

College Council
December 2, 2005

Present: Siv Serene Barnum, Sheila Broderick, Sonya Christian, Jet Eccleston, Andrea Newton, Jim Salt, Craig Taylor

Unable to attend: Bob Baldwin, Marie Matsen, Bob Mention, Jeremy Riel, Mary Spilde

The meeting notes from November 18 were approved as revised.

Reports

Salt will continue to help in finding a note-taker for the Finance Council and in getting meeting notes posted to the governance website.

Executive Team discussion has been on using student technology fees for smart classroom equipment and on a review of staff vacancies.

The faculty union and the faculty council will ask college administration to reconvene/appoint a committee to review the experimental electronic system of faculty/course evaluation.

The Learning Council approved the Learning Plan today. Work to prioritize goals will continue. The LC requests copies of documents reviewed by College Council.

Craig Taylor announced that Chemeketa Community College instructor Karen Edwards will be visiting Lane to interview staff for her strategic planning dissertation research.

ASLCC senator Scott Brooks has proposed a student survey on differential pricing.

Planning Subcommittee

Draft 5 of the *Annual Process Flow Description – Linking Planning to Implementation* was referred to the Budget Development Subcommittee as members were unable to agree on how budget reduction proposals will be developed and implemented.

Salt conveyed faculty frustration with the current unit planning process. He proposed a task force, led by the College Council Planning Subcommittee, to review the process and recommend improvements for next year. Salt will provide a written outline of his plan.

Christian's feedback from faculty is that the unit planning instrument is much improved over past years. The concern now is linking unit planning to budget development. Her tactic is to create teams to communicate the relationship between planning and budgeting while continuing to gather feedback from the college community.

Salt observed that the planning and budget process provides a role for governance councils only in the circumstance of budget reductions or additions. In order to fully utilize the governance system, budget development should be more fully integrated with governance. He suggests one approach could be to piecemeal the budget to appropriate area councils for review and development. The Technology Council, for example, would examine the technology budget.

Newton noted that area councils make plans and set priorities. Responsible administrators then aim to repurpose funds toward those goals. Governance council assessment of whether goals are met is appropriate.

Salt maintained that governance council consultation on implementation is a vital and positive contribution to the planning process. Council participation is key to responsible decision-making. Councils must play a part in attaining goals.

Christian stated that redirecting resources should be a College Council function because the outcome would be cross-departmental. She recommended forwarding this item – the Annual Process Flow document - to the budget development subcommittee for a final draft.

Budget Development Subcommittee

FY07 and FY08 budget processes – this item is tabled.

Strategic Investments – this item is tabled.

Governance Subcommittee

Four drafts will be presented at the next meeting:

- Meeting Quorum

- Implementation – Consultation

- Policy Review

- Meeting Notes and Process

Future Meetings

The next meeting is tentatively set for December 8, 10am-Noon.

For Spring term, meetings and set for first and third Friday's, 1-3pm (NEW TIME). We will not meet on January 6.

Meeting adjourned: 4:58pm

Recorder: Mary Bolton