



Educational Policies Committee

DATE: Monday November 13, 2023

TIME: 4:00pm-5:30pm

EdPol Charge: The Educational Policies Committee studies educational issues of concern to the Academic Senate and is the standing committee that recommends educational policies to the Executive Committee. The Committee provides a forum for high-level discussion and development of Academic Senate Policy, including its effect on faculty and students. The discussions include the viewpoint of students, CIOs and union representatives. The Educational Policies Committee researches issues as required, and writes background and/or position papers where appropriate. The Committee may pass general recommendations to other Senate committees, or work with them on more detailed implementation or technical issues. New or revised educational policies of the Academic Senate pass through the Educational Policies Committee. These may include policies to be implemented either locally or at the state level, suggested positions on proposed policies or changes in existing policies, and responses to assignments given by the President or Executive Committee.

Meeting Summary

1) Call to Order and Roll Call (*in attendance) **Meeting Called to order at 4:03pm**

Christopher Howerton-Chair*	Howard Eskew*	Kandace Knudson
Erik Reese – 2 nd Chair*	Joseph Ferrerosa	Chantal Lamourelle
Tamara Cheshire*	Taneisha Hellon	

2) Check-in, “shout-outs”, Kudos & Connections.

- a. Local updates and much food was discussed. Kudos to Erik for his Rostrum articles that will be shared during the November 2023 publication.

3) Procedural - The chair reminded the committee of these resources and the agenda was affirmed with the addition of a brief conversion on “Academic Freedom”

- a. Reminder about our [Community Agreements](#)
- b. Adoption of Agenda
- c. Process of Minutes and committee review expectations
- d. [Ed Pol Committee Website](#)
- e. [Shared Committee Folder](#)

4) Standing Committee Meeting Dates (4pm -5:30pm) via [ZOOM](#) - The chair shared our calendar of upcoming meetings and asked members to review their own calendars for Spring 2024. The committee will affirm spring meeting dates during our next meeting.

- a. Fall 2023: ~~9/18, 10/16, 11/13~~, 12/11
- b. TENTATIVE Spring 2024: 1/29, 2/19, 3/18, 4/15, 5/13 – We will affirm or adjust these as we near the end of the fall term.

5) [Assigned Resolutions Tracking Document](#) - Resource documents shared as a resource for committee

- a. [2022-2023 Ed Pol Committee End of the Year Report](#)
- b. [ASCCC Adopted Resolution Database](#) (Searchable by topic and committee)
- c. Discuss priorities and scope of desired work this year.

6) ASCCC [Fall 2023 Plenary](#) (Costa Mesa)

- a. [Program](#)

- b. [Resolutions Fall 2023](#)
- c. [Discipline List Submissions for 2023-2024](#) – Artificial Intelligence (AI), Art, Nursing
- d. Who’s attending?

Chair asked who was attending plenary and highlighted the links above related to plenary.

- 7) Discussion/Information: EdPol Committee Agenda items this week for ASCCC Executive Committee Meeting
 - a. [Link to ASCCC Executive Committee Agenda](#) (November 2023)
 - III.C.- Proposal for Development of an AI Faculty Toolkit

Chair summarized the AI Faculty Toolkit proposal to be considered at the upcoming ASCCC Executive Committee Meeting. Timeframe of spring is not realistic. Presented an outline of possible resources and organization of the toolkit, as a conversation starter for this expansive topic. Briefly discussed some advances and some fears/concerns regarding AI. One example mentioned is putting together a presentation and having an avatar deliver the presentation; make something text-heavy more palatable, though did contain some errors. Using AI to help rephrase and reimagine more welcoming assignments and documents or have students use AI to generate an example for the students to critique. There is technique in how one interfaces with AI, good information as part of the toolkit.

- III.D. – Setting Enrollment Maximum Paper Update Proposal

Chair provided an overview of the ASCCC process for papers, paper update in this case, that includes a formal document to be filled out for consideration by the Executive Committee. If approved by the Executive Committee, then would review the 2012 paper as a starting point.

- b. Information: Next ASCCC Agenda Item submission deadlines
 - Dec. Meeting – Nov. 27th
 - Jan. meeting – Dec. 25th
 - Feb. meeting – Jan. 24th
 - March meeting – Feb. 21st
 - April meeting – April 1st
 - May meeting – April 24th
 - June meeting – May 21st

7.5) ADDED Agenda Item about referred resolution on Academic Freedom

Brief discussion on referred resolutions related to Academic Freedom from 2023 Spring Plenary. Noted that the AAUP definition was adopted by ASCCC resolution in 1996. Some homework is to determine with what branch of CCCCCO to work for academic freedom in title 5 and perhaps write a Rostrum article educating the field on the current status. Perhaps a Rostrum on referred resolutions.

- 8) Announcements - upcoming events shared with the committee
 - a. [Upcoming ASCCC Events](#)
 - Executive Committee Meeting – Nov. 15, 2023
 - [Fall 2023 Plenary](#) – Westin South Coast Plaza Nov. 16-18, 2023
 - Executive Committee Meeting – December 14-15, 2023 - Sacramento

- 9) Future Agenda Topics
 - a. [Possible Rostrum Articles](#) (next submission is January 14, 2024)
 - b. follow up on Academic Freedom conversation and possible “next steps”

10) Group Debrief & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

Status of Previous Action Items

A. In Progress

- a. Proposal submitted for AI Faculty Toolkit
- b. Proposal submitted for Setting enrollment Maximum Paper
- c. Fall 2023 Plenary BO session on AI

B. Completed