

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
May 25, 2006
English Lounge

Meeting Notes

Members Present:

Jesus Solano, Jeffrey Wheeler, Velvet Pearson, Farley Herzek, Joanne Newman, Delia DuRoss, Pauline Merry, Leticia Suarez, Shauna Hagemann, Hannah Alford, Maria Narvaez, Paul Creason, Wenda Kanemaru, Kathy Walczak, Richard Jennings, DeWayne Sheaffer, Irma Ramos, Paul Savoie, Sigrid Sexton, Lorraine Blouin, Dennis Miller, Christiane Fuller, Lou Anne Bynum, Kevin Ryan, Don Berz, Anthony Hayes, Jan Kehoe

Note Taker: Linda Roseth

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m
2. Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2006 Minutes were approved.
3. Equity For All Project- overview: Shauna Hagemann, Leticia Suarez
Leticia Suarez asked the members to speak of their experiences in the Equity for All Project. Leticia said the Equity for All Project has not concluded. The Access Committee will take over this work for the next few years of this new master plan. There has been a massive dissemination strategy to the Planning Committees, to the Leadership on Campus to give voice to this agenda and to target groups who have investment in the data. The data was selected on the basis of five areas: 1) The data addressed issues of equity and concerns around broader issues of institutional effectiveness and performance. 2) The data was accessible and manageable and lent itself easily to intervention strategies on an institution-wide basis. 3) The data could be used in post scenario building discussions to project forward what could be done about it. 4) The data selected had a proven record that could be abridged by almost every group on campus. 5) The data had two perspectives: data showing that students were poised to take the next step and data indicating intervention is necessary before moving the student to the next step. The Access Committee goal is to raise the level of awareness on the campus about issues of academic quality, student equity and student success. (Slide presentation and discussion)
4. VTEA Basic Skills – Grant Report: Dennis Miller, Christiane Fuller, Wenda Kanemaru, Kathy Walczak, Phyllis Arias
Funds were acquired to hire two faculty members, Dennis Miller and Christiane Fuller. A report was presented on their work in 1st year of the grant. Two basic goals were 1) to collect all the information and 2) to promote instructional and support programs. Suggestions were made to improve the Schedule of Classes and the LBCC website that would make a variety of information easily available to students.
5. Accreditation – timeline: Jan Kehoe, David Morse, Linda Umbdenstock
Next visit—Fall 2008
We should start getting someone trained as an ALO while Linda Umbdenstock is still here next year. In September there is a workshop being given by the Accrediting Commission and we've been invited to send a team to this workshop even though it is six to twelve months early. We would like to send the Co-chairs of the Standards Committees to the workshop. There are only four standards this time, as opposed to the ten from last time.
6. Other
Email protocol—Kevin Ryan
Recommendations only (handout provided at meeting).
7. Next Meeting:
July 13, 2006 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Dr. Kehoe's home