

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

October 13, 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, Rose DelGaudio, John Downey, Shauna Hagemann, Peter Knapp, Don Low, David Morse, Eloy Oakley, Kevin Ryan, Lynn Shaw, Janice Tomson, Joan Zuckerman

Absent: Ann-Marie Gabel, Sigrid Sexton

Note Taker: M'Shelle Reece

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of September 15, 2009 were approved.

3. Class Initiative

President Oakley shared an overview of the California Leadership Alliance for Student Success (CLASS) Initiative lead by Kay and Byron McClenny of the Community College Leadership Program (CCLP) at The University of Texas at Austin and funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the James Irvine Foundation. The two-year initiative was created to discuss Student Success in California; i.e., best practices, develop and review cohort data, and develop recommendations to increase/improve successful outcomes for community college students. Long Beach City College is among thirteen institutions that were selected to participate. Participants include the CEO, one Board Member, and one faculty representative from each institution. The State Academic Senate had raised concern regarding the initiative, as when it was initially created faculty representation was not included. But, based upon concerns raised and recommendations from participant CEOs, the participation was updated with the inclusion of one faculty representative.

4. Taskforce Report – Budget Reduction Recommendations

The Taskforce presented proposed revisions for the charge of the Budget Advisory Committee. Concern was raised regarding bullet #3 of the charge. As members did not reach resolution on the revisions, this item will return for further discussion at our next meeting.

5. “Core” Taskforce Report

Summary notes of the taskforce’s discussions and a Chancellor’s Office Budget Update dated July 28 were distributed. Since the last meeting, the taskforce has met once and communicated by e-mail, but all agree much discussion is still needed to determine what is “core” for LBCC. As the budget crisis is predicted to last 3-5 years, the Council’s intent is to create district guidelines to be incorporated into the College Planning Process which will be used to assist departments in making decisions on where further reductions or reallocations should be made, if deemed necessary. Before moving forward, further research will be done to create clear definitions on the core subjects of basic skills, transfer and workforce training, as outlined in Chancellor Scott’s July 28 Budget Update. The following additional factors considered important in developing guidelines were also discussed; i.e., Career trends of the future, transfer courses versus elected courses leading to a major, improvement of student success (as our future funding will be linked to outcomes) and the intent to restore reductions when funds return.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.