West Los Angeles College

COLLEGE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FINAL MINUTES OF THE
Meeting of January 21, 2014
10 am – 12:00 pm
SSB-414

Title/Role                      Name                Present
College Council Chair          Fran Leonard         y
Academic Senate                Adrienne Foster      y
AFT Faculty                    Olga Shewfelt        y
VP, Academic Affairs           Bob Sprague          y
AFT Classified                 JoAnn Haywood        y
ASO Representative             Raymond McDaniel      y

Approval of Minutes,

I. Confirmation of the Agenda. The members agreed to A. Foster’s request to move VII.A. The SSSP workgroup up after IV. Update of AB 1456.

II. The minutes of December 5, 2014 were approved with corrections.

III. The CC Executive Committee confirmed that the Council will meet on Thursday, February 6, 2014, even though it is the Thursday before the start of the spring semester.
Suggestion to add constituents’ reports to the agenda.

IV. AB 1456 At its last meeting, the Accreditation Steering Committee voted to recommend to the College Council and the Academic Senate that the SSSP workgroup should be reconstituted as a subcommittee of the Student Success Committee of the Academic Senate, and the SSSP workgroup membership should be established by the Academic Senate.
Discussion by CC Exec members included these points: the history and lessons learned from previous ad hoc groups – their membership, whom they reported to, how they fit into the college’s established governance structure. The members suggest meeting with the current work group on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 4:00 p.m. to hear their feedback about how best we can incorporate their work into our current shared governance structure.

Adrienne announced the first Spring Summit for Friday, February 7, 2014. Invitations will soon be sent out. This event is open to administrators, staff and faculty and will feature Dr. Edward Bush whose work has focused on African American men’s education and success.

V. CC Exec confirmed membership and terms for the College Council.
VI. Governance Processes – Voting & Consensus

The discussion, which included looking at the information provided with Dr. Matthew Lee’s okay as it relates to community college governance, focused on how we make decisions – a process that recognizes the need to ensure that consensus is not unanimity, that members of any committee be called upon to speak up, exercise the right to be heard, to question and challenge assumptions or the group. At the same time, members recognize their responsibility to be informed, including reading the materials provided in advance of a meeting and considering that decisions are often time-sensitive.

During this discussion, the CC Exec sees an opportunity to realize and implementation long-standing Council goal: to provide training for the Council as well as for standing committee members on topics such as How does an item get on the CC agenda; voting & consensus; committee self-evaluation and assessment of effectiveness; enhancing communication from representatives to constituencies; who’s who; table “etiquette.” This includes details such as plastic name holders for committee members and resource people.

The date chosen is Friday, March 7, 2014, either 11:00 am – 1:00 pm or noon to 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at noon.