

Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

Date: 11/18/24 3:30 - 4:00 pm, MET 208 and Zoom

Present (voting members): Annemarie Hamlin (Vice President of Academic Affairs) Monte Cheney (Chair, Faculty Senate-Transfer) Paula Simone (Faculty Forum Exec Rep) Scott Dove (Classified Rep) Stephanie O'Bryan (Faculty at Large)	Absent (voting members): Breah Bollom (Faculty Senate-CTE)
Present (non-voting members): Julie Borshell (Specialist) Tyler Hayes (Director of Admissions/Registrar)	Absent (non-voting members): Roxie Supplee (CTE Council Rep)
	Guests: Amy Howell Sara Henson Venus Nguyen Tony Russell

Meeting called to order at 3:30

Note: **Approval and Action items written in red.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Review Academic Affairs Committee Minutes from November 4th
Paula Simone motioned to approve, Stephanie O'Bryan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Action Item:

1. **Behavioral Health and Early Learning Proposal-2nd Reading**
Annemarie Hamlin motioned to approve, Stephanie O'Bryan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Action Item:

2. **Academic Freedom Policy Proposal-**
Propose adding a specific statement or policy regarding Academic Freedom to the COCC GPM. Per OER 589-008-0100 (f), Community Colleges in Oregon are required to have a policy or statement regarding academic freedom. Although some aspects of Academic Freedom are referenced in the GPM, there is currently not a specific Academic Freedom policy or statement. Freedom of Speech is referenced in G-31-92.5.1 (Designated Public Forum_ and G-34-3.2 mentions Academic Freedom as a reason for granting tenure.
It was considered that this topic would be wise for Academic Affairs to collaborate with Faculty Senate, College Affairs, SLT and other interested stakeholders.
A tentative plan was motioned to create a task-force to move forward.

Action Item:

3. **Arts & Design: Photography/Videography Certificate-1st Reading**
Many students request to focus on photography and/or videography certificate. Students would be able to graduate with a one-year certificate, either independently or in conjunction with an AAOT.
Paula Simone motioned to approve, Scott Dove seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Action Item:

4. Arts & Design: User Experience and Interface Design Certificate-1st Reading

One year certificate to prepare students for careers as UX Designer or UX Researcher. UX=User Experience (interaction with app or website).

Annemarie Hamlin motioned to approve, Stephanie O'Bryan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Postponed

1. AA Taskforce Proposal for Sustainability and Social Justice Focus Awards

Meeting adjourned at: 4:11pm