lema said FSCC followed through with the piece they needed to do but these issues are up to scheduling and the VPs. Organ said he understands that but they will look to faculty for answers. Norris said he is sure we are not the only ones in the state with these issues. He suggested they ask about them at the upcoming Plenary Session.<br>Mehdizadeh said the spreadsheets of course families as of 4/18/13 are available for scheduling on the portal. She would like a final ok by Friday and then she will send it directly to the schedulers.<br>Organ said he will send out questions about the family groupings to a larger group of faculty including department chairs and curriculum committees and then we can put together a set of guiding principles. He said after fall begins we should go back and take another look at it.<br><br>Organ said he is still not sure if we should just look at content or SLOs too for grouping families. Mehdizadeh said she thought it was supposed to be on SLOs. Organ said the regulation says its on content. Tribble said they used course outlines. Mehdizadeh cautioned they are not supposed to be too broad or too narrow. We need to find that middle. |
| **10:00** | **7.** | **Adjournment** |