



PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

October 4, 2013

T-1046

MEETING NOTES

Members Present:

Ann-Marie Gabel
Thomas Hamilton
Eloy Oakley
Marco Mendoza
Mark Taylor *(for Kaneesha Tarrant)*
Dana Van Sinden

Members Absent:

Ginny Baxter
Lou Anne Bynum
Mary McEldowney
Greg Peterson
Karen Roberts
Lynn Shaw

Notes:

M'Shelle Reece

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY NOTES

The summary notes of April 12, 2013 were approved with corrections requested.

2. STATUS OF WINTER INTERSESSION

- A winter intersession is likely, but still unconfirmed at this time. Vice President Brock is working with the deans and the calendar committee to determine what courses could be offered. They are working to resolve some internal issues regarding contract compliance and calendaring to determine the length and number of unit courses that can be offered this year. The number of courses that will be offered is still unclear regardless if AB 955 is signed.
- In the event that AB 955 is signed, Dr. Brock is also preparing a list of high demand course for both regular student population and Veteran population in preparation to present a proposal to the Board of Trustees.

3. STATUS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 955

- Assembly Bill 955 is currently on the Governor's desk awaiting signature or veto.
- The Academic Senate recently issued a faculty letter of nonsupport opposing AB 955. Academic Senate President Van Sinden reported that the faculty traditionally oppose any bill which supports a two-tier community college system. She stated faculty feel it is inequitable and not a way to solve funding problems.

- President Oakley challenged the portion of the nonsupport letter which stated faculty were not consulted in drafting the legislation. He stated that the faculty had been represented at Board meetings when this bill was first discussed and had been represented during all the board reports and all discussions regarding the bill. Further, the Senate was at the table when the Board drafted their goals and directed him to get involved with legislative activity to support this effort, and at no time did the faculty raise an issue until now. President Oakley stated he understood the Senate's position and understands the pressure they have been under, but the core concern is that faculty had an opportunity to express concern or ask for information early in the process and they did not.
- Senate President Van Sinden explained that while she attended board meetings for the Senate she was not officially President yet, therefore had no power at that time to address the issue and could not address it on a personal level as the Senate President is a voice for the entire faculty. She agreed it was very late in the process for the Senate to respond, but the Senate felt it was important enough to take an official stance.
- President Oakley requested that in the future if the Senate is deciding to take a position on a bill that affects the entire college, they should invite the appropriate administrative staff to come discuss the bill with the Senate at one of their meetings.

4. UPDATE ON TAACCCT GRANTS

- The District has recently received two Department of Labor grants totaling over \$4.5 million. The grants target displaced workers to help them return back to the workforce.
- In Executive Vice President Bynum's absences, Vice President Gabel distributed a handout and gave a review of the two grants.
- Building LINCS Consortium Grant - Long Beach City College will partner with the consortium lead, Broward College, on the Building LINCS for Supply Chain Management project to develop a set of eight stackable and latticed credentials that will provide workers with skills suitable for entry and middle-level employment in supply chain management.
- STEM Pathway Grant - Deliver alternative pathways to engineering education and careers by expanding existing programs with skills competencies, incorporating online visual stimulation and labs, building on a proven model from a Round 2 Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Project, enhancing curriculum with employers' input and creating stacked and latticed credentials that lead to associate degrees in engineering technology and electrical technology.
- Academic Senate President Van Sinden asked that there be discussions with the Career Tech Committee to ensure communication on these grants.
- President Oakley will ask Executive Vice President Bynum to meet with Academic Senate President Van Sinden to answer any questions she has related to these grants.

5. UPDATE FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Vice President Gabel

- To ensure the health and safety of students and staff, the feral cats on campus will be relocated to the south side of campus by Building X. A committee is being formed to help decide on future plans related to this issue.

- Parking Lot A is closed due to repair work and will be closed during construction. Reopening of the lot is expected in November.
- LBCC's new food service vendor S&B began with some start-up issues, but is now running smoothly. Struggles at PCC continue until Building GG is complete.

ASB President Marco Mendoza

- ASB held special elections last month and all positions are currently filled. Ashley Smith has been elected new Vice President.

Managers Association Mark Taylor (for Kaneesha Tarrant)

- A new emergency communication tool is debuting next week for students and staff. Alert-U will still be supported, but this new system will help enhance immediate communications. Request that staff and faculty encourage everyone to sign up when prompted so that the system can be effective.

AFT President Thomas Hamilton

- Inquired regarding the status of staff lounge and possibility of a kitchen in this building. Unfortunately a kitchen is not possible, but looking into adding a refrigerator and microwave. This is a temporary place when employees can go to have lunch until the GG building is complete which will have a kitchen. Buildings AA and BB will also have staff lounges when complete.

Academic Senate President Dana Van Sinden

- Academic Council will be having a retreat this afternoon.
- Hiring Priorities is getting ready for packets to go out.

6. ADJOURNMENT - 11:20 am.