

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 23, 2008 1:45-3:45
Building 5, Room 206

Present: Greg Morgan, Craig Taylor, Larry Scott, Bob Baldwin, Siv Barnum, Jim Salt, Joyce Godels, Jonathan Morton.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1) REVIEW AGENDA

Council Chair received the following question from Facilities Council Chair Margaret Robertson via email. Object: use correct terminology for the campus master plan. Is the central organizing idea 'College-wide planning' from 2005-06 a synonym for "Lane Governance System?"

The council requested a context in which the wording 'college-wide planning' would be used.

2) REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST TWO MEETINGS

Minutes of October 9, 2008 approved with amendments.

3) REPORTS:

There was not time for reports from College Council Chair, College President/ Executive Team, Faculty Council, ASLCC Management Senate, LCCEF, LCCEA.

4) SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) GOVERNANCE: Assessment design proposal – Not discussed

b) BUDGET: moved to item 5 Budget sub-committee

c) PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE: Unite-planning

Unit-planning has generated a lot of frustration, the office of ASA is trying to make a user friendly process, initially was very lengthy, this time is much better, primary audience is each unit (division) deans are encourage to fill this information. Is there any question from the CC. Why is called unit? Maybe changing the name to division-planning might change the perception and administration can get more collaboration. Unit planning purpose shouldn't be only to get a little bit of money, but to assess division's work. Intent of unit-planning hasn't been filtered down to departments. The perception is that is done to comply with administration requirements for fund allocation only. Members were not sure that this is part of CC purview; process started by the Office of Instruction for instructional departments only. Decision: schedule it as future topic.

5) UPDATES ON PAST AGENDA ITEMS:

a) Finance Council and Budget Sub-committee: Objective is to review Greg Morgan's proposed budget Sub-committee charter.

Members discussion: it does not specify who is doing the developing; there is no reason to change to subcommittee, it will take time to develop process for the subcommittee's functions; councils have rules for process, sub-committees none; functions of finance council or a finance subcommittee should be under the same council's regulations. There are several groups doing several functions of finance council as part of their jobs that is why Finance council could not take off and did not come to a conclusion. No governance council in LCC has made a hard conclusive decision. Councils should have share stewardship. In the budget area someone has to make a decision or it is put on some administrator to the last minute to make a decisions, or as always is defaulted to a smaller group cutting up some good useful decisions, such as the safety policy, that was in the process for two years. The budget can not wait, we have to have it, and someone has to make the decision. When decisions have to be made with broad engagement it does not work. Overlap was also a big issue, lack of functionality.

Members discussion: Council didn't work out because VP of operations and then AVP didn't attend meetings. It doesn't matter how we named, council or sub-council, it is going to encounter the same issues. There is urgency for developing the budget for the board of education, if we don't have a subcommittee soon, then the responsibility defaults to a small group of people. Proposal doesn't include students because their view will be at college council level, in the sub-committee students are not affected directly. Need of clear goals. Goals are crystal clear, the process how to get there is very convoluted and there is no share vision on how is going to be sacrificed. Disagreement that councils can't work. Lack of clarity on what was the process.

Proposal:

Quick straw survey of what council members prefer, reestablish the finance council or maintaining a budget subcommittee:

7 votes in favor to revive finance council

1 vote for budget subcommittee

Chief Financial Officer requested to nominate a temporary budget subcommittee to start working on the budget presentation for the board.

Proposal to resolve this issue:

Re-establish immediately Finance Council, so it can start working on budget for the board presentation.

Faculty council representative amended proposal as:

Re-establish immediately Finance Council, and meet next week, naming a date for the first meeting, so working on budget for the board presentation can start immediately.

Voting:

7 votes in favor

1 vote NO

6) NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 13, 2008