In attendance: Mary-Jo Apigo, Kathy Boutry, Phyllis Braxton, Helen Lin, Jack Moy, Olga Shewfelt, Mark Pracher, Bob Sprague, Ken Takeda, Kathy Walton

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. in SC-107. Co-chair Bob Sprague thanked all the members of the RDC for attending today.

2. Announcements. Bob Sprague announced the state will allow one four-year degree plan proposal from each community college district. They will choose 12 or 15 four-year programs to be offered by community colleges. He is proposing to the president that the dental hygiene program be a four-year degree program from our District. The District can only choose one program. East, Trade and Pierce are proposing a four-year Bachelor’s degree auto mechanic program for the District. Mark Pracher pointed out that a Bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene at West could lead to other career opportunities in nursing, public health, etc.

3. All Things Global. Bob Sprague acknowledged Angel Viramontes for an outstanding job this semester in marketing, enrolling and serving international students at West through the F-1 VISA.

4. West Academy – ESL – Lisa Saperston is the administrator who is running this program through Westside Extension. Bob Sprague reported that 15-20 students have mainstreamed from the West Academy for English to Angel for fulltime college credit enrollment. The college plans on using Lisa’s services next summer to offer educational tourism services to students using a B1 or B2 business VISA to take college credit or not for credit through the Academy. West should do one in Aviation and Motion Picture and Television Production where students get a VISA and travel here on a tourist level taking classes for credit or not for credit.

5. Helen Lin shared enrollment numbers for non-resident foreign students from Fall 2013, Spring 2014, and Fall 2014. There were 221 non-resident foreign students enrolled this semester. The income generated from this program was $500,000. There was discussion of non-resident students’ tuition fees. International and non-resident students don’t have to pay in advance.

6. Proyecto 100,000 – this is a joint venture between Mexico and the US. The goal is to have students from colleges and universities in Mexico for short periods of time come to the US to study ESL and improve their English speaking reading, writing, listening and grammar skills. American colleges would host students from Mexico to US. West will host 20 students from a technical university from Mexico and is trying to arrange home stays for these students that are scheduled to arrive on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Classes start November 3, 2014.
The students will return to their homes on Wednesday, November 26, 2014. They will have morning and afternoon activities at West and will be served lunch during the week. Two groups will be divided into the Language Academy and will be paired up with some international students through Judy Chow. West is looking at classes that would welcome these students to be placed in academic classes. A couple of group activities are being planned for the students to do on weekends. Students will be served lunch on campus during the week.

7. All Things Global Annual Conference will be held at UCLA in spring 2015 on globalizing curriculum, building international student enrollment. The date is yet to be determined. Some events for students will be held at West here.

UCLA Center for Global Studies – Mark Pracher reported on this Study Abroad program and its impact upon students and their motivation to stay in school to earn a degree and go on to a career profession.

- International Studies – middle East, far East, Africa, Latin America
- Series of certificates – students can earn certificates
- Proposals submitted - USFIL – Middle East got funded – use it with the UCLA connection for course development, language development.
- Going global for students, study abroad. Will offer opportunities for students from West to join other students from other schools overseas.

8. Projects in Development – Phyllis Braxton, VP of Student Services, shared with the committee that Student Services is looking at space where A9 is located for the following student services:

- Welcome Center
- Expansion of Student Health Services
- Veteran’s Center

The use of adding space allocation in A9 is being looked at for Avis Ridley-Thomas and UCLA partnerships, and for the expansion of the student medical health center.

West is partnering in two multi-college grants: the health care curriculum grant led by Trade Tech for just shy of $2,000,000 and a career pathways development project led by Pasadena for film production and new media.

Development of Entrepreneurial Studies – Shalomon Duke has identified an entrepreneur from outside the college who resides in Culver City that is proposing this program. It will be a series of workshops and seminars that are not for credit. This will be a leadership set of training opportunities at different levels at West either managed by the Foundation, Westside Extension, or a partnership of the two.
Mary-Jo Apigo shared her latest grant developments. She is cultivating West’s relationship with Harbor College. She met with Pierce College and is pursuing another grant with East, West, and Pierce in web 2.0 technologies. She is also pursuing leads with SMC as they are open to this.

Grant with Loyola Marymount University (LMU) – Chito Cajayon is setting up a way for ELAC students to get a tour and orientation of LMU. Mark Pracher has been working with him.

Bob Sprague would like to invite Angel Viramontes to future RDC meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.