



ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2011
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
T-1046

SUMMARY NOTES

Members Present: Eva Bagg, Don Berz, Rudy Besikof, Lou Anne Bynum, Rose DelGaudio, John Downey, Ann-Marie Gabel, Shauna Hagemann, Rigo Ibarra, David Morse, Eloy Oakley, Gregory Peterson, Kevin Ryan, Winford Sartin, Lynn Shaw, Janice Tomson

Absent: Chris Jacobs

Note Taker: M'Shelle Reece

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.,

2. Approval of Minutes

Janice Tomson requested revisions to the March 8 meeting summary notes regarding the agenda item #1 - Formation of an Enrollment Management Committee. After Council members discussed suggested summary note revisions, it was agreed that recommendations be finalized and the March 8 meeting summary notes be brought back for approval at the next Academic Council meeting.

3. Program Discontinuance Process Workgroup Update

Executive Vice President Berz distributed a document indicating recommended revisions from the Academic Council workgroup charged with review of Administrative Regulation 4024 (Program Establishment, Modification, and Discontinuance).

The workgroup recommended the following revision to 4024.5.A:

4024.5 *Program Discontinuance*

- A. *The review and decision regarding the viability of a program is a joint venture of the faculty and administration which will include the Academic Senate President (or designee) and the Curriculum Committee Chair.*

The Council discussed the item further and also recommended adding the following revision to 4024.5.C:

- C. *Within a month of being notified of an at-risk program, the Vice President of Academic Affairs will call a meeting of the appropriate school dean, the full-time faculty of the department or program and shall include the Academic Senate President (or designee) to serve in an oversight capacity. The charge of this group is to study the program and decide whether to recommend the use of intervention strategies to support the program or the elimination of the program. The research and recommendation are to be included in a written document that is to be completed within a semester.*

The recommended revisions will be forwarded to the Policy and Standards Committee.

4. Blueprint for Student Success Update (Promise Pathway)

Vice President Peterson reported that in response to Academic Senate concerns, the district is taking a small step backward on the Blueprint for Student Success Initiative (now named the Promise Pathway) in order to create a clear vision statement and to discuss where we are going. A committee has been formed to define a vision statement and continue to work on the structure, timeline and implementation strategies for this initiative.

Academic Senate President Ryan shared a concern that there is general confusion for some on the district's many initiatives; i.e., the Seamless Education Partnership, SB 650, the Long Beach College Promise, the Blueprint for Student Success (Promise Pathway) and Title 5 grants and how these are related and how they differ. It was recommended that updates on these topics be included in the District's electronic news update "In the Loop" to keep faculty and staff informed and help clear confusion.

The Council also discussed implementation concerns related to the Title 5 deadline approaching in June. It was noted that the Promise Pathway will not be finalized by this deadline, but the Title 5 grant will be written in such a way to be inclusive of the Promise Pathway and related initiatives.

The first Promise Pathway cohort is estimated at 1700 students entering LBCC next fall from LBUSD. The Promise Pathway will also target to help student success across the board, beyond this cohort. Strategies are being implemented which relate to general preparedness from LBUSD to LBCC and CSULB with milestones and momentum points as some strategies being discussed which aim to promote student success across the board.

5. SLO Officers

Academic Senate President Ryan reported that he e-mailed department heads for their input on SLO officers and received 19 responses, most positive, to extending the assignments. The Council agreed that the District should extend SLO officer position

assignments for at least another year, but that the District will need to work out how this can continue as it is not an appropriate time to include this in Union bargaining with our current budget deficit due to the State budget crisis. Concerns were raised and recommendations made regarding more clearly defining responsibilities of SLO Officers to enhance consistency as their duties can vary by department.

6. Educational Master Plan Update

This item was not on the agenda, but added at the meeting. Dr. Bagg reported that development of the Educational Master Plan is moving quickly. A district wide survey on the Draft Goals for the 2011-2016 Educational Master Plan is currently being conducted. The survey input will be incorporated and shared with the Oversight Taskforce and then forwarded to the College Planning Committee for approval.

7. Miscellaneous

After new Academic Senate Executive Committees members are named, President Oakley and the new Senate President will plan a retreat for the Academic Council.