



PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

September 6, 2013

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MEETING NOTES

Members Present:

Lou Anne Bynum
Ann-Marie Gabel
Kaneesha Tarrant
Thomas Hamilton
Marco Mendoza
Mary McEldowney
Eloy Oakley
Greg Peterson
Karen Roberts
Lynn Shaw

Members Absent:

Phyllis Arias
Ginny Baxter

Notes:

M'Shelle Reece

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. President Oakley welcomed new members ASB President Marco Mendoza and Dean of Counseling and Student Support Kaneesha Tarrant.

1. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY NOTES:

The summary notes for May 10, 2013 were approved.

2. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS AND INFORMATION

- Vice-President Gabel reported on parking concerns which have arisen since the semester began.
- South of Carson - Lot J was taken down for construction of the Math-Technology building. The lot had 25 staff parking stalls; 22 were moved to between Building T and the Verizon Building, resulting in a net loss of 3 spaces.
- There are a total of 168 staff stalls on the LAC campus between the lot adjacent to the police building, Lot K, Lot L, Lot P and Veterans' Stadium. In monitoring these areas, it appears there are sufficient staff stalls south of Carson.
- There are no designated staff stalls in the parking structure at LAC as the pilot program relayed negative feedback. Staff are allowed to park in student stalls in the structure and not be ticketed.
- North of Carson - Lot A will remain closed due to upcoming construction scheduled for the replacement of damaged palm trees. Construction has not begun yet, but the decision was made that it would be best to keep the lot closed until the project is completed. The north side of LAC campus is landlocked and LBCC tries to keep equal number of stalls available for staff and students.

The city will likely not allow construction of a parking structure on the north side of campus due to traffic flow.

- There does not seem to be a problem with parking on the PCC campus, except an ongoing complaint of lack of student parking versus staff parking.
- Information on parking lot closures was relayed by Tim Wooten at department head meetings, academic senate meetings, and facilities advisory committee meetings. In addition, a construction email notification regarding the parking lot closures was sent to all employees, as well as notifications on the LBCC website, Twitter and Facebook.
- There was trouble with the student shuttle between LAC and PCC campus the first week of the semester due to internal issues within the contracted shuttle company, but these issues have been resolved.
- Students also have access to the ZAP line, a direct shuttle from PCC to LAC operated by Long Beach Transit initiated after LBT received a grant. However, students must purchase a LBT bus pass to use this service. Regular shuttle operated by LBCC between campuses is free to students who purchase the college services card. LBT cannot guarantee the ZAP service will continue after their grant is completed.
- ASB President Mendoza made a request for a shade covering over the shuttle stop at the D Building.

3. UPDATE ON RABBITS AND CATS ON CAMPUS

- All rabbits have been abated from the LAC campus with the last group being driven to a sanctuary in Colorado.
- The flea issue on both campuses is believed to have been resolved. Feral cats on the LAC campus are believed to be the root of the flea problem. The cats go into the basements and stay, which allows the fleas to come up through the floors.
- Sanctuaries will not take feral cats and the SPCA won't pick them up or accept them; therefore a committee has been established to relocate the cats.

4. STATUS OF PROGRAM DISCONTINUANCE

- Dr. Brock is working with the Academic Senate and others to identify teach-out courses that are still on the books. We have been effective reaching out to students with regard to classes that were needed in order to finish up their course of study. There are teach-out courses on the fall schedule, but only a few possible classes in the spring and that will be the end of the teach-out process.
- Transition of our aviation maintenance students to Orange Coast College has been successful.
- President Oakley is very thankful to the faculty who were laid off through this process but came back to teach the teach-out courses.
- Discussions continue with regard to discontinued programs for which we are still continuing to teach classes.
- We have a firm commitment to support and grow technical education.
- We will be recruiting to fill the Dean of Career Technical Education position.
- The District received the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) response confirming they are satisfied with LBCC's response to program discontinuance and accreditation requirements and no further action is required.

5. ASSEMBLY BILL 955

- President Oakley gave an overview of Assembly Bill 955. This bill would allow 6 pilot colleges to offer non-state supported extension courses during winter and summer intersessions. LBCC is named as one of the pilot colleges. The extension courses are limited to high demand courses leading to certificates, degrees or to transfer preparation. The courses would be taught by LBCC faculty according to bargaining unit salary schedules and consistent with department scheduling protocols.
- Courses offered in this manner would not supplant nor replace any state-supported courses offered during the regular academic year or intersessions. Instead, these courses would be offered in addition to any courses that would normally be provided and which are funded by the state. This means LBCC would continue to offer courses in the regular academic year and the intersessions up to our base state enrollment target. If LBCC demonstrates they still have a demand for bottleneck courses beyond the level funded by the state, we can offer extension courses during one or both of the intersessions.
- Extension courses would have a higher per unit rate than state supported courses carry. The fee has not been determined yet, but would be based on the current non-resident fee. The fee for Board of Governor Fee Waiver (BOGFW) eligible students would be discounted.
- The College is required to set aside one-third of the revenue generated for financial support to BOGFW eligible students. In addition, the College is required to work with its local foundation or other entities to provide non-state financial assistance to increase the affordability of these offerings. All available sources of federal financial aid are available to students who take extension courses, including access to the American Opportunity Credit which is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for students and parents of up to \$2,500. Students who are Veterans can also access their GI Bill benefits for these courses. The bill does have a sunset date so it will go away.
- There was a small student protest on campus regarding AB 955. The general opposition to this bill is that AB 955 would set up a two-tier system, giving an advantage of more classes to those who can afford to pay for extension courses.
- President Oakley realizes that this is a controversial issue. However, the State of California has not been able to provide sufficient funding to meet the demand of our students. Thousands of our students remained mired on waitlists today. Worse, LBCC students are being forced to consider options such as local for-profit institutions which are significantly more expensive and that may not provide the level of academic quality LBCC provides. Students are also faced with the difficult choice of postponing transfer choices or delaying the completion of their educational goals.
- ASB President Mendoza stated that many students don't have a thorough understanding of the bill and suggested increased education on the bill would be helpful. President Oakley offered to come speak to the members of the ASB.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- President Oakley asked for updates from representatives of various constituent groups attending the meeting.
- AFT President Thomas Hamilton reported that classified staff are thankful to have access to the fitness center again.
- CCA President Lynn Shaw reported that she will soon be rolling out the results of a faculty survey given at College Day. 168 faculty attended college day and 138 filled out the survey.
- CHI President Karen Roberts reported there was a good part-time faculty turnout at College Day.
- Manager's Association President Kaneesha Tarrant reported they are happy to be hosting the New Faculty Luncheon today at PCC. Their first meeting is scheduled for the 20th.
- ASB President Marco reported ASB has had two meetings thus far. At their upcoming retreat they will be going over the Brown Act and reviewing their budget. Special Elections are scheduled for September 10, 11 and 12th.

7. ADJOURNMENT - 11:53am