DRAFT MINUTES
for
Thursday, March 25, 2010
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Winlock Lounge

Present: Celena Alcala, Mary-Jo Apigo, Eloise Crippens, Judith Fierro, Danielle Garcia, Jo-Anne Haywood, John Oester, Rod Patterson, Curt Riesberg, Olga Shewfelt, Yvonne Simone, Joyce Sweeney, Curt Riesberg, Rebecca Tillberg, Lloyd Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm in the Winlock Lounge.
Two members stated that they needed to leave at 3 pm.

I. The minutes of Feb. 25th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

II. Mission Statement
The last Mission Statement review occurred in May 2006. Proposed mission statements were distributed by Fran to committee for review. Proposal includes mission, vision, and values statements.

Lloyd stated the shorter the mission statement is, the better it will be.

Joyce had participated in drafting of the statement and agreed that it should be shorter than the current statement.

Rod Patterson, Academic Senate president, contributed to working group of Feb. 10 on mission statement which was a collaborative process and suggested linking some of content of technology plan to be included in mission statement, to drive, form, share, and collaborate. This could also be a link between the college retreat held in Nov. 2009, at which time more than 100 people were in attendance and participated in identifying key words to include in drafts of the mission statement.

Fran had committee members read mission statement from Accreditation Steering Committee of Feb. 25, 2010:

Danielle Garcia, ASO representative, responded from ASO meeting of March 2, 2010: Comments on ASO statement – “basic” was added in front of “skills” – to read “basic skills” for a subtle change. Danielle also pointed out that students who transfer from West will not only transfer to four-year institutions but to career tech schools.

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Olga Shewfelt, AFT Chapter Guild president, stated she would like to remove the word “inspire” in first sentence and replace it with “West is dedicated to student success through_________”.

Another issue – a third of programs at West are online and West’s mission statement should acknowledge this. Olga is willing to work with committee to have clear goals that are reflected in the mission statement.

Eloise Crippens stated she has a problem with the word “urban” in first sentence from AFT Guild and would like it to say “public,” so it will not give students and others the impression that the college is located in an inner-city atmosphere.

Sheila Jeter-Williams, AFT Staff Guild representative – suggested that the committee take out “western” to avoid redundancy.

AFT Staff Guild – Jo-Ann Haywood read the AFT staff statement – indicating that the part she liked best was that it was a public institution.

Rebecca Tillberg, representing the Teamsters, noticed that the next to last sentence of the paragraph sounds like institutional SLO’s and that this could be powerful.

Approaching the end of the second hour of the meeting, Fran said the committee must now come to a consensus and take the best of all four statements so she can present the committee’s recommendation to the College Council on April 8th when the Council will decide on the mission statement to recommend to the college president.

**ACTION:** The committee agreed on the following revised mission statement for West:

*West Los Angeles College provides a transformative educational experience.*

*West fosters a diverse learning community dedicated to student success. Through quality instruction and supportive services, the College develops leaders who encourage excellence in others.*

*A West education enriches students with the knowledge and skills needed to earn certificates and degrees, to transfer, to build careers, and to pursue life-long learning.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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