Approved Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2011 – 1:00 pm
Winlock Lounge

Attending: Michael Goltermann for Rebecca Tillberg, Jo-Ann Haywood, Sheila Jeter-Williams, Fran Leonard, John Oester, Betsy Regalado, Abel Rodriguez, Olga Shewfelt, Yvonne Simone for Adrienne Foster, Bob Sprague

Fran Leonard called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

I. Co-Chairs for all committees reporting to the College Council - Process and Selection
Fran Leonard addressed first item on agenda to College Council Executive Committee on co-chairs for standing committees of the College Council. The following current have co-chairs:
Enrollment Management Committee - Betsy Regalado and Ken Lin
Technology Committee – Bob Sprague and Vidya Swaminathan
Building Program Management – John Oester and Jane Witucki

The rationale for having co-chairs was discussed. Further discussion followed and there was mutual agreement on the following ACTION:
College Council Executive Committee recommends to the College Council that co-chairs currently in place will continue through the end of the spring semester. At the end of May or the beginning of June, the College Council will assess how co-chairs are working. Co-chairs will be selected by the members of each Standing Committee. Fran Leonard will send guidelines to Standing Committees in selecting co-Chairs. There was discussion of voting rights of co-chairs and their right to debate. The co-chair facilitating the meeting should focus on facilitating. The co-chairs can vote.

II. Union representation on other committees – Abel Rodriguez reported that Local 99 and Building and Trades are active unions on campus, yet some of these employees do not have access to campus email or computers, limiting this ability to access information about committee meetings. Olga Shewfelt proposed that each union on campus can have participation on college committees and could use the computers in the adjunct faculty workroom in the D Village for access to campus email. The CC Exec also reaffirmed that should any members wish to participate on committees, their supervisors should allow them the time to do so.

III. Accreditation / Town Hall meeting – Monday, March 28
Fran Leonard announced that this will be a participatory meeting for those who attend rather than a meeting where presentations will be made. There will be break-out discussion groups focusing on Planning, Budget, SLO’s, Communication, and College-wide support services. The groups will come together after discussion and share their outcomes and provide input to the self study report in progress.

IV. Consensus / Voting
The use of consensus vs. voting was discussed by the committee. The College Council dated July 8, 2005 states the following regarding consensus:

“(3) Each constituent group shall commit to strive to accept and accommodate the consensus reached in the College Council, although each group will retain its ultimate right to excuse itself from the Council on a particular issue or the ultimate right to take an issue to a different arena;
“B. All constituent groups shall agree that they will work to achieve consensus.

“C. If the constituent group members cannot achieve consensus on an issue before the College Council, then the Chair of the Council will call for a vote that shall be incorporated into the written minutes of the Council.”

This document is posted at http://www.wlac.edu/collegecouncil/CollegeCouncilProposal.pdf

V. For the selection of the permanent President – what is West’s community” and whose names should we recommend forwarding to the Chancellor for the focus groups to be scheduled in early April? In our meeting with Chancellor LaVista, the CC Exec was encouraged to think broadly and deeply as to who West’s community is. Ideas brainstormed by the CC Exec include but aren’t limited to: educational partners/leaders in feeder school to West, colleges/universities – both public and private – to which West students transfer; businesspeople, Foundation Board members past and present, Culver City and LA politicians, individuals/groups who contribute to and are engaged in the college’s mission/purpose.

Some names already submitted were announced by Fran Leonard. Other names were mentioned by CC Exec members. Fran asked that the name, title and contact information be submitted to her and Vicky by Tuesday afternoon in order to be emailed to the Chancellor.

VI. Prioritizing Principles for Programs and Services

A rating sheet was passed around to members of the committee to rank the nine principles that were proposed by the Planning Committee. The committee was asked to rank each principle from 1-9 with one being the highest priority, The final scores will be counted by Fran Leonard for accuracy and the results will be disseminated to College Council Executive Committee members and the College Council.

VII. ACTION: The College Council Executive Committee recommends restoring the College Council meeting time to 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month now that Phase I of the Building Program is resolved/completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.