

College Council
November 18, 2005

Present: Bob Baldwin, Sheila Broderick, Sonya Christian, Jet Eccleston,
Marie Matsen, Bob Mention, Andrea Newton (for parts of the meeting), Jeremy Riel,
Jim Salt, Craig Taylor

Unable to attend: Siv Serene Barnum, Mary Spilde

The meeting notes from October 31 were approved as revised.

Reports

Matsen (for Spilde) – ET discussion has been on budget development, the next board work session on programs, and the new health clinic.

Faculty Council – discussion of student evaluation of courses, a harassment survey, and how initiatives from unit planning will be funded.

ASLCC – no report

Management Senate – working to fill two governance council vacancies

LCCEF – no report

LCCEA – Bob Barber has resigned from the Learning Council for health reasons. Ken Zimmerman was elected to replace Bob as the chair of the Learning Council this year. Salt asked whether steps have been taken to reconvene the committee that was examining electronic evaluations. Salt proposed discussion of the evaluation committee at the next College Council meeting. In the interim, interested parties should talk about what direction to take. Salt touched on a need to begin to review open positions; while there has been some speculation about holding open positions to balance the budget, no such decision has been made and the work needs to be started now so that postings can proceed within the academic hiring calendar.

Student Affairs Plan

Riel read a statement from the Student Affairs Council and the Student Services directors requesting immediate College Council approval of the SA Plan so that they can begin implementation. Christian repeated this concern, saying that student services directors are ready and waiting to implement.

College Council members have previously identified two elements of the plan goals as concerns:

Goal IC: "Develop a systematic process that allows students the ability to provide feedback for every class term and to have the results of the feedback accessible to students."

Some council members noted that the goal of student access to evaluations raises serious concerns about confidentiality; and that other

aspects are inconsistent with current college policy, practice, and contractual agreements.

Goal IIB: "Increase international student enrollment."

Some council members noted that this goal is contrary to recent board direction.

Unanimous agreement to approve the Student Affairs Strategic Plan with the exception of Goal IC and Goal IIB. Jim Salt, as College Council Chair, will draft a formal letter of approval to the Student Affairs Council. The letter will begin with praise for the good work of the council and will provide both an explanation of the two exceptions and an invitation to resubmit Goals IC and IIB in a form that is consistent with current policy and contractual agreements and that address the current Board positions.

Discussion Points

- An approved plan is not necessarily set in stone. Plans can change.
- The governance system as whole must be flexible.
- Plans may conflict. Conflicts might be resolved in a joint council session.
- A layered approach to planning is acceptable.
- These views should be communicated to area councils.

KLCC

In response to a question about how KLCC fits into the planning and budgeting systems of the college, it was noted that the radio station will submit a unit plan and is a part of the learning mission of the college.

Meeting Notes

The Finance Council does not have a note taker. Salt will assist in correcting that.

We will be moving to a decentralized system for posting items to the governance website. Council Chairs, vice chairs, and/or note-takers will be responsible for posting. When the list is complete, Todd Lutz will coordinate training for this group.

Future Meetings

The previously-agreed-to schedule of Thursday meetings for 2006 is cancelled due to the unavailability of all council members. For winter term only, College Council will meet first and third Friday's, 1 – 3 p.m. Spring term will tentatively be set for Thursday afternoons, depending upon the availability of council members.

Adjourned: 5:05 p.m.

Recorder: Mary Bolton