



COLLEGE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Present: Bob Silverman, Gary Menser, Debra Blanchard, Jim Wilson, Jim Murray, Sharon Wright, Margaret Kagy (substituting for Ray Navarro), Robert Sewell, Jeffrey Holmes, Mike Smith, Ron Fields, Joaquin Ayala (substituting for Heena Mehra), Marion Boenheim, Marianne Tortorici, Bill Greulich, Ginnie Moran, Deedee Orta (guest), Greta Moon (guest) and Suzie Selby (recorder).

Absent: Cindy Wilson, Cheryl Elsmore and Bruce Baron

1) Minutes

The minutes for February 7, 2008 were approved as submitted.

2) Bob's Issues

Dr. Silverman voiced his frustration on the urgency to address the recommendations and progress on the accreditation report. He discussed the need to show new updates and progress from October 2007 thru March 2008 or a future visit could be recommended by the accreditation committee.

Every faculty person is a key person. Every individual faculty member is responsible for their own SLO's and must review every course.

Dr. Silverman reported that training programs are provided every Friday's in the Teaching Learning Center (TLC) to explain the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's).

Curriculum committee meetings need to continue being effective and functional.

3) Budget Update

Dr. Silverman reported that we received notification that the Governor signed a bill which will take away certain categorical money from the California Community Colleges.

Categorical programs will be reduced by \$6.1 million.

Increased Efficiencies:

Dr. Silverman discussed possible scenarios for increased efficiencies for the 2007-2008 unrestricted General Funds that included reducing budget balances in the 4000, 5000 and 6000 accounts with a higher percentage for travel budget balances.

4) Summer Work Schedule

Dr. Silverman reported that the college will remain open five days a week to accommodate and service our students. Classified employees will have a four-day workweek this summer. Guidelines will be provided to either work Monday thru Thursday (or) Tuesday thru Friday schedule. The managers are to review the request and work it out among the staff.

5) Travel

Dr. Silverman requested that all travel be suspended unless necessary for a class. He also recommended that only one person attend the Senate Conference.

6) Committee Reports

A. Diversity ~

Jeffrey Holmes provided a handout dated January 29, 2008. The committee is in the process of selecting a Chairperson and assigning a task force to focus on issues such as Diversity Plan, Campus Climate, Hiring and Sensitivity Training.

Regular meetings will be held in the Presidents Conference Room (PCR) from 2-3 p.m. Information will be provided on the website.

B. Institutional Effectiveness

Ginnie Moran reported that in Novell there is a feature available for committees to manage some of their work (teaming and conferencing suite).

Regular meetings will be held on Fridays. The next meeting will be on February 22nd at 2 p.m. in the Staff Lounge and the following meeting will be on March 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the ATC conference room.

C. Safety

Robert Sewell reported that a smoking survey was conducted among students and is being compiled.

7) Discussion

The Opening Gala for the Performing Art Center will be in April. It was discussed that we have a policy that no alcohol will be allowed on campus.

Dr. Boenheim reported that Keenan Retirement Program will have individual counseling sessions.

8) Other

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next College Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.