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Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 3:05 PM
To: Timothy Michael Peterson <tmpeterson@cocc.edu>
Subject: RE: Academic Affairs Status Update Nov. 2, 2015

Hi, Tim,

From an eLearning perspective, I am uncomfortable with the language used in the Diversity and Disability Statement. I have outlined a few concerns below and am happy to discuss them further.

- I am not familiar with statements that extend beyond students with documented disabilities and believe that this adds confusion to the statement. Why does the statement include diversity and disabilities rather than having two distinct statements?
- The introduction to the statement reads more like a mission statement than a syllabus statement – again adding some confusion to the purpose.
- Finally, and most importantly, the removal of a barrier is not the same as the provision of an accommodation. There are certainly examples in which barriers cannot be removed and other cases in which reasonable accommodations cannot be provided.

The law is to provide accommodations to students with disabilities. My sense is that the syllabus statement, if that is the purpose here, should only address that provision and the associated contact information.

Thanks for considering,
Jess

From: Timothy Michael Peterson
Posted At: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 9:39 AM
Posted To: Staff Commlines
Conversation: Academic Affairs Status Update Nov. 2, 2015
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Greetings!

Included below is an update on the items presented at the noted Academic Affairs meeting on Nov. 2, 2015.

Please direct any inquiries to the committee chair (Tim Peterson)

The AA meetings are open and all are welcome to attend. Please note the date and times of the next meeting below.

Meeting minutes will be posted later after committee approval.

These are not the minutes.

STATUS UPDATE

Academic Affairs Committee

November 2, 2015

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Max Merrill Room

1. Old Business

- A. Review of Minutes from October 19th meeting
 - i. Status Update: APPROVED
- B. Change to Diversity and Disability statement for syllabi – Annie Jenkins
 - i. Status Update: APPROVED 1st reading
 - 1. The following is the proposed statement. *Please direct any questions, comments, inquiries to Tim Peterson, Academic Affairs Chair.*

Diversity and Disability Statement: Our institution values diversity and inclusion; we are committed to a climate of mutual respect and full participation. Our goal is to create learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive and welcoming. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that result in barriers to your inclusion or accurate assessment of achievement, please notify the instructor as soon as possible. Students with documented disabilities are encouraged to contact the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office at 541-383-7583, **early in the term** to discuss a range of options to removing barriers in the course, including formal accommodations. Please visit <http://www.cocc.edu/disability-services/> for more information.

- 2. Student Affairs is requested to review the statement and provide comments to Academic Affairs

2. New Business

- A. Committee Policy & Procedure: Discussion on AA Oversight of Curriculum Committee
 - i. A request for an agenda topic at next Curriculum Committee meeting will be made by the AA chair; point of topic: relationship between both committees and specific role identification

Next Meeting: Monday Nov. 16th 3:30 - 4:30 Max Merrill Room

Agenda items deadline for Nov. 16th meeting: Tuesday November 10th

Items for committee review must be presented on the attached “Presentation Checklist” and returned to the chair by the Agenda Item deadline

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