

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

October 24, 2008

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MINUTES

Members Present: Lou Anne Bynum, Joan Carr, Ann-Marie Gabel, Ross Miyashiro, La Tonya Neal, Eloy Oakley, Vincent Riojas, Christopher Villa

Members Absent: Ginny Baxter, Donald Berz, Mary McElDowney, DeWayne Sheaffer, Sigrid Sexton

Note Taker: M'Shelle Reece

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2008 were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

2. Accreditation Update

President Oakley expressed appreciation on behalf of himself and the Board of Trustees to all areas of the college for the work put into the Self-Study and the great job done in welcoming the Accrediting Visiting Team. The Team's preliminary report indicated five commendations and more importantly three recommendations -- 1) engage students and classified staff to increase participation; 2) bring closure to the Program Review Process; and 3) improve methods/procedures for evaluating Student Learning Outcomes. The District will be proactive and begin discussions on ways to improve and respond to preliminary recommendations while awaiting the Final Accreditation Report due in January.

3. Update on Compressed Calendar

Conversations regarding the compressed calendar are winding down. Discussions have narrowed to debate over a 5-week versus 6-week intersession and whether or not flex days should be embedded into the calendar. The Academic Senate is scheduled to have one more session on this topic and they are expected to reach their final decision. President Oakley stated we have missed the chance for State approval for a compressed calendar for the 2009/2010 academic year and must now focus to meet deadlines for 2010/2011. Next step will be to begin discussions on strategy for implementation of the compressed calendar, recognizing many areas will be affected by this change.

4. Preparing for the Fiscal Crisis

President Oakley distributed the latest Budget Update Bulletin from the Community College League of California. He indicated midyear cuts are likely and conveyed that we are headed for difficult times, but wanted to assure everyone that at this time jobs are not threatened and there have been no discussions of layoffs. Due to careful budget planning, the college has some breathing room and should be in good shape this year, but warned cuts may be more drastic than expected. The focus will be to maintain enrollment, keep classes open and people in their jobs. He stressed we must begin strategizing how to weather this storm by analyzing ways to reduce expenditures as much as possible in order to preserve our ending fund balance as long as possible. Immediately, the Executive Committee will begin analyzing our current vacancies.

Vice President Gabel distributed a document which listed ideas from a Budget Advisory Committee brainstorming session on ways in which the District can reduce deficit spending. This is a preliminary, unedited list that will be further added to, prioritized and fine tuned. She emphasized the need to maintain a focus on minimizing any impact to our students. Anyone with cost-saving ideas was encouraged to e-mail their ideas to her and she will present these ideas to the Budget Advisory Committee. A costing-saving suggestion of a 4/10 workweek was discussed, which the Union indicated favor, but noted that this is a negotiable item.

8. Review of New/Amended Regulations

Revised Administrative Regulations 4003 (*Change of Grades*) and 3002 (*Unlawful Discrimination*) were distributed. Council Members were asked to review these revisions and share them with their constituent groups. Questions or concerns regarding these revisions are to be e-mailed to Vice President Berz, as these regulations are under his area of Academic Affairs. President Oakley advised the Council that all District Policies and Regulations are going through the process of updating so many more would be coming through this Council for review.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.