

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
December 11, 2007
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Foundation Board Room, Bldg I

MINUTES

Members Present: Phyllis Arias, Eva Bagg, Lou Anne Bynum, Donald Berz, Rudolph Besikof, Rose DelGaudio, Lee Douglas, John Downey, Ann-Marie Gabel, Shauna Hagemann, Kenna Hillman, David Morse, Eloy Oakley, Sigrid Sexton, Janice Tomson, Linda Umbdenstock, Christopher Villa, Joan Zuckerman

Note Taker: M'Shelle Reece

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2007

The October 9, 2007 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Update of CPC

Academic Senate President Sexton reported that the CPC is going well and showing much energy. She stated there has been feedback of concern that the old planning process was wiped out. She emphasized the need to publicize what the new CPC is doing and keep the college community up to date. Vice President Berz reported that a website is in development that will list the CPC agendas, summary minutes, status of taskforces and other pertinent information. David Morse also highlighted the responsibility of representatives on the CPC to update and inform their constituent groups on the work of the CPC. Vice President DelGaudio suggested creating training opportunities regarding the new planning structure, including the roles and responsibilities related to serving on the CPC. John Downey suggested flex day training for department chairs regarding the CPC and how it affects program planning.

4. VP Hiring Process Concerns

Superintendent-President Oakley reviewed the recent recruitment of the Vice President of Economic & Resource Development and solicited members to express any concerns they may have regarding the recruitment. Concerns were expressed regarding the recruitment

not following the normal process and the lack of consultation with the Academic Senate and Faculty Union before the decision was made to reinstate Vice President Bynum. Further concern was expressed as to whether District Policy was followed in this matter. President Oakley acknowledged the committee's concern. He expressed regret that this has caused so much turmoil and stated that in hindsight he would have done things differently and will take this into account in future decisions. He defended his decision in this recruitment explaining that this action was a reinstatement of a previous employee and the District has the right to reinstate employees under Title 5.

5. Review BAC Charge

The Council reviewed the Budget Advisory Committee charge and discussed the process for bringing forward taskforce recommendations. It was agreed that the function of the committee has not changed, therefore only minor changes were made to the charge and will be implemented and posted on the website.

6. Coordination of SLOs Across Campus

The committee discussed Student Learning Outcomes for the institution as a whole analyzing its structure and organization. Members shared their experiences with SLOs at other institutions. They discussed ways to bridge the gap and suggested implementation of a SLO Institutional Committee and possible committee charge. Council members agreed there is a need for coordination and sharing of information resources and expertise of the Student Learning Outcome Coordinator. The members reviewed the Student Learning Outcome Coordinator job description, discussed to whom the coordinator should report, and expressed concern over this being a grant-funded position. It was announced that the current Coordinator is scheduled for sabbatical and the importance of managing their replacement.

7. Meeting Dates for 2008

Academic Council meetings will continue to be held on an as needed basis.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.