College Council November 29, 2006

Members present: Siv Serene Barnum, Bob Baldwin, Sheila Broderick, Sonya Christian, Dan Dawson, Happi Matthews, Andrea Newton, Jim Salt, Mary Spilde,

Craig Taylor, Dan Timberlake Also present: Greg Morgan Unable to attend: Marie Matsen

Meeting notes from November 9 were approved with the exception of the Budget Development subcommittee report. Approval of that section of the notes is postponed to December 5.

Reports

The Executive Team received Banner and Express Lane updates from Helen Garret and Chuck Appleby.

Faculty Council members discussed the proposed limitations to campus access.

ASLCC – 34 students attended the Northwest Leadership Conference. Student leaders are preparing for winter term, making plans to celebrate Martin Luther King Day, and continuing their analysis of the student dental insurance plan. There has been negative feedback from second-year students majoring in graphic design and multimedia programs – they are concerned about the consequences of a potential unconfirmed merger of the two programs.

LCCEF – Alicia Niles replaces Shirley Lukacs on the Student Affairs Council. Elizabeth Andrade is appointed to the Diversity Council. Roger Gamblin will serve on the Safety Committee. Helen Mikkelson and Bob Baldwin will represent classified staff on the Budget Review Group.

LCCEA – Some faculty members are concerned about access to campus and the degree to which limited access may hinder faculty members' ability to access their office on weekends and late hours if the plan to install gates goes through as proposed. The Instructional Redesign Task Force has met twice – the work is proceeding. The faculty is considering ways to reduce conflicts between groups during the budget development process this year, and asks the College Council to consider what role it could have in that effort.

Sustainability Core Value

Council heard a second reading of the proposed addition to the college core values. Susie Cousar explained the changes from the first reading. The word 'interdisciplinary' is intended to mean 'across campus', and not a pedagogical model. Some in the college community perceive all the core values as too broad, too vague, and not useful in making decisions or determining a course of action. Others see the core values as guidelines for conducting college business in ways that are important to us.

Council reached limited consensus to recommend adding the Sustainability Core Value. The final language is as follows:

"Sustainability

- Integrate practices that support and improve the health of systems that sustain life.
- Provide an interdisciplinary learning environment that builds understanding
 of sustainable ecological, social, and economic systems, concern for
 environmental justice, and the competence to act on such knowledge.
- Equip and encourage all students and staff to participate actively in building a socially diverse, just, and sustainable society, while cultivating connections to local, regional, and global communities."

Budget Development Subcommittee

The next step in budget development is college council approval of the Budget Review Group composition and process. The budget office will update the projections after the Governor announces his budget on Monday, December 4.

Unit plans will be posted to the Office of Instruction and Student Services Unit Plan web page next week.

Planning Subcommittee

In response to a proposal to integrate the work of the Carl Perkins, student tech fee, and curriculum development funding committees, the planning subcommittee met with Gloria Vanderhorst and the funding committee leads – Mary Brau for curriculum development, Andrea Newton for Carl Perkins, and Stephen Pruch for technical fees. The group decided that one funding committee would not be an effective way to accomplish the work of disbursing funds. To integrate the work, the funding leads will serve on the other two committees rotationally; planning subcommittee members will serve on one funding committee each; and the funding leads will meet with the planning subcommittee members semi-annually to review the process.

Governance Subcommittee

The proposal to integrate the governance system with college policies and procedures was tabled on November 9. Today, members debated whether each council should have an opportunity to recommend which policies are in its purview or whether the governance subcommittee should send a draft outline of the policies assigned to each council. Council reached limited consensus to an initial mapping of policies and procedures to appropriate councils followed by a review of that work by each council. College Council will make the final determination on areas of council responsibility. Then, each council will create a regular review cycle of existing policies and a method to develop and adopt new policies. Each council will write its own timeline to accomplish this work.

The electronic provision of council documents to council members is normally a matter of course. However, the president recently decided against providing electronic copies of the budget projections in order to prevent the dissemination of very preliminary speculation over how much revenue the college will receive from the state and to forestall confusion around the first and succeeding drafts of the budget projections. The president is willing to reaffirm a commitment to provide documents to council members with the caveat that with such a commitment in place, she will carefully consider which documents to provide in hard copy. The subject was tabled; the Governance Subcommittee will discuss possible resolution of interests.

Governance Council Meeting Regularity

The Council reached unanimous agreement to ask governance council members to decide whether they wish to change their meeting frequency to meet monthly rather than semi-monthly, and to advise College Council of their decisions.

Meeting adjourned: 3:00 pm Recorder: Mary Bolton