

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

March 24, 2009

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Members Present: Ginny Baxter, Don Berz, Joan Carr, Ann-Marie Gabel, Mary McEldowney, LaTonya Neal, Eloy Oakley, Sigrid Sexton, Christopher Villa

Members Absent: Alta Costa, Ross Miyashiro, Vincent Riojas, DeWayne Sheaffer

Note Taker: M'Shelle Reece

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m..

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2009 were approved as presented.

2. Accreditation Warning Status Response/Work Plan

President Oakley reported that the college has formed several taskforces to respond to recommendations set forth in our Evaluation Report by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (*ACCJC*), which has placed the College on warning status. An SLO taskforce (co-chaired by Eva Bagg and Kim Anderson) has been established to address Recommendation #2. This taskforce has completed a blueprint delineating the organizational structure, resource requirements and timeline for work needed to address this recommendation and assure we are prepared for our follow-up report scheduled October 15. A Program Review/Program Plan Implementation Taskforce (co-chaired by David Morse and Eva Bagg) has been established and is working diligently to address Recommendation #3. Eva Bagg is coordinating efforts on Recommendation #4 addressing language revisions to our catalog. Rose DelGaudio is preparing a draft institutional ethics policy in response to Recommendation #5. This policy is almost finalized and will be presented for review at our next meeting.

3. Policy 2006

President Oakley presented for review revised Policy 2006 (*Policy on Participation in Governance*). Revisions, which have been going on for quite some time, are now complete and scheduled to be presented at the next Board of Trustees meeting. The regulations associated with this policy will be revised at a later time as they will require more time and

the involvement of our planning group. A few questions were raised regarding the consistency of the language “decision reaching” versus “decision making” within the policy and code references cited in the policy. President Oakley will work with our Academic Senate President to clear up these minor issues in time for this policy to be presented at the next Board meeting.

4. Update on Fiscal Crisis

President Oakley conveyed that unfortunately the budget news from Sacramento is getting worse, not better. The budget currently has an \$8 million deficit, and will be revised again after the Special Ballot Election in May. It is very doubtful we will see any stimulus money from the President, as the K-12 system has priority on any education backfill money and any monies coming have most likely already been spent. Currently, the college is focusing on reducing our operating budget and must also begin to prepare for likely future budget cuts. President Oakley emphasized that although it is a difficult decision and task, the college must begin discussions on cutting the class schedule. He stated he would rather we prepare for this now and not have to cut the schedule than to not be prepared. It was suggested that we look to the College Planning Committee to begin discussions in early fall for possible cuts to the spring schedule. Discussions should include student representation and must be mindful of equity across groups, but most importantly the impact to students. The President Leadership Council will be kept updated on these discussions in order to help everyone understand and stay informed on why and how decisions are being made.

8. Clarification on Statewide CCA Memo regarding SLOs and College Warning Status

President Oakley clarified some information recently sent out in a memo by CCA Statewide President Ron Reel regarding a meeting he had with Dr. Barbara Beno, President of the ACCJC. President Reel indicated that not one community college in California has received a sanction because of SLOs. President Oakley, Academic Senate President Sexton, Dr. Bagg, and CCA President Sheaffer recently had a conference call with ACCJC President Dr. Barbara Beno asking questions to gain clarification regarding our ACCJC Evaluation Report recommendations. Their discussion unveiled that LBCC is on warning for two primary reasons - failure to demonstrate an institutional commitment to SLOs and the lack of a comprehensive Program Review Process. In reviewing the site visit team's report on LBCC's Self-Study, the ACCJC concluded that the deficiencies in these two areas combined (*SLOs and our Program Review Process*) warranted a warning and both should be given equal urgency.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.