



Educational Policies Committee

DATE: Monday January 29, 20214

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 4:00pm

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.

Caught up with each other at this first meeting of the new year.

Prompt: Share something you did during the current winter break? And/or share something you are excited about or would like to do this coming term. Can be professional or personal.

- 3) Procedural
- 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](#)

Chair provided procedural reminders of the minutes process and provided a brief overview of the agenda for today’s meeting.

- 4) Standing Committee Meeting Dates (4pm -5:30pm) via [ZOOM](#)
- a. Fall 2023: ~~9/18, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11~~
 - b. Spring 2024: 1/29, 2/19, 3/18, 4/15, 5/13
- 5) [Assigned Resolutions Tracking Document](#)- Linked as Reference
- a. [2022-2023 Ed Pol Committee End of the Year Report](#)
 - b. [ASCCC Adopted Resolution Database](#) (Searchable by topic and committee)
- 6) AI Faculty Toolkit Draft – Continued Work/Discussion
- a. [Jamboard](#) Results from Fall 2023 Plenary Session
 - b. [Spreadsheet](#) of suggestions provided for discussion

c. Equity Considerations:

- Resource: [Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce Racism](#) by Safiya Umoja Noble
- Algorithmic Justice – ajl.org

Chair provided an overview of the progress on the AI Faculty Toolkit, including organizing ideas received into a spreadsheet. Plan to use the next meeting as a workshop meeting. Reminder to use asset mindset language when writing. Many ideas on the Jamboard from the Plenary session were shared and reviewed. Will review, discuss, and develop broad categories.

Discussion about the levels of proficiency/expertise on AI from those that contributed these ideas. There were faculty with various levels of expertise that contributed. Perhaps part of the introduction will include discussion of some of these details and possibly misunderstandings of AI.

First pass of quickly assigning categories to each idea from the Jamboard input.

Brief discussion on academic integrity/cheating and how to phrase using asset mindset and being student centered. Possible framework: Use AI as a tool and not a crutch.

Chair introduced a discussion on equity in AI. AI has intrinsic biases. Idea of algorithmic justice is developing around these very issues.

Resource: [Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce Racism](#) by Safiya

There are a number of new books around these ideas:

- Design Justice (about technology)
- Against Reduction (about computers and how we interface with them)
- Everybody Lies (about big data)

Readings and resources will be provided in the toolkit.

At the next meeting, we will continue looking at ideas/suggestions in the other tabs of the brainstorming [Spreadsheet](#), place them into categories, and work on next steps.

- 7) Rostrum Topics & Drafts (next submission due to ED March 3rd)
 - a. [Referred Resolution on Academic Freedom](#) (Reese)
 - b. 3rd Party Software/Resources : Data Privacy and faculty role (Knudson)
 - c. Eminence (Howerton)

Next submission is March 3rd.

Checked in with Kandace and she informed the committee that there will be a complete draft by the next meeting.

Academic Freedom: ASCCC Status Update

History? Political climate has reignited the academic freedom discussion; lack of clarity;

Both of these demonstrate a need to update the field.

Accreditation requirement includes having a policy.

Rostrum will help provide a common understanding to the field.

Perhaps connect with students' rights in AF and tie with accreditation, which might be an idea for how to end the article.

Because AF is not in code or regulations, interpreted differently locally. Codify AF protections so that they do not disappear.

Chair also developing a rostrum article on eminence.

- 8) Announcements
 - a. [Upcoming ASCCC Events](#)

- Executive Committee Meeting – Feb 9-10, 2024 Santa Clara Marriott
 - [Spring Plenary 2024](#) (April 18-20, 2024) San Jose Marriott. (Deadline to Register 4/5/24-In Person; 4/10/24-Virtual)
 - CTE Regional Consortium Collaboration Meetings
 1. February 9, 2024 - [Inland Empire](#) (Deadline to Register 2/2/24)
 2. March 27, 2024 – [North Far North](#) (Deadline to Register 3/20/24)
 3. May 3, 2024 – [Los Angeles](#) (Deadline to Register 4/26/24)
 4. May 10, 2024 – [BACCC](#) (Deadline to Register 5/3/24)
 5. May TBD – San/Diego/Imperial
 - Webinars
 1. [New Opportunities in Work Experience Education](#) – Feb 7, 2024 12:30-2pm
 2. [Supporting Nontraditional CTE Employment in California Community Colleges for Women](#) – March 7, 2024
 - Curriculum Regional Meetings
 1. [Spring Curriculum Regional Meetings](#) (South) – February 24, 2024 Santa Ana College
 2. [Spring Curriculum Regional Meeting](#) (Central Valley) – March 1, 2024 – College of the Sequoias
 3. [Spring Curriculum Regional Meeting](#) (North) – March 2, 2024 – DeAnza College
 - ***NEW*** 2024 ASCCC Noncredit Institute – (May 2-3, 2024) – Sheraton Park Hotel, Anaheim
 - [2024 Faculty Leadership Institute](#) (June 20-22, 2024)
 - [2024 Curriculum Institute](#) (July 10-13, 2024)
- b. Other Announcements

Chair reminded committee members of the upcoming ASCCC events.

9) Future Agenda Topics

10) Group Debrief & Adjournment

The next meeting is on Feb 19 and will focus on updating the AI toolkit and collecting input. Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

Status of Previous Action Items

A. In Progress

- a. Outline AI Faculty Toolkit
- b. Rostrum Articles

B. Completed

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