

College Council
March 16, 2012

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| 1. | Welcome |
| 2. | <p>Budget Update</p> <p>Nan shared that an email was forwarded regarding California budgets and how it will impact the district and college. Since that email went out, consultation council met; Academic senate exec board met with Dr. Jensen. The state of budget in California is that it's not good and it's not going to get better any time soon. The linchpin is the election this fall, centering on three initiatives. We're planning for two scenarios - one assuming the initiatives pass, and one assuming they don't pass.</p> <p>Whether they pass or not, we've had some breathing room because of the reserves; continuing to use reserves for 2012-13 will reduce the reserves further.</p> <p>College Council is the primary governance group for planning. How core mission is defined will be up to us - in a very short time frame. The president has been charged with taking to the chancellor our definition of core mission by April 30. Implementation is LaMont's area; his deadline for an implementation plan is April 15. We have less than one month to determine our core mission.</p> <p>What are the specific responsibilities as representatives at College Council and as employees of the college? Academic Senate has defined their 10+1 issues. Also defined are classified roles. The Budget Committee has established criteria to help guide the decision-making process. Goals have been established; the self evaluation for accreditation has been completed. What hasn't been discussed is how these externals are going to affect our core mission, and the specific definition of core mission.</p> <p>Many other colleges were at this place last year or the year before because they didn't have any financial reserves to bolster their operations. In a paradigm shift, Hancock College has established a base line for remediation courses below which they will no long provide classes. Other colleges were already paring back and making changes in staffing.</p> <p>Some suggestions will be proposed that are outside of our control; all ideas need to come out. It must be determined what can be done from this point in time so that our core is robust even though it is smaller; we must evaluate not only how many students are in the classroom but what can be done more efficiently. Forums will be scheduled for student services, instructional areas, and maintenance areas to seek workable solutions. A mechanism for gathering information has been set up.</p> <p>All data at our disposal, such as the AARC data, will be considered. Once the</p> |

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| | <p>data is gathered, we will get back to the college community with a plan of action. As external changes occur, the plan must be revised and adapted.</p> <p>Handouts were provided from LaMont. Institutional research prepared a fact sheet of information about the students. On page 2 of the budget information, note that for 2011-12, there is an additional \$838,632 reduction that will come out of the district reserves. All current year planning was done on the conservative side. Worst case scenario is a \$17 million reduction to the district; BC is 2/3 of the district. Note that there were no March 15 nonrenewal notices for faculty or administrators. The board has stated their intention is to avoid layoffs and use the reserves to cover the shortfall; this is true for 2012-13 and 2013-14. This means that the long-range plan must look beyond the one-time money as the reserves will be depleted.</p> <p>All current offerings fit into gen ed or CTE; it must now be determined how often to offer courses. On the first draft of the summer schedule, there are 248 sections listed; this is still at draft stage. For fall, we will be combining sections & increasing productivity. There is no word from the state about any additional workload reduction; there is a cap on the number of FTE students for which the state provides an allocation. Anything beyond the cap will not be reimbursed. There are some areas to which it will not be possible to add additional students. Students will have to drop by the 20% date rather than the 30% date; this should improve productivity. Rules for financial aid are changing. All these external factors will affect the productivity. A great deal of data tracking enrollment has been gathered; this will be reviewed as plans move forward.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Accreditation</p> |
| 4. | <p>Grants Task Force Revised Report & Recommendations Corny reported for the task force; written documentation was shared. Upon review of the recommendation, it was suggested that “define the charge of the task force” be added. Hearing no objection, there was consensus to move the recommendation forward to the president.</p> <p>↪ Action item: This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>↪ Action item: Corny will forward the recommendations document to the College Council.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Evaluation of College Council An additional college council meeting for April 13 is conditionally set. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the survey results of the college council effectiveness survey.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Strategic College-wide Planning - ad hoc Committee report The BC project is being modeled after the district project. Ann provided a</p> |

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| | <p>handout. The 2nd page outlines what jobs are out there in our service areas. Declining enrollment from the high schools is noted. There is a large population in Kern County that has some college units but no degree. That information is part of the environmental scan. The steps that lead to the strategic plan will make yearly development of goals much easier.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Committee Reports Jennifer Marden distributed a matrix showing which of the college goals are being addressed by each committee as reported on the three-times-yearly Committee Reports. The Committee Co-chairs are scheduled to meet on April 10. Part of the discussion at this meeting should be an evaluation of the information gathering process. Jennifer suggested that a template for the committee co-chairs be developed to make the report writing easier. Several co-chairs reported that the process helped committees focus on the committee charge and the college goals as they developed the required reports.</p> |
| 8. | <p>College Goals Primavera was unable to attend. Ann Tatum reported for this group.</p> |
| 9. | <p>Enrollment Management Nan reported that BC is at 5782.2 FTES. Positive attendance won't be calculated yet. Weill is at 11.2 (fire tech & nursing). Stockdale is 16.4; Delano is 17.3; BC 15.7; weekend 15.8; on-line 20.4; Arvin 14.8. This information is from an ODS report.</p> <p>↳ Action item: Nan will forward this report electronically. The report is called Enrollment Activity - Current Term.</p> <p>Productivity will be a major focus for the next few years. BC's target must be reached as efficiently as possible.</p> |
| 10. | <p>Construction/Facilities Simonsen Performing Arts Center is at the re-engineering stage to discuss tailoring the plans to the budget. The faculty met with the architects to determine where alterations might be appropriate and have the least affect to the overall scope of the project.</p> |
| | <p>Next Scheduled Meeting April 13, 2012</p> |