

College Council
February 3, 2006

Present: Bob Baldwin, Siv Serene Barnum, Sheila Broderick, Sonya Christian, Jet Eccleston, Marie Matsen, Bob Mention, Andrea Newton, Jim Salt, Mary Spilde, Craig Taylor

Unable to Attend: Jeremy Riel

Guest: Dennis Carr

January 23 meeting notes were approved.

Reports

Salt and Spilde are drafting governance system progress reports for the college community and for the Board of Education.

Spilde and her Executive Team are managing the budget work that must be accomplished this term. ET received an update from Foundation Director Janet Anderson on a potential capital campaign. The Foundation Trustees are considering this to generate resources for innovation, an endowed chair, and support for a new health and wellness building. If all goes well, the silent phase of the campaign would begin in a year.

Faculty Council has approved a charter for a curriculum funding committee; and is considering approval of the instructional technology plan.

Eccleston conveyed students' disappointment with the federal budget bill. Student concerns are around the campus climate, student government and program visibility, the student union (lounge), and the cafeteria. Baldwin reported that classified staff need regular communication on budget decisions. To forestall rumors, the administration should explain not only what, but why and from whom data is gathered.

Budget Development

Dave Keebler will be working with administration to monitor budget proposals and the status of budget proposals. Keebler has a thorough understanding of the instructional budget which is 62% of the whole. Managers are meeting with department chairs to identify and gather the data elements approved by college council; to outline potential consolidation of cross-departmental services (computer labs, for example); and to create unit-level plans for how we can do things differently. All budget reduction ideas are welcome. The administration is looking first at carryover money and part-time classified positions.

Governance Subcommittee

Council members reached **limited agreement to adopt the Governance Council Information Request Procedure**, reviewed a draft of the Council Plan and Policy Implementation Consultation Guidelines, and received a proposed process for College Policy and Governance Integration.

SB300 – first reading

Christian introduced a draft Board of Education policy – Expanded Options Program for Lane Community College. The policy will fulfill the terms of Oregon Senate Bill 300 which amends ORS 327.008 and creates the Expanded Options Program to promote college credit programs for high school students. The act obligates high schools to inform students of college-level opportunities. LCC will define entry level requirements and will launch Expanded Options with RTech, a program already in place for high school students. The proposed cost is \$100 per credit, paid by the school districts.

Learning Council Plan – first reading

Discussion Points:

- Approval does not guarantee funding. Words like “commit” and “ensure” are problematic.
- The purpose of planning is not to secure funds.
- Planning and budgeting must be integrated. The responsible administrator should show how the budget reflects the plan.
- Need to define “approval”.
- The plan’s introductory goal to create “guidelines for making decisions that are learning centered” is not (as it is written) the purview of the Learning Council. This would be a college wide goal and college council responsibility.
- The learning-centered principles are included because they frame the Learning Plan.
- People will read the plan literally and assume that increasing support means a commitment of resources.
- Council plans are recommendations, guidelines, strategic directions. They are not mandates or commitments.
- It is College Council’s responsibility to integrate area council plans with realistic budget parameters.
- Plans may require updating or revising in light of other plans or changes to college strategic directions. Approval language must be explicit.

Salt asked council members to bring specific Learning Plan recommendations to the next meeting.

Hiring Process Policy Proposal

A first reading on this proposal will be a February 17 agenda item. Carr has worked with both unions to improve the hiring process procedure. The Human Resources recruitment team will attend the February 17 meeting to respond to questions on the substance of this proposal.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 pm

Recorder: Mary Bolton