

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

February 17, 2009

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

Members Present: Phyllis Arias, Eva Bagg, Donald Berz, Cathy Crane, Rose DelGaudio, John Downey, Ann-Marie Gabel, Shauna Hagemann, Peter Knapp, David Morse, Eloy Oakley, Kevin Ryan, Sigrid Sexton, Natalia Schroeder, Christopher Villa, Joan Zuckerman

Absent: Lou Anne Bynum

Note Taker: M'Shelle Reece

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of December 16, 2009 were approved as presented.

3. ACCJC Action and Final Accreditation Report

President Oakley outlined the recommendations set forth in the Accrediting Commission's Evaluation Report and stressed the urgency to do whatever is necessary to respond quickly to remove the District from its current warning status. The District's goal must be to demonstrate at our follow-up report/visit scheduled for October 15 that we understand the Commission's recommendations and demonstrate we have developed and have in place a clear, detailed plan (including timelines) to address and correct their recommendations.

There was consensus that recommendation #4 (*Revision to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 4019*) and #5 (*Development of a Collegewide Code of Ethics*) are the easiest recommendations to address and should be resolved as soon as possible. Vice President DelGaudio and Dr. Bagg will be spearheading the efforts on these recommendations.

Recommendation #2 regarding Student Learning Outcomes is the most critical recommendation. This recommendation relates back to our accreditation visit in 2002 and many surrounding colleges share this recommendation. After much discussion, it was agreed that faculty should hold the responsibility to correct the recommendation related to SLOs. A tribe was created and will meet to develop a detailed plan (including timelines) to meet the challenge of correcting this recommendation. The plan is to be

finalized in time for Dr. Bagg to report this plan to the Board of Trustees at their March meeting.

The Council also emphasized that Recommendation #3 (*Completion of revision of Program Review Process*) needs significant attention and called for a tribe to be formed to address this recommendation.

The following is a list of possible ideas discussed to address Recommendation #2, as well as concerns raised:

Strategies To Meet Recommendation #2

- Restructuring/shifting direction of current SLO Committees for effectiveness
- Additional committees, tribes, resources needed to meet workload
- SLO Committee should meet/collaborate with Academic Council
- Research other colleges' success with SLOs
- Use Dr. Bagg as resource
- Increase the District's current 60% SLO release time commitment (*it was emphasized that a plan of action must be in place before this will be considered*)

Concerns

- Current SLO Coordinator scheduled for sabbatical
- Lack of progress during summer break

4. Reorganization Update

Currently, Purchasing has moved under the responsibility Risk Services and the Adaptive Physical Education is now under the responsibility of The School of Physical Education and Athletics. Reading is on course to be their own department effective the fall semester. Draft job descriptions for the Dean of Student Success, the Associate Vice President Instructional and Information Technology, and the Dean of Career and Technical Education are being forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee for review. The District plans to initially recruit the positions of Dean of Student Success and Associate Vice President Instructional and Information Technology as interim positions to be filled by July 1 and thereafter will recruitment for permanent positions. Due to budget concerns at this time, the Dean of Career and Technical Education and the splitting of the schools is on hold. The position for the Dean of the School of Math, Physical & Life Sciences is still under discussions.

Academic Senate President Sexton reminded everyone of the Academic Senate Dinner scheduled for March 6.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.