West Los Angeles College
Division Meeting
October 5, 2012
12:00-1:20
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Carmen Dones, Lisa Kamibayashi, Sandra Schneidwind, Arvie Malik, Carlos Sermeno, Ara Aguiar, Christine Tannious, Via Conference Call: Cynthia Chambers, Marsha Center, Lorene Brame

Academic senate update: SLO Addendum coming to divisions; collaborative effort to complete the process. Workshops are being held through Tech Fair. Faculty encouraged to vote and review props 30 and 32.

Curriculum Update:
Dental Hygiene: Students who hold a radiology certificate prior to acceptance in the program can test our of the Radiology 103 lab after acceptance into the program. Students must show competency in two radiograph sets: 1 conventional and 1 digital (18). This has been printed in the college catalog. Two students from class of 2012 not yet licensed due to not taking the law and ethics state exam.

Nursing: No report
Medical Assisting: 30 students remain in the program. Starting internships at local health clinics; ST. Johns Wellness Centers, San Miguel’s Health Clinics.

EMT/Paramedic: No report

Pharm Tech: 26 students signed up for new class starting tomorrow through Westside Extension. The Advance PT program is being developed and will start in Feb, Spring of 2013. 4 new contracts have been established with local pharmacies.

Pedagogy Discussion and Reflection:
A new methodology in DH 101 has been implemented; streaming online video for instrumentation instead of a textbook this semester. Some parts appear boring to faculty but students are engaged and appear to be coming along. WLAC Videos and QR codes are being created by faculty to help students with clinical activities and maintenance of equipment.

Student success:
Discussed the recency requirement of sciences for DH students when classes are hard to come by, it is taking them longer to complete the pre-requisites for programs. Need to look into whether it is a college or program accreditation rule.

Presentations at the Senate meetings are being held by all programs. Computer Science presented at last meeting. Encouraged faculty to visit their webpage for
ideas on improving Allied Health webpage. Allied Health will present at next Senate meeting 10/09/12.
Reported to faculty about a meeting held with counselors to discuss mentoring student from our own college demographics and inviting local dentist to our advisory board meetings.
WLAC-SLO Webpage was shared with the faculty so that they can prepare to do the requested addendums to their syllabi.

Professional Development Sharing:
Faculty shared their experience and information from the AAP meeting on 9/29/12. Sandy S. Shared experience from San Antonio meeting. The same speaker is coming to the CDHA meeting. Good information for instructor who lecture/ didactic. Encouraged faculty to submit conference request forms early. Next conference, CA Dental Hygiene Educators Assoc. meeting is going to be held in Burbank, Ca February 9-10, 2013. ADHA meeting in Boston in June 2013. National Directors meeting June 2013 in Oregon.
Report from Dean Ara on the Excellencia meeting she attended. Methodologies currently being used by other colleges for student success was shared. STEM faculty mentoring groups of student from high school created a 12% increase in under represented areas and doubled the graduation rate. Prep for college needs to start in 3rd grade.
Cynthia C. Reported on adjunct meeting attended; unemployment for adjunct faculty- supplemental pay of $500. from unemployment available. Space Analysis underway. Please consider the space you have now and offices and/or classroom space you need; report to Ara.
A chair with a sign "Dental Hygiene Students Only" has been placed between the clinic entry way and the reception area. It is a fire hazard and cannot be put there. RDHAP using teaching hours as experience will need to have application form signed by the Dean and include a letter of length of time working at college.

Upcoming orientations:
Dental Hygiene Nov. 16, 10-12:00 MSA 005
Pham Tech: 9/24 (last orientation) Next one TBD

Next meeting: Nov 16, 2012 12:00 in Winlock.