

College Council
27 September 2007

Members present: Bob Baldwin, Siv Serene Barnum, Sonya Christian, Don McNair (for Dan Timberlake), Greg Morgan, Andrea Newton, Jim Salt, Mary Spilde, Craig Taylor

Unable to attend: Jim Bailey, Dan Dawson, Max McNalley

September 13 notes were approved as revised.

Reports

Council chair noted that we do not have student representation here today.

LCCEF – Classified staff are concerned about the reliability of budget information, specifically, the status of tuition-based added sections.

LCCEA – Faculty members would like the College Council to provide direction regarding the status of governance councils – representation and meeting schedules.

Chair Election

Siv Serene Barnum was nominated and elected by acclamation to chair the 2007-2008 College Council.

Governance Council Meeting Regularity

Members agreed that the College Council chair and vice-chair will communicate with council chairs and vice-chairs, requesting that each council review its charter, work plan, and membership; and plan for an assessment of relevant college policies. Councils should determine meeting regularity based on the council work plan.

Report from Budget Task Force

The taskforce has looked at the dashboard (an Express Lane budget tool that gives every employee access to accounting information), the EMPT (an enrollment management planning tool), projections (a model used by Lane's budget office), and a budget model that uses measurements and benchmarks to guide budget discussions.

Opposition to a discussion of which measurements and benchmarks to use stems from a belief that it is premature to assume that the college will use such a model; that a budget process proposal cannot move forward until it has the support of the college community; and that the use of 'benchmarks' to analyze college practices and determine goals is an inappropriate approach to guide the college.

Supporters of the model maintain that it is a starting point and that it need not be the only model on the table. They also point out that the criteria, principles, and data elements which directed the development of the current budget were approved by College Council.

Council did not reach consensus on this matter and it was tabled to the next meeting.

College Council Subcommittee Membership

Governance subcommittee – Spilde, Barnum, Salt (and a student?)

Planning subcommittee – Christian, Taylor (and Bailey?)

Budget subcommittee – Spilde, Morgan, Christian, Barnum, Baldwin, Salt (and a student? and a manger?)

Barnum will talk with students about subcommittee participation.

Safety Policy, first reading

Council suggested the addition of a reference to emergency response procedures. A second reading will be on the next meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned: 3:45

Recorder: Mary Bolton