

College Council
October 12, 2006

Present: Siv Serene Barnum (from 2:30), Sheila Broderick, Dan Dawson, Happi Matthews, Greg Morgan, Andrea Newton, Jim Salt, Mary Spilde (by phone), Craig Taylor, Dan Timberlake

Unable to attend: Bob Baldwin, Sonya Christian

Meeting notes from September 28 were approved as revised.

Reports

ET members took part in a table-top exercise on emergency planning –security is challenging because the campus was designed for accessibility, not for security. ET discussion has been on budget strategies, college council budget development progress, Banner access to ODS data, dashboard metrics derived from Banner data, and the Board of Education agenda.

ASLCC has registered 1300 new voters and helped facilitate the DeFazio-Feldkamp debate on October 9.

LCCEA has raised well over \$5000 to support the Local Option Levy. There will be an LOL rally on October 13 in Bristow Square. The union's political action committee has been re-established to endorse measures and candidates, register and educate voters (especially regarding Measures 41 and 48), and lobby the legislature. A faculty governance reassignment proposal is on the table. The instruction redesign process planning team met with all faculty and instructional managers during in-service to begin the redesign work and to solicit membership on a broader redesign task force which will begin work next week.

Future Meetings

Council will not meet on November 23 – Thanksgiving Day. An alternative meeting date will be determined.

The December 14 meeting is moved to December 5, 1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

FY08 Budget Development Strategies

The strategies to increase revenue and decrease expenses have been reviewed by the College Council Budget Development Subcommittee. The proposed revisions were distributed earlier today. Council approved the following changes:

Increase enrollment in lower cost programs that provide a net contribution to the general fund. (revised wording)

Improve capacity utilization, efficiencies, and productivity – this will be a strategy to both increase revenue and decrease expenses.

If necessary, eliminate whole functions (e.g. program, discipline, service, process, etc.) rather than across-the-board cuts. (revised wording)

Interpretation of the strategy to leverage technology may result in censure of investments to increase efficiency (e.g. energy efficiency) and prompts questions regarding long-term versus short-term financial planning. To defray possible tension over this strategy, council agreed to develop an introductory caveat to explain that FY08 Budget Strategies need to consider the long-term fiscal health of the college as well as meet FY08 obligations and policies.

Council reached limited consensus (three neutral votes) to recommend the strategies to increase revenue. The intent of the strategy to increase the base rate tuition is to *consider* this option only in response to significant shortfalls in state funding – specifically only in the event that Ballot Measures 41 and/or 48 pass.

Council reached unanimous agreement to recommend the strategies to decrease expenses with the introductory statement (to be written) to resolve the concerns around long-term fiscal health.

Budget Target – Unit Planning

Departments need a framework to design unit plans by November 15. Discussion around how best to operationalize the budget strategies did not result in council agreement. One model would assign a target to each department based on the current distribution of revenue. Another model aligns targets with strategies in four budget scenarios and by the five areas of the college – instruction, instructional support, student services, college services, and facilities/plant. Council will meet again on Tuesday, October 17, 6:30am in the boardroom to resolve this issue.

Meeting adjourned: 3:50 pm
Recorder: Mary Bolton