Resource Development Committee
May 27, 2015
1 pm - SC 107

Attending: Mary-Jo Apigo, Katherine Boutry, Adrienne Foster, Mark Pracher, Olga Shewfelt, Bob Sprague

WLAC Foundation
VP Sprague commented on the WLAC Foundation and how the Foundation interfaces with the college now. He stated the Committee should start formulating ideas for its mission and how it interacts with the Resource Development Committee (RDC). There was discussion on the following question: How does the RDC connect with the Foundation? What are the duties of members of the Foundation and how are they elected? What are their goals and what donations do they contribute to the Foundation? Another member asked what the legal limits of the Foundation are and to what extent can we bring them into our institutional structure?

VP Sprague asked members if they would be open to members of the Foundation being invited to discuss the protocol and the function of the Foundation. Who would be a good second person to have the meeting with? VP Sprague stated he will work with Co-chair Kathy Boutry in inviting a couple members of the Foundation to meet with the RDC.

The Global Initiative including Study Abroad
M. Pracher reported one of the projects the RDC is working on is the Study Abroad program relating to the Middle East.

Study Abroad
Co-chair K. Boutry shared with the Committee the two week Literature in London, England summer program for students to complete English 101. There is a lot of interest in this program and this will definitely be pursued. There needs to be more lead time for students to come up with the funds for this program as it is very costly and there lots of logistical issues to be worked out.

M. Pracher stated that the college needs to work closely with Financial Aid and come up with a way to solicit donations from outside companies where students can perform work for them so they receive some immediate value as well as contribution to the growth and development of the student. The college could also market the classes at other campuses. VP Sprague will pass the information about Study Abroad programs on to College Council so the college will become aware of them.

Base 11
M. Pracher reported on this non-profit organization based in Orange County whose interest lies in aeronautical engineering and STEM. Base 11 is beginning a relationship with a number of research places with engineering programs and building relationships with community colleges around the country. Detroit Aircraft Company builds unmanned aerial systems for industry, military, etc. They have offered to help West create an unmanned aerial systems program for students to get involved in building a racing airplane fueled by biodiesel fuel. They will fund a student for one year, all expenses paid to help a
student move onto a program in aeronautical engineering. West is also working with CalTech as West will be sending three students to attend their summer program. West is creating a FabLab which is a program modeled after MIT and will be a facility where current technology will allow students to design products and then assembled them or print them.

A. Foster stated the Committee should identify the things the college does well, repeat those things and get the word out to the college.

M. Pracher reported that 2015 is a big year for awards with a total of 40 different awards:
- Veterans Center of Excellence for veteran student success - $750,000 over 3 years
This will help veterans obtain a degree and employment.
- First in the World – research based – will not give that many awards
- TRIO proposals – Educational Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Center – working with people who are not in college but don’t know about the college.
- Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative – provides technical assistance in a couple of areas to the college; probably in the SLO direction. Technical assistance teams will identify a college of need. A letter of interest is being written by M. Apigo and M. Pracher to them asking them to look at our programs for SLOs so they can develop a work plan and identify next steps.

VP Sprague spoke on wrap around services for students that assist them with transportation, child care, health services, etc.

M. Pracher shared with the RDC that he is working with a small group to help students get into the hotel and restaurant industry and get them started on a career pathway. These students are not connected with the college but would come here to the college. This is a federally funded program from the Department of Labor.

Title V proposal

VP Sprague congratulated M. Pracher and M. Apigo on their submission of the Title V proposal. VP Sprague commented on how this committee should look at ways in which the Title V proposal is made public to the college. For example, figure out a way with the PIE Committee and Academic Senate how this content can be generated.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.