



ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 31, 2017
FACULTY CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was called to order by Tom Nordenholz at 11:05 am.

Present: Tom Nordenholz (Chair), Alex Parker (Vice-Chair), Khalid Bachkar, Cynthia Trevisan, Steve Browne, Brent Pohlmann, Keir Moorhead, Dinesh Pinisetty (Secretary)

Guests: *Garet Marling and Sue Opp (Provost)*

Absent: None

Garet Marling - Report

Garet Marling (Director of Learning Management Solutions) approached the Academic Senate Executive Committee to discuss various options regarding the learning management software (LMS) on our campus. Garet clearly wants the change to be a faculty decision rather than an administrative decision.

The existing LMS on our campus (i.e. Moodle 2.6) is coming up for contract extension and it is good time for our campus to explore other options that are viable for our campus community in terms of customer support, financial commitment and stability.

The current version of Moodle is not up-to-date and needs to be updated to the latest version (i.e. 3.8) which requires faculty to get used to the changes. Also, the financial commitment with Moodle is heavy due to the consultation billing hours. The other disadvantages with Moodle include instability and poor customer support (with no 24/7 support).

The other options that were presented are as follows:

Canvas

- This is the learning management software that most of the other CSU campuses use.
- It is cheaper, when compared to Moodle, and with 24/7 customer support available.

Blackboard

- Far more expensive compared to Canvas and Moodle
- It runs through a pilot process.

The Senate Executive Committee invited Garet to the General Senate Meeting and requested him to prepare a short presentation for all the faculty.

Executive Order 1100

The CSU has written a letter to the Chancellor protesting the new Executive orders 1100 and 1110, mostly over the perceived lack of shared governance in their development and the rushed timeline for their implementation. The letter was shared with the Executive Committee. Chair Nordenholz plans to sign this letter in solidarity with the other campus chairs. The Executive Committee expressed support for Chair Nordenholz to sign the letter.

IT Issues

The Provost clearly stated that A/V is separate from the IT on our campus and offered to help faculty with any IT related issues.

The Senate Chair will be reaching out to the Provost to provide an input on all the IT related issues brought by the faculty in addition to forwarding the letter drafted by Dr. Wil Tsai (faculty in ME department) that highlights all the IT issues.