



## COLLEGE COUNCIL MINUTES

### Thursday, November 1, 2007

Present: Bob Silverman, Gary Menser, Debra Blanchard, Arlene Greene, Margaret Kagy, Sharon Wright, Cindy Wilson, Robert Sewell, Jeffrey Holmes, Mike Smith, Ron Fields, Catalina Diaz (substituting for Heena Mehra), Marion Boenheim, Greta Moon (substituting for Marianne Tortorici), Bill Greulich, Ginnie Moran

Absent: Don Peavy, Bruce Baron

Guest: Sharon Groom, Michael Butros

#### 1) Minutes

The minutes for October 18, 2007 were approved as submitted.

#### 2) Board Agenda ~

##### A. Board Policy 1201, Shared Governance

Recommended changes were made and distributed to the group for final approval before it is presented for second reading to the Board on November 13, 2007.

##### B. Board Policy 1202, Institutional Effectiveness

Second reading will be presented to the Board on November 13, 2007.

##### C. Board Policy 3250, Revised Institutional Planning

Second reading will be presented to the Board on November 13, 2007.

#### 3) Board Policy 4000, Standards of Educational Excellence

Dr. Silverman reported that Board Policy 4000 will take our college to a new level by defining us and declaring who we are. This board policy is pretty monumental; we couldn't find any other college having this board policy. Our programs should uphold high standards of educational excellence.

Gary Menser will present the board policy at the Faculty Senate meeting today. If they approve the policy, it will be forwarded to the Board for a first reading on November 13, 2007.

Some of the comments from the group include:

- 1) General Education - every student should receive general education and be able to function in the society.
- 2) Skills – every student should develop certain capabilities and insights to obtain a job.
- 3) Concept of getting the basic skills.

#### 4) Report on Project Synergy

The group decided to change the name of their committee from Reorganization Committee to "Project Synergy". The name signifies working together with two or more people, organizations, instead of working separately or individually.

Dr. Silverman reported that the group is having good discussions and are working towards the goals of a new organization structure, building on communication, trust and student interest.

It was reported that we are obtaining service from Sheri Wilkins to facilitate a workshop on November 27, 2007 with Project Synergy and the College Council committee.

**5) Committees ~**

Discussion was held regarding the committee membership.

- It was suggested we forward the committee membership for each committee to Debra Blanchard and Arlene Greene.
- They will forward the names of the volunteers to Suzie Selby so the list can be updated.
- We need to list which subcommittee the members are volunteering for.
- Members are advised to read the charges for each subcommittee.
- College Council will review the list and the groups will be balanced.
- The committee advocate will inform Suzie Selby the schedule meeting dates.
- Report the progress of the subcommittees on the accreditation report.

**6) Student Grade Appeal Form for Approval**

No report at this time to allow Faculty Senate to review this document at their meeting today and provide feedback at the next College Council meeting on November 15, 2007.

**7) 2008 Bellwether Awards**

Dr. Silverman presented information about the submission of the 2008 Bellwether award application. It provides us the opportunity to document the progress we have made so far. We have made an extreme makeover of the shared governance and working hard toward our goals.

**8) Other**

In the next College Council meeting we need to prepare for the accreditation visit. It was recognized that all the groups are available to speak to the accrediting team upon their request.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next College Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.