College Council April 7, 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

March 3 meeting notes were approved as revised.

Reports

The Executive Team's budget proposals will be presented to College Council on Wednesday, April 12.

The Faculty Council has formed a committee to look into the idea of including an anti-harassment statement on each class syllabus.

Classified staff are concerned that budget development has not had staff-level input this year, as has been the case in prior years.

Faculty share the concern over budget development and recommend that for the future, we pay close attention to what is and is not working well this year. The faculty contract bargaining team and the college have reached tentative agreement. The team will be communicating with faculty members this week and expect ratification next week.

Budget Development Subcommittee

5.9 million dollars in budget reduction proposals will be finalized next Monday (April 10) and presented to the college council and the board of education on Wednesday (April 12). An all-staff meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13. Open forums will follow to provide opportunities for people to offer alternatives. College Council will review all suggestions, then outline a recommendation to the president. The president intends to forward all proposals to board members. Minority reports are part of the process.

Governance Subcommittee

Implementation Consultation Guidelines adopted unanimously.

Policies and Governance Integration

Council reviewed the subcommittee's proposed five-step process. Matsen recommended including a statement to describe the relationship between board and college policy. The Executive Team began a review of policies and procedures last year – that work will be useful in developing this process.

Planning Subcommittee

The planning subcommittee continues to revise and refine the unit planning process.

Accreditation Standards

The college governance system oversees accreditation compliance. Standards one, six, and nine are assigned to college council. Mary Spilde monitors progress toward compliance with standard six, governance and administration. She reported on steps taken to assess and adjust the governance system, communicate with board members, evaluate the impact of overlapping roles, promote staff retention, announce ethical conduct requirements, and review research workloads.

Future Meetings

April 12	1:00-2:30	Boardroom
April 17	1:30-3:00	Boardroom
April 21	1:00-3:00	Boardroom
April 25	2:00-5:00	Boardroom

Meeting adjourned: 3:00 Recorder: Mary Bolton