



COLLEGE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Present: Bob Silverman, Jim Wilson, Jim Murray, Margaret Kagy, Sharon Wright, Robert Sewell, Jeffrey Holmes, Cheryl Elsmore, Dave Hollomon, Marion Boenheim, Bill Greulich, Ginnie Moran, Victoria Hindes (substituting for Marianne Tortorici), Connie Ferguson (substituting for Heena Mehra), Lael Willingham (Guest), Joaquin Ayala (Guest), Greta Moon (Guest), Suzie Selby (recorder)

Absent: Cindy Wilson, Mike Smith, Bruce Baron

1) Minutes

The minutes for December 13, 2007 were approved as submitted.

2) Accreditation Mid-term Report

Dr. Silverman reported the Accreditation mid-term report is due on March 15, 2008.

A draft is due by February 28, 2008, which gives us 2 weeks to edit the report and submit it to the Accrediting Commission by the due date. We need to show progress, document our accomplishments and have provable evidence.

The Accrediting team will visit us again to validate the report.

Dr. Silverman was hoping to hear the outcome of the progress report from the Accreditation visit on November 26, 2007, but has nothing to report to the group as of today. The report will be available on our website once it has been received.

3) Governor's Budget

Dr. Silverman presented information regarding the Governor's Budget Proposal.

Dr. Silverman suggested we come up with a strategy plan to operate on a reduced budget structure. It will be painful no matter what we do, but we need to stay on top of this and do things now to save money.

Dr. Silverman discussed our annual FTES enrollment and complimented everyone. After we do some recalculation of the projected number's, we are estimating by the end of 2008, we will have recouped our prior year's losses in one year.

We are still on the right track, but next year we have to figure out how to control the growth. CSU system turned away 10,000 students.

4) VVC Budget Strategy

The committee discussed various strategies to save \$5.2 million in 2008 – 2009. The college mission must not be impacted when considering any cuts.

5) Bond Proposal (Input)

Items to consider:

- 1) Consultants suggested that a bond is proposed to the voters during the November 2008 Presidential Election.
- 2) Clear communication to the public (explanation of what the bond is being used for).
- 3) Refinancing our COP (certificates of participation) could save up to \$ 2 million a year. The advantages are, we get a lower interest rate and extend the term of payments out a little longer. Probably lowering the annual payment and minimizing the effect from the general fund.
- 4) One-Stop Center for matriculation services.
- 5) West side Center - to serve the growing population west of the 15 freeway.

6) Other:

Dr. Silverman reported the Board Retreat has been changed to one day, January 25th from 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. From 10:00 – 12:00 there will be an ethics training workshop which is mandated for some elected members. From 1:00 p.m. there will be a business meeting with four consent agenda items, discussion of the Governor's budget and a possible bond in November 2008.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next College Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.