

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

September 15, 2009

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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SUMMARY NOTES

Members Present: Phyllis Arias, Eva Bagg, Lou Anne Bynum, Donald Berz, Cathy Crane, John Downey, Ann-Marie Gabel, Shauna Hagemann, Peter Knapp, Don Low, David Morse, Kevin Ryan, Sigrid Sexton, Lynn Shaw, Janice Tomson, Joan Zuckerman

Absent: Rose DelGaudio, Eloy Oakley

Note Taker: M'Shelle Reece

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of May 19, 2009 were approved.

3. Draft Accreditation Response

Dr. Bagg distributed the current draft version of the Accreditation Follow-Up Report, which will go before the Board of Trustees at their meeting next Tuesday and is due to ACCJC by October 15th. Dr. Bagg highlighted recent revisions made to the report based upon input received from Councilmembers.

- Language under course level outcomes emphasizing that faculty have maintained good balance in keeping outcomes meaningful and authentic despite a compressed working timeframe
- The number and types of SLO workshops held
- CPC's approval of the purchase of TracDat
- Creation of the Business System Analyst IV position in support of TracDat
- Training sessions scheduled regarding the newly adopted Code of Ethics
- Information on how the Student Success Evaluation Plan ties into planning based on data
- Work of the ARCC Taskforce
- Certificate of completion for non-credit certificates
- Review language regarding dedicating flex day to SLO work

4. Budget Update – Planning Implications

Vice President Gabel reported that currently the college has met both the Board goals and BAC assumptions and guidelines, for 2009/10. She stressed future revenue cuts are expected. The amount of the Federal Stimulus Backfill should be known in early October and the Council discussed the options and legislative guidelines for moving funds to backfill categoricals and to reach compliance for State matching funds. The Board of Trustees has asked the district to begin to look at the issue of the deficit incurred from the Child Development Centers - currently projected at \$580,000 for 09/10 - and begin plans on ways to reduce the deficit by \$200-\$300,000. Executive Vice President Berz reported he is currently conducting a study on recent class reductions with the inclusion of faculty banked hours, sabbatical backfill and reassigned time, as they were not originally included in the data.

It was agreed that collaborative efforts to meet our budget goals should continue, but there was discussion on which campus group/committee is appropriate to lead budget cut recommendations - BAC, CPC, faculty groups? A taskforce of John Downey, Janice Tomson, Sigrid Sexton, and Ann Marie Gabel was formed to discuss this further and look at the BAC and CPC charges in relation this question. The taskforce will report back at the next meeting. Councilmembers expressed there is general confusion on how departments are to balance and prioritize decisions regarding where to make future budget cuts with so many factors to consider; i.e., the various district goals (*President Goals, Board Goals, Educational Master Plan*), the increase in graduation requirements, and direction coming from the Chancellor's Office.

The Council also addressed how budget implications of today are going to have a major impact on the way colleges will be run in the future. Indicators show that community college funding in future will most likely be based on outcomes/completion versus enrollment. Currently, the State legislature is directing colleges to focus on their core mission during these difficult budget times - defining core as career technical education training, basic skills curriculum and transfer preparation. Councilmembers voiced many differing opinions on the subject of what should be considered core for LBCC. A subgroup of the Council, consisting of Lou Anne Bynum, Cathy Crane, Peter Knapp, David Morse, Kevin Ryan, and Sigrid Sexton, was formed to address the subject of "CORE" as stated by the Chancellor's Office and the state budget language.

5. CLASS Initiative/LB College Promise/Other Reforms

This item was deferred to our next meeting.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.