



ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

March 22, 2012

2:30 p.m.

T-1046

SUMMARY NOTES

Members Present: Eva Bagg, Lou Anne Bynum, Rose DelGaudio, Ann-Marie Gabel, Shauna Hagemann, Charlotte Joseph, Gaither Loewenstein, Matthew Lawrence, Eloy Oakley, Greg Peterson, Kevin Ryan, Rodney Rodriguez, Anthony Starros, Janice Tomson, Lynn Shaw, Dana Van Sinden

Absent: April Juarez

Guest: Sigrid Sexton

Summary Notes: M'Shelle Reece

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Summary notes of the February 21, 2012 Academic Council meeting were approved with one correction.

3. Promise Pathways

Vice President Peterson reported the committee is currently working on Promise Pathways alignment with Title 5 and also English, math and reading placement pathways. The Postsecondary Group is working on development of student success courses, mentoring program and summer bridge program. LBCC will host its second symposium on April 4 including English, math, reading, and ESL faculty from LBUSD, LBCC and CSULB. President Oakley met with Counseling Department Chairs, DeWayne Sheaffer and Jeri Florence, to discuss ways to inform and educate students of the upcoming changes related to Promise Pathways and the legislative and regulatory changes coming down from the state level regarding priority registration, particularly changes related to the 100 unit cap and academic progress. Academic Senate President Tomson stated the Academic Senate has formed a taskforce to review LBCC's administrative regulations on registration.

4. Reorganization Workgroup Report

Vice President Gabel distributed revised Reorganization Evaluation Process and Survey Tool documents which incorporated requested changes from the last Academic Council meeting. After much discussion and failed attempts to decide how to determine if reorganizations would require a third year evaluation, members decided to mandate an evaluation at both the end of year one and year three. Therefore verbiage under Process #1 referring to a survey score below 90% necessitating a third year review will be struck. Academic Senate President Tomson recommended, and members agreed, to add verbiage under Process #7 indicating that the vice president and faculty co-chair shall report reorganization evaluation results to Academic Council. Although it is past the third year, Vice President Loewenstein will conduct an evaluation of the 2008 reorganization on areas related to academic matters, which will serve as a test run for the newly developed process/survey.

5. Evaluation of Governance

Academic Senate President Tomson and Associate Dean Bagg reported that the Academic Council workgroup (*Eva Bagg, John Downey April Juarez, Rose DelGaudio, Janice Tomson*) charged with establishing a plan to address accreditation recommendation #8 regarding development of a plan to evaluate the role of college wide leadership in institutional governance has begun their work. The workgroup recommends conducting focus groups and using the data collected to develop recommendations for any needed improvements to the governance process and to create a college wide survey that would be administered on a regular basis. The workgroup recommends establishing 8 focus groups consisting of, 1) college wide leadership; 2) faculty leaders; 3) faculty non-leaders; 4) part-time faculty; 5) classified union; 6) associated student body; 7) academic administrators; and 8) managers and confidentials. Dr. Eva Bagg and Stacy Gutierrez have been designated as focus group facilitators with the intent of the focus group interviews to begin in April. It is recognized that the emotional reactions to questions posed in the focus groups may be heightened due to current stressful budget times, but focus groups participants will be assured of the confidentiality, fairness and objectivity used in collecting and reporting on the information gathered.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.