College Council Minutes  
Thursday, October 6, 2011  
1 pm – Winlock Lounge


1. The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Fran Leonard.

2. Minutes of September 8, 2011 meeting were approved.

3. President’s Report
Achieving the Dream
Michelle Long-Coffee gave a status report on the Host Committee for Achieving the Dream. College Council will see all of the proposals for using the remaining funds from the Gala Event of 2009 fundraiser for use by the college to identify needs. This a one-time only individual proposal request. Funds were raised to celebrate all of bond projects that had been completed or were expected to be completed and to announce the Watson Center Project. This is not for scholarships.

Allan Hansen reported that the President cannot attend now due to an incident in the South parking structure. Sheriffs are doing a search of the parking structure now and it is blocked off for awhile. Having a debriefing right now and press is on their way now.

Adrienne Foster deferred to minutes of Host Committee – she would like to get a clear sense as to what should be done with the funds. Fran will check and send out minutes of last meeting of Host Committee.

Achieving the Dream Initiative – Adrienne was asked to give a brief history of this initiative. Vice Chancellor Yasmin Delahoussaye and Adrienne attended the Kick-Off for this in Student Services initiative in Seattle this summer. They developed a work plan that is corresponding to initiatives and the objectives that were given. All nine colleges are involved.

4. Chair’s Report - Fran announced that the Leadership Retreat is postponed until Friday, December 2, 2011. Theme will be “Celebrating the Best of West and Best Practices”. There will be guest speakers and a student panel and focus groups with students. Bruce Anders stated that the Retreat must involve the math department in some way and recommended Uri Treisman from the Carnegie Institute about accelerated learning in mathematics or
get someone who can assist our students get through the entire math program that is required to graduate with an AA degree and transfer, etc.

5. Items and Issues for Consideration/Action
   A. Merged Governance Documents - The Council voted on the merged document and there was consensus - motion passed.
      1. Length of chair’s term of office, voting privileges. Olga Shewfelt voted to extend the term of College Council Chair’s term to three years. There were no nays and no abstentions – the motion passed. Fran Leonard accepted the extension of her appointment as Chair.
   2. Review of college vision, mission and values statements College Council needs to think about length of cycle for reviewing vision, mission and values statements. College Council will pursue this at next Council meeting and determine whether or not review statements need to be changed and why they need to be changed. This will be sent back to the Planning Committee for recommendation of how these statements will be reviewed.

   2. College Council goals for 2011-2012 – Olga Shewfelt asked the Council to identify the goals that emerge from the Leadership Retreat in December and identify them by May 2012. College Council should know what it is the college will be working on based on the reports from the other college committees. Adrienne Foster recommended to start at the beginning of the academic year and do an assessment that can be incorporated into the next academic year.

   Action item for Planning Committee: College Council approved program review cycle is six years for the comprehensive program review with yearly updates. There were no nays and no abstentions. Motion passed.

   Recommendation from College Council: College Council approved comprehensive program review cycle every six years with yearly updates.

6. Standing Committee Reports – Status Reports
   Accreditation Steering Committee – standards have been received and drafts were read and reviewed. On Friday, October 14th there will be a read-around for the group to read across the entire report at President Abu-Ghazaleh’s home in Glendale.
Budget Committee – there was discussion re: determination of FTES for winter, spring, summer, fall. Allocation comes from Sacramento, and then the District distributes the allocation.

Adrienne Foster asked what committee took out the Security Package for the college campus. The Facilities Committee did this. Allan Hansen explained that this was value engineered out of the building plan.