

College Council Minutes

Special Meeting

October 15, 2013, 2:00 pm

Karas Room, LTC

College Council Members: Joe Bissell, Alicia Cadriel (for Loran Walsh), Amelia Converse, Celine Pinet, Chris Marshall, Dan Fox, Diane Boynton, DJ Singh, Elizabeth Dilkes Mullins, Fred Hochstaedter, Gary Bolen, Julie Bailey, Kali Viker, Lyndon Schutzler (non-voting), Mark Clements, Marty Johnson, Michael Gilmartin, Stephanie Perkins, Suzanne Ammons, Walter Tribley, ASMPC Rep (vacant)

Absent: Chris Marshall, Kali Viker, Mark Clements, Marty Johnson, Chris Marshall (ASMPC Pres.) and ASMPC Rep.

Guests: Rosaleen Ryan, David Brown.

1.Minutes – September 24, October 1, and October 8, 2013; Approved as recorded.

2.Action items:

3.Information Items:

- a. **Review draft of College Council Recommendations to the President.** Diane invited input from the group as to how the current listing of recommendations could be further revised or clarified. Council has engaged in an effort to identify possible ways to help balance the budget through Cutting Costs, Growing Enrollment and Generating Revenue. Comments shared with regard to this effort include the following:
 - College Council cannot make decisions on what programs or positions should be cut, or where the \$2.5 million in cuts should be made.
 - The process of brainstorming ideas to help balance the budget has enabled a better understanding of scale and scope of the challenge and of the budgetary complexities, most of which College Council does not become deeply involved with.
 - College Council can enlist the help of the advisory groups in forming ideas for recommendations which can influence the direction the campus may take to reshape itself and redirect its future.
 - It is difficult to quantify what kind of impacts any of the recommended cuts will have since CC does not have all the information. College Council has been tasked with gathering information and feedback from its advisory groups to help in forming the basis of its recommendations in balancing the budget.
 - College Council should produce a document (in columns) listing the *Ideas which were not recommended*, to broaden the understanding of the discussion across campus.

Elizabeth asked the President if College Council is being asked to recommend cuts equaling \$2.8 million and if we are being asked to do so by June 2014. She also asked if College Council is being asked to help define what kind of school it plans to be and whether it is more realistic that these cuts be made over a longer time frame than one year. Dr. Tribley responded by saying that the Board has given us to 2015 to balance the budget. The best approach towards this is to make the most progress in 2014-15. Since we are in the fifth year of deficit spending, we do not want to remain stagnant in that predicament. Also, we are quickly approaching our Accreditation visit timeline. We will need to be fiscally sound as we begin writing our Accreditation self-study.

Discussions continued to recognize that while the list includes what may appear as generic statements, standards and benchmarks exist within the industry which could be used to measure efficiencies. Such efficiencies may include examining WSCH, in conjunction with FTEF.

Diane reviewed each of the Recommendations, and with input from the group, deleted and combined items to produce a listing of approximately 9-10. This list will then go out to the advisory groups inviting their feedback. That feedback will then return to College Council for further review.

4. Campus community comments

Items for future meetings:

- Board policy adoptions
- Online student services
- Online application/registration process
- Policy/process for reorganization