

Academic Senate Newsletter

– Adjunct Edition –

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Meeting notes summaries:

Hello part-time community faculty members, here are summary notes from past Academic Senate meetings:

- 1. Voted YES:** Academic Freedom Report revised Spring 2023 affirms that textbook choice resides with each faculty member. Section II. A outlines, “There are certain cases or situations where academic departments may decide to limit individual choice of textbooks” infers that the textbook selection in multiple section courses (i.e. English 101, Coms 105, PoliSci 150, etc.) is through a democratic vote from full and part-time faculty. AS President, David Andrus, is developing Department Chair Training Workshops to be recommended for a democratic process that includes adjunct consultation and due process.

Read the full report: [Academic Freedom and Textbook Choice](#)

2. Current Discussions item topic:

- a. Low Textbook Cost (LTC) designation implementation. COC currently has a local LTC designation of \$40 or less. However, Student Senate of California Community Colleges recommends a \$30 limit.

ISSUES TO BE DETERMINED:

- Do we want to maintain the \$40 limit or change to the \$30 limit as recommended by ASCCC and the CCCSS?
- Is the lowest price of the instructional resource (i.e., textbook) how we should be determining the LTC threshold?
- How do we implement this so that it becomes a designation before registration and is student facing (like our current ZTC designation)?
- How do we help students and faculty understand both the LTC and ZTC designation?

3. On the Horizon:

- a. COC has been awarded a \$63 million grant for student housing! The construction has a prospective start date of January 2024. The proposal was approved for 100 beds and 100 units and will replace Parking Lot E. Dr. Ruys is hosting a ‘Virtual Tour’ online or in person at Hasley 230 on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 4:00-5:00PM.
- b. New Student Onboarding and Matriculation Self-Service. Orientation videos, Waitlist, Add Authorizations still have many issues. Keep tune for discussion item topics and updates.

Academic Senate meets bi-weekly and are public meetings, any part-time faculty member can attend. As your Adjunct Representative, I am here to serve a collective voice in discussion and voting matters. I welcome any comments, recommendations, and viewpoints because your VOICE matters! You can email me at mireya.milian@canyons.edu.

[Academic Senate Meetings and Agenda](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FLEX Session

Collegiate Connectors: Empowering Part-time Faculty to Make a Difference Outside the Classroom!

Friday, April 28, 2023

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/89279788206>



S-STEM Scholars Program is recruiting faculty to serve as mentors for 2023-2024! For info visit: www.canyons.edu/stemscholars



Committee for Assessing Student Learning (CASL) has vacancy for an Adjunct Representative. For info, please email: Saburo.matsumoto@canyons.edu or Mary.powell@canyons.edu

