President’s Advisory Council MINUTES


HOUSEKEEPING
1. Agenda: The agenda was accepted as presented.
2. Minutes: Minutes were approved with minor corrections.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Action on PAC Recommendations – There were no PAC recommendations on which action had to be taken.
   Student Learning – Addressing the Needs of Underprepared Students: Vice President Núñez praised this year’s Principals’ luncheon format and reported on connections made during the event with several area high schools.
   Student Learning - Curriculum: Speech has received approval to change their name to Communication Studies and the department is in the process of making the change.
   Student Learning – SLOs: The Faculty Senate approved the removal of the introductory sentence of every SLO: “upon successful completion of [COURSE NAME & #] the student will…”
2. Accreditation: Binders will be created for each of the accreditation co-chairs on each of the five standards committees. The binders will include the latest ACCJC report, the midterm report and any letters from ACCJC. Sample letters and outcomes from other colleges will also be included. Accreditation will be the theme for fall Convocation. In preparation, co-chairs are scheduled to meet May 5.
3. Budget: VPAS Storti reported on indicators that unemployment in California is going down which is a good signal the state economy is improving. After discussing FTES, he said the college is in position to capitalize on any growth from the capital.
4. Planning: Director Ayon has been attending meetings around campus to address questions about the planning process. If other groups are interested in having him speak, please contact him directly. There will be an Institutional Effectiveness Partnership meeting on the Fullerton campus March 19, put on by the State Chancellor’s office.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Director Ayon informed the group the Integrated Planning Manual has gone out for discussion and review. He anticipates it will be brought back to PAC in April, following Faculty Senate review. The council discussed the planning model, district allocations, and questions regarding the planning model and the accompanying narrative. Director Ayon said he is available to answer any questions on the model or the narrative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Vice President Storti reported President Vurdien met with Board President Manny Ontiveros, the three campus VPs and Assemblywoman Young Kim last week. It was a productive meeting and is an opportunity for the college to develop a strong ally in Sacramento. Assemblywoman Kim has agreed to be the Fullerton College commencement speaker in 2016. Earlier in the week, Loretta
Sanchez confirmed she will be the commencement speaker this year. Fred Williams assumed the role of Interim Chancellor on March 1 and C.M. Brahmbhatt is the new Interim Vice Chancellor, Finance & Facilities. Both positions will run through June 30, 2015. At last night’s Board meeting the Board unanimously voted to appoint Jacqueline Rodarte to Trustee Area 5 through November 2016. She will be officially seated at the April 15 Board meeting after a 30 day waiting period.

Following the judge’s ruling in our favor on Measure J, counsel for both sides met to work on an agreement (waiving appeal rights in exchange for defendants waiving their ability to recover costs). This is good news for the college. With the passage of Measure J comes an opportunity to direct projects that will be the future of the college and our students. All the more important that we plan carefully. The campus will be holding open forums over the next month – two internal and two for the community. The goal of the forums is to gather information and identify possible solutions and update the facilities list. DLR Group (the campus architect) will then prepare a proposal. Classified and faculty representatives will be selected for input.

2. Dean Bob Jensen shared a short video and photos of his recent outreach trip to Vietnam.

3. Classified Senate representative April Ramos announced Classified Senate is accepting names during March and April for upcoming Senate elections. The Classified Senate end-of-the-year event will be April 16.

4. Director Darlene Jensen said the next Strategic Conversation will be March 24 on the Cypress campus from 3:30-7:30. The A.S. blood drive continues today and tomorrow. There will be a Student Services Manager’s meeting next Thursday and A.S. is now seeking applications for student senators and student senate members. The application deadline is March 25.

5. Director Lisa McPherson has received feedback on new format for the President’s Weekly – some feel it is too long and a suggestion was made to separate the student and staff publications. Watch for coming changes. Director McPherson was disappointed and concerned at the low student turnout at recent campus safety forums. Send her any suggestions or ideas on reaching students about this important topic. Her office is now ready to start providing web services. She will address what services are available at the next meeting.

Adjournment: 3:45 p.m. 

Melinda Taylor, Recording Secretary