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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Establish Academic Committee – PolyX Committee

Academic Affairs Committee	Date:	02/09/2022
Executive Committee Received and Forwarded	Date:	03/23/2022
Academic Senate	Date:	04/13/2022 First Reading 05/04/2022 Second Reading

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Title of Referral: Establish Academic Committee - PolyX Committee

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Keywords: committee, PolyX, review

Is there a deadline by when this referral needs to be considered by the Academic Senate?: No

Deadline Date:

Justification for deadline:

Background: The Learn Through Discovery Initiative has the following aims:
• Provide every student at Cal Poly Pomona at least one opportunity to engage in a signature polytechnic experience (PolyX) reflective of CPP's learn-by-doing philosophy;
• Explore skills that students need to apply their disciplinary knowledge to create a positive impact on a community;
• Recognize exemplary student projects;
• Provide resources to faculty to engage students in PolyX; and
• Provide resources to students who are engaged in PolyX.

The Learn Through Discovery (LTD) Task Force was created in August 2018 to guide the expansion of the Learn Through Discovery initiative. Between August 2018 – May 2021, the LTD Task Force has accomplished the following:
• Define PolyX;
• Create a online searchable database for PolyX – the PolyX Hub with 13 PolyX
• Design and implement a process for faculty and staff to submit their curricular and co-curricular activities to the PolyX Hub;
• Create a rubric and a review process for courses and/ or projects to be included in the PolyX Hub;

The LTD is requesting the establishment of a permanent Academic Senate committee - PolyX Committee – to do the following:
• Encourage the submission of PolyX to the PolyX Hub by reaching out to faculty members, staff, departments, colleges, and divisions;
• Review applications to the PolyX Hub on a semesterly basis; and
• Provide support to faculty members and staff who are working on submissions to the PolyX Hub.

Committee make-up:
• 2 members from each college and the Library
• 3 members from Student Affairs

Committee members' terms of service:
• Academic year, 2-year terms

Recommended Resources: Teresa Lloro, Associate Professor, Liberal Studies
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Attachment 1:
https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2070179/36745860/858378306/memo_for_polyx_committee_2021-07-15.docx

Discussion

Overall the formation of this committee was strongly supported by the committee. Engagement and visibility will be paramount.

The committee members reviewed the referral request for establishing a permanent Academic Senate committee - PolyX Committee. Based on the provided evidence and the results from consulting other faculty members, the committee believes that the establishment of PolyX committee can reflect the CPP's Learn-by-Doing philosophy by providing good projects for students and chances for faculties.

The PolyX committee is composed of two members from each college and the library. The committee member consulted on whether or not some colleges will be underrepresented considering the students and faculties population in each college is different.

The feedback shows that although it is two faculty members per college, it is open to having more representation from any college that have faculty members who are interested in contributing.

The member also consulted on whether office space, office equipment, or funding is needed or not. The feedback shows "no".

Therefore, the committee members are in fully support to establish the PolyX Committee.

Recommendations

To establish a PolyX committee as described.

The purpose of the PolyX committee is:

-Encourage the submission of PolyX to the PolyX Hub by reaching out to faculty members, staff, departments, colleges, and divisions;

-Review applications to the PolyX Hub on a semesterly basis; and

-Provide support to faculty members and staff who are working on submissions to the PolyX Hub.

-Maintain the PolyX Hub and ensure opportunities are current.

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