

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Friday, March 7, 2008

English Lounge

MINUTES

Members Present: Ginny Baxter, Marilyn Brock, Lou Anne Bynum, Joan Carr, Ann-Marie Gabel, Mary McEldowney, Eloy Oakley, Sigrid Sexton, DeWayne Sheaffer, Christopher Villa

Members Absent: Donald Berz, Alta Costa, Rose DelGaudio, John Kindred, Vincent Riojas, Bobbi Villalobos

Guests: Chi-Chung Keung, Eva Bagg, John Fylpaa

Note Taker: M'Shelle Reece

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. President Oakley welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a welcome back to Dr. Marilyn Brock.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of October 26, 2007 and January 25, 2008 were approved as distributed.

3. Update - Accreditation Self-Study

President Oakley called upon Dr. Eva Bagg, Accreditation Liaison Officer and Co-Chair of the Accreditation Self-Study Committee, to bring the Council up to date on the Accreditation Self-Study. Dr. Bagg reported the Committee has been receiving feedback on the first draft of the Accreditation Self-Study. Town hall meetings are scheduled at both campuses during both day and evening. Two have already been held with good attendance and good input received. Leaders were urged to participate and to encourage others to participate in as many of the town hall meetings as possible. A dedicated e-mail address has been established for feedback, and faculty should encourage students to participate. All feedback will be incorporated into the second draft, which is scheduled to go out to the college campus on April 15. The Committee should have a near-final draft with feedback incorporated before faculty leaves for the summer. There will be more editing and a final draft done in a single voice about eight weeks prior to the accreditation evaluation visit scheduled for October 13. President Oakley thanked Dr. Bagg and Julian DelGaudio for all their hard work, and Dr. Bagg thanked the co-chairs for their help with the town hall meetings

4. Update - Renaming Liberal Arts & Pacific Coast Campuses

Executive Director Chi-Chung Keung, who is leading the Renaming the Campuses Task Force, listed the members of the task force and presented an update on results of the survey administered by the task force with assistance from Institutional Research. Nearly 200 surveys were received from faculty, staff and students. Based on the survey results (74% favorable), the Renaming the Campuses Task Force recommended that the two campuses be called by their cross streets - LBCC Carson Street Campus and LBCC Pacific Coast Campus. A secondary recommendation would name it by neighborhood (63% favorable) - LBCC Lakewood Area Campus and LBCC Pacific Coast Campus. The Council discussed concerns related to making the change; i.e., financial impact to the district, impact to departments and impact to class schedule. They also addressed when would be the best time to make the change and how best to coordinate any name change with campus efforts currently underway, such as the college's rebranding, campus signage and building designations changes. General consensus was that fall would be the best time to make a change, but President Oakley asked that the members of the Council communicate these recommendations to their constituencies in order to assure all groups have been informed and have a chance to provide input. Chi Chung thanked Ginny Baxter and John Fylpaa for their help on the committee.

5. Measure E - Next Steps

President Oakley thanked everyone for their support of Measure E and everyone's efforts in helping us succeed on February 5. He stated we are now looking and moving forward, but need to ensure we manage expectations and that people see and feel the effects of their efforts in the near future. To begin the groundwork on what will come next, the district will be looking at the 2020 Master Plan and working with the Facility Advisory Committee. Vice President Gabel gave an overview of possible upcoming projects. On the LAC campus, the District is considering a new parking structure; replacing the chain link fencing and improving the medians on Carson Street (concern was raised over the safety of the intersection at Carson/Faculty); and remodeling Building A. On the PCC campus, planning for the multidisciplinary building is taking place and construction should begin in the next few years on Building D and E and following that will be Buildings A and B. There are also studies taking place on both campuses regarding landscape architecture and energy efficiency. The district is also currently in the process of working to obtain State funding for the Math Technology Building (which includes Culinary Arts) and the P Building at LAC and the Construction & Trades Building at PCC.

6. College Reorganization – Process Discussion

President Oakley informed the Council that we have began the process of assessing a possible reorganization at the dean/department/school level. He emphasized there are no preconceived plans and reorganization will only be based on the premise that it will improve student success. The Executive Committee has met on the issue and both Dr. Villa and Mr. Berz have held meetings with their deans/departments informing them of a possible reorganization and soliciting their input on this matter. President Oakley has also had talks

with the Academic Senate President and Senate Executive Committee regarding possible reorganization, particularly in relations to the schools which would impact faculty most directly. President Oakley solicited each member present for their views and input regarding this issue.

7. State Budget - Update, Implications & Strategy

President Oakley emphasized the need to be conscious and careful how we talk about the State budget. It is important how community colleges are perceived here and throughout the State, realizing the system is in a precarious position as the Cal State system is curtailing its admissions to the freshman class, UC and Cal State are raising tuition, and the K-12 system is considering laying off teachers and closing schools. There is concern they will be looking at the community college system and wondering why we are not in the same boat. President Oakley asked Vice President Gabel to update the Council on recent bad news from the State and how it might affect us. Ms. Gabel handed out copies of the State Budget Update, which summarized what happened in the special legislative session. She noted that we will not feel the cut in categorical funding for 07/08 but will for 08/09, and that the miscalculation of overestimated tax revenues of Orange County and Sonoma County will have a significant impact for us. The District is monitoring the State Budget and awaiting the May revise, but all impacts to the District will not be known until next February.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.