PAC Minutes
April 8, 2015
Approved

President’s Advisory Council MINUTES


HOUSEKEEPING
1. Agenda: The agenda was accepted as presented.
2. Minutes: Minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Action on PAC Recommendations – Dr. Vurdien accepted the council’s recommendations on the following three requests:
   a. Associated Students proposal for acknowledgement of Service to Fullerton College on transcripts, effective spring 2015;
   b. Planning, Budget and Steering Committee (PBSC) recommendation to increase ongoing department level operating budgets by 2%, beginning July 1, 2015. The increase will apply to 4xxxx-6xxxx accounts: Supplies & Materials, Other Operating Expenses and Services, and Capital Outlay;
   c. 2015-2016 college hours: Homecoming October 28, 2015 (rain date October 29, 2015) and Worldfest April 21, 2016 (rain date April 28, 2016).
   Dr. Vurdien announced a task force headed by Dean Abutin and Interim Vice President Jones and made up of faculty, staff, and students will review what information should and should not be on transcripts and report their findings to PAC.

2. Student Learning
   Addressing the Needs of Underprepared Students: There was no update for this agenda item.
   Curriculum – Dr. Núñez reported on the status of eight (8) courses awaiting state approval.
   SLOs – There was no update for this item.
   Other: Dr. Núñez gave high praise to a Fullerton College Psychology department Honors Research class Mini Poster Conference that he attended earlier in the day.

3. Accreditation: Campus accreditation teams are coming together and many staff members attended the recent ACCJC training session in San Bernardino.

4. Budget: Sacramento recently sponsored a facilities workgroup regarding the possibility of a new school bond for the November 2016 ballot. If passed, this bond will raise $9 billion and bring $7 billion to the K-12 schools and $2 billion to community colleges. This is good news and, if passed, will give us more flexibility with Measure J funds. The campus has held two Master Plan open forums so far, each with good attendance. Architect DLR is taking notes and collecting comment cards; an internal committee is also working on gathering information from the college and the community. Upcoming campus and community forums are planned for April 15 and April 21.

5. Planning: Dr. Vurdien reported Vice President Núñez will be sending Fullerton’s course completion goal of 68% to Vice Chancellor Cherry Li-Bugg for the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) and as requested by Sacramento.
COMMITTEE REPORTS/MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Vurdien reported the campus has made offers on 11 faculty positions and this Friday we will add Chemistry and Men’s Basketball Coach. The quality of candidates has been excellent. End of the year celebrations are coming up, including the Men and Women of Distinction event. Dr. Vurdien requests all deans and managers attend this well-run scholarship banquet. The Foundation will be distributing $250,000 in scholarships. He reminded the group about the upcoming annual Rail Road Days event and the Foundation-sponsored BBQ. The Foundation is working on a Promise to College Scholarship program which will remove the burden of fees for one year from students. A kickoff date is yet to be decided. Commencement is coming and the class of 2015 will be the largest graduating class in the history of Fullerton College with an expected 2200 graduates. This year’s Commencement Award recipient will be Jim Fassel and our Commencement speaker is U.S. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez. Dr. Vurdien encouraged members to attend the many end-of-the-year events.

2. Vice President Storti reported the next Planning and Budget Steering Committee meeting is April 15.

3. Classified Senate President Ericka Adakai said the Staff Development day over spring break was a great success and is proud of the staff responsible for planning the event. The agenda for the day included a Gallery walk, accreditation standards feedback surveys and shared governance. Classified Senate will be taking over the end-of-the-year holiday event in the fall.

4. Faculty Senate President-Elect Pete Snyder said the transition to next year’s Senate is taking shape. Faculty Senate President Sam Foster announced the Senate Exec meeting this week has been cancelled. Senate exec members will be in San Francisco for Plenary session.

5. DMA representative Olivia Veloz reported DMA has several openings and will be putting out a call to fill the positions which include Treasurer and the DMA representative to PAC. DMA has been discussing the Affordable Care Act and their next Business meeting will be June 4.

6. Associated Student representative Chris Leon reported A.S. elections are being held this week. A.S. representative Sean Douglas thanked President Vurdien and the council for accepting the A.S. proposal.

7. Dean Bob Jensen announced the upcoming ‘Love Fullerton’ program, being held May 9. The event will start at 8:00 a.m. at the Fullerton Museum Center and conclude at Hillcrest Park with a BBQ. He is hoping for a large number of volunteers from the college. He reported Program Review is completing instructional reports this cycle and all but three programs have submitted reports to the committee. All have been reviewed by Program Review Committee and several were sent back for “re-writes” to achieve a rating of ‘funding request supported’. Data still needs tweaking by the committee to help Director Ayon pull the needed date for future cycles. President Vurdien added the Research office, currently an office of one, will soon include a senior research analyst, a research analyst and an administrative assistant. Eventually, Student Equity funding will add a fifth person to the office.

8. Director Darlene Jensen said the Student Services area is busy with A.S. club rush, elections and Financial Aid Awareness week as well as the upcoming transfer fair and Worldfest. She reminded the group about the Men and Women of Distinction event coming up on May 8 and Commencement on May 22. She then announced she will be retiring this summer after 30 years with the college!

9. Director Lisa McPheron reminded the group KinderCaminata will be held Friday, April 17 and we are anticipating more than 2,000 kindergartners will be in attendance!

10. Vice President Savannah Jones said Student Services area is continuing to get the word out about Title IX and they are starting a mentor/mentee program.

Adjournment: 3:10 p.m. Melinda Taylor, Recording Secretary