

College Council Minutes

November 4, 2011 - rev.

Present: Greg Chamberlain, Sue Vaughn, Janet Thomas, Alice Desilagua, Ann Tatum, Pam Boyles, Nick Strobel, Jennifer Johnson, Laura Borneman, Brent Damron, Edie Nelson, Daniza Romo (Thompson alt.), Kate Pluta, Corny Rodriguez, LaMont Schiers

Guests: Amber Chiang, Joan Wegner

1.	<p>Welcome - Agenda Review - Minutes Review</p> <p>Several changes were noted to the 10/21/11 minutes. Revised minutes will be posted in the Public Folder.</p> <p>Announcement - Dr. Joyce Ester has announced that her final date of service at Bakersfield College will be November 19, as she has accepted a position as President of Kennedy King College in Chicago. Greg is currently working on securing an interim to fill the position so that a search can be mounted for a permanent replacement.</p>
2.	<p>Budget Update</p> <p>Tom Burke and LaMont Schiers attended the ACBO conference. Estimates from the analysts at this meeting are that the state will be experiencing anywhere from a \$3 - \$10 billion deficit. The outcome of a number of court cases pending will be the determining factors on the final number. By December, we will know whether the triggers will be pulled. The analysts at the conference were predicting that all triggers would be pulled.</p> <p>Greg distributed and discussed information regarding the Faculty Obligation Number (FON). The State Chancellor's Office has recommended to the Board of Governors to extend the freeze on the FON. Bakersfield College will likely launch searches for 5 replacement faculty. The FON does not include replacements. We will know within the next month how many new faculty positions for which we will recruit. To guard against falling below the FON due to a failed search and incurring a monetary penalty from the state, we will probably recruit for more than are needed to meet the FON.</p> <p>PRC looked at all faculty requests. The forms are posted in the public folders under "APRC". Applying the budget criteria was also part of the APR development process.</p>
3.	<p>Accreditation</p> <p>Lots of evidence documents are being uploaded to Sharepoint. This week, the co-chairs met with the vice chancellors, and used this time to talk with the other two colleges about the standards. Nan reminded everyone that since so many files have been uploaded, if you are looking for something specific, look first in Sharepoint to see if it has already been posted. Jennifer Jett has been selected as the Self Study Editor.</p>
4.	<p>Integrated College-wide Planning</p>

5.	<p>Committee Reports At the last meeting, Council members were instructed to review the chart developed by Jennifer Marden showing which goals are addressed by each committee. Today’s discussion was to determine first if all the goals are being addressed by at least one committee, if there is any overlap between committees, and if there are any opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p>↳ Action item: Corny will discuss with Bill Moseley (Curriculum Committee chair) which goals Curriculum Committee is covering for a possible revision to the grid.</p> <p>Kate suggested that this change might appear on the December 1 Committee Progress Report.</p>
6.	<p>Committee Charge The current charge as shown on the website is:</p> <p><u>CHARGE OF THE COUNCIL</u></p> <p>College Council is a collegial consultative body designed to serve the good of the College. The group facilitates timely, factual, and clear communication between constituents and the President as a means to develop recommendations to the President for decisions on College-wide issues. [e.g. Budget (use of unallocated resources & dealing with cuts or enhancements), Planning (2012 & enrollment management), Accreditation (self-study, midterm report, etc.), Facilities (swing-space, construction & new sites).]</p> <p>After considerable discussion, there was a proposal to change the charge to read as follows:</p> <p><u>CHARGE OF THE COUNCIL</u></p> <p>College Council is a collegial consultative body designed to serve the good of the College. The group facilitates timely, factual, and clear communication between constituents and the President as a means to develop recommendations to the President for decisions on collegewide matters, particularly on college goals, planning, budget, facilities, accreditation, and the Decision-making Document.</p> <p>↳ Action item: This item will appear on the next agenda. Forward any comments to the President’s Office.</p>
7.	<p>Student Success There is considerable discussion happening at the CEO level regarding the proposed statewide Student Success document. Boards have been encouraged to adopt a position of support for the package. The task force is working on the final recommendation to the Board of Governors. Sue asked if other groups such as CCA, CSEA, Academic Senate, and the management Association should also adopt positions of support. This decision will be left up to each group.</p>

	<p>The force driving the formation of this document is that educators want to make decisions about what happens in community colleges, not legislators. To this end, educators need to be more proactive. There wasn't as much concern expressed over the recommendations as on the implementation. Greg added that this document will ultimately answer the question of how far below entry level to college community colleges should attempt to offer courses.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Construction LaMont reported that the GET project suffered a setback when some materials had to be back-ordered. The target completion date is January 17, 2012, in time for the beginning of the spring semester. The entire SAM building has been emptied. The district will be seeking bids this month. Typically, construction can begin approximately 6 weeks after the awarding of the bid. This SAM project is projected to take 18 months.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>DMD Evaluation During the development of the Decision-making Document, it was determined that College Council would conduct an evaluation. It is time for that evaluation. Sue, Jennifer, and Corny volunteered to participate in the subcommittee.</p> <p>↳ Action item: Corny and Jennifer Marden will facilitate a meeting of the subcommittee to formulate the evaluation.</p> <p>The goal is to move this forward prior to the end of the fall semester.</p> <p>↳ Action item: Greg will ask Michael McNellis to participate in this subcommittee.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>New Items a. Student Loans - BC currently participates in the federal student loan program. PC has never participated; CC opted out in 2010. Many colleges across the state are declining to participate. The issue is that if the default rate rises beyond a predetermined level, the college can no longer offer Pell grants. Another consideration is that participation puts BC in the position of acting as a loan agent. This is very labor-intensive. Those institutions that do not participate offer information to students on where they can apply for loans. The student loan program has grown 86% since 2006. The default rate has risen from 13.9 in 2008 to 18.9 in 2009.</p> <p>Joan explained that there are two types of loans: subsidized and unsubsidized. The college cannot deny a loan to a qualifying student; there are no credit checks required. They do, however, have to make academic progress. Satisfactory progress includes completing 67% of the units attempted with a 2.0 GPA or higher. The financial aid office doesn't have the appropriate training or adequate manpower to do the extensive research to keep up with the number of applications.</p>

It was suggested that the college honor the loans already being processed, but not accept any new ones.

a.1. Financial Aid - Greg stated that he continues to hear about the scores of students that come here year after year and never complete a class. They stay enrolled just long enough to receive a financial aid check, and then drop. Joan explained that this can happen once. A student with an outstanding balance of \$101 cannot register for subsequent semesters. We have in place safeguards that limit abuse of the financial aid system. Financial aid factors in completion of units and GPA, not just successful registration.

b. Parking Fees - Students currently pay \$30/semester. The state allows up to \$50/semester. In computations regarding allocation from the state, parking lot maintenance is not included. Parking fees stay with the college, and pay for lot maintenance, part of the salaries of public safety officers, and security cameras. BC currently charges \$1/day for day use permits; CSUB just raised their daily rate from \$2 - \$5/day. Alice asked that the fact that students will be required to pay additional tuition fees next semester be considered.

↪ **Action item:** *LaMont will do more research on the subject of parking fees for staff and students and be prepared to present this topic at the next meeting.*

↪ **Action item:** *Greg asked the student representative to take this to SGA for feedback.*

It was noted that raising student parking fees will be difficult to defend when faculty and staff continue to have free parking. Staff parking fees will be part of the broader discussion. Sue added that the deadline for printing information for fall registration is coming very soon. If there is going to be a change, the decision should be made soon so that correct information can be put into the registration fliers. Greg suggested that one of the considerations may be to look at phasing in a rate increase over multiple semesters.

↪ **Action item:** *Council members are encouraged to gather input on the issue of raising parking fees for students and launching parking fees for staff and faculty.*

c. Goals - Ann provided an update from the Goals subcommittee. A document was posted in the Attachment Public Folder. Ann added that the subcommittee would like to have a flex activity that explains how the goals are used, and hopefully to inspire more feedback and interaction. The goal is to have a proposal ready for review by College Council by spring break, so that 2012-13 goals can be in place prior to the start of the academic year. The subcommittee will meet again the first of December.

11.	Rumor Control
12.	<p>Things we need to know... AMGEN is returning to Bakersfield. The scheduled date is May 17, 2012. The difference this year will be that this will be a time-trial day, which means that the riders will be in Bakersfield for the biggest part of a day.</p> <p>Grants - A document describing two new grants BC will participate in with West Hills College was circulated.</p> <p>In the District Strategic Plan, common course numbering was changed to tagging to use existing course numbers to better facilitate articulation among the colleges.</p> <p>↪ Action item: Greg will forward the document.</p>
	<p>Next Scheduled Meeting Nov 18, 2011</p>