

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

March 11, 2008

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Phyllis Arias, Eva Bagg, Donald Berz, Lou Ann Bynum, Rudolph Besikof, Rose DelGaudio, Lee Douglas, John Downey, Ann-Marie Gabel, Shauna Hagemann, Kenna Hillman, Eloy Oakley, Sigrid Sexton, Janice Tomson, 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 – December 11, 2007

The December 11, 2007 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Interim Administrator Hiring Process

The Council discussed the process of interim administrator appointments and reviewed Regulation 3004.2 that addresses this topic. It was noted that the regulation language requires updating and concern was expressed regarding the lack of openness and collaboration/consultation in the interim appointment process. It was decided that the entire regulation (3004) should be taken to the President Leadership Council with these concerns for review/update/revisions.

4. Reorganization

President Oakley informed the Council that we have begun the process of assessing a possible reorganization at the dean/department/school level. He wanted to address the topic with this group in order to discuss, help reduce fears, and halt any rumors they may be starting. Some members voiced concern that they were not informed of the possible reorganization before this meeting. President Oakley emphasized there are no preconceived plans and reorganization will only be based on the premise that it will improve student success. The Executive Committee has met on the issue and both Dr. Villa and Mr. Berz have held meetings with their deans/departments informing them of a possible reorganization and soliciting their input on this matter. When reorganization proposals are finalized, President Oakley will bring the proposals to the Academic Council and President Leadership Council.

5. ASLO

The Council discussed preparations for the Student Learning Outcomes Report for our upcoming accreditation visit. It was recognized that most colleges are struggling with this issue and the need to coordinate/unify efforts college-wide and to ensure we have evidence to support our report. Sigrid Sexton discussed the progress which has been made on defining and assessing Student Learning Outcomes and our continued commitment to meaningful assessment and the use of the results. Janice Tomson, SLO Coordinator, briefed the Council on where the ASLO Committee is currently and what still needs to be done. Dr. Bagg shared experiences at her previous college and gave suggestions for preparation. President Oakley stressed we must demonstrate to the Board that we are taking leadership on this issue and offered his assistance/support wherever needed. This item will be brought back for further discussion at the next meeting.

6. ARCC Student Success Data Review and Action Steps

The District is preparing its self-assessment report on the 2008 Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges (ARCC) Report from the Chancellor's Office, which is scheduled for presentation to the Board of Trustees in July. President Oakley emphasized the need to look at the data, ask questions now, and make sure we have answers to any questions that may arise from the data presented. Dr. Bagg distributed the 2008 ARCC Report and asked that members review the report and share it with their constituencies and be ready for discussion at our next meeting

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.