Resource Development Committee  
February 25, 2015  
1:00 pm- SC 107

Attending: Mary-Jo Apigo, Kathy Boutry, Jason Coleman, Mark Pracher, Bob Sprague

VP Sprague went over how grants pay for part of employees’ salaries at the college. Helen Lin will present a report on this to share with members at the next meeting on April 22, 2015.

Revenue Enhancement Initiative Contribution

VP Sprague shared with the committee what a grant buys at the college:

- Computer Science – grant buys licenses for Cloud technology that will enable Marcus Butler to experiment with delivering computer services in the Cloud and to have that capacity at the college which wouldn’t have been possible otherwise.
- Annual Thanksgiving feast for international student activities
- Language Academy for international students – not-for-credit ESL program for students who haven't passed the TOFEL to take credit English classes at West.
- 10% of every grant goes to the college indirectly to pay for safety, utilities, power, and real estate
- Community services programs – viable, self-sustaining – generated between $600,000 & $750,000 per year and 10% goes back to the general budget.
- Entire Distance Learning program got started with a grant. Grants pay for live streaming, cameras in class rooms.
- Two to three people from UCLA will co-locate in A9 to promote a statewide community college Study Abroad program.
- STEM Program for students – directed studies courses – students do real science experiments. Faculty stipends are available.
- College Foundation – see how RDC can augment and support the Foundation and also support Larry Packham, College Enterprise Manager
- International students who live on cruise ships for long periods of time may be presented with an opportunity to study online. Scheduled sequence of online classes to earn a business degree.

Review of New Projects

Mark Pracher shared a list of new proposals developed between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. Of special interest is working on new Title 5 proposals.
Global Initiative – Mark reported that the college received a federal grant that focuses on developing curriculum for the Middle East. West has partnered with UCLA with their Center for Global Education that will help West expand opportunities for students to study abroad and for assisting interested faculty to develop new study abroad opportunities.

Global Studies - The Global Studies program will have five areas of concentration: Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East, and Global creating opportunities for students to transfer from West to a UC or CSU in an area studies program or a global studies program. It is possible for certificates to be focused on the different areas and have them become one of several stackable certificates when combined with Business, Trade & Logistics, Warehousing & Distribution, International Management, Marketing, or other areas.

Creative Studies – Mark has been looking at schools around the country and hit upon a program that’s based at University of Texas, Austin. The person there is helping to create the curriculum and has worked with faculty at West. Hope to have four courses that could turn into a certificate, partner with different programs at the college, and market them into a contracted situation.

Biotechnology - A connection with a science contact in biotechnology has been made. Plan to work with Pasadena City College, Citrus College, and East. Patricia Zuk, fulltime tenure track instructor at West, is involved in this project. West will be able to purchase equipment for the science department.

Friday STEM Symposium – The STEM program is conducting interesting symposia this semester. Student have presented on their study of native birds and planetary impact craters. Upcoming symposia include one on human-robot interaction, research on delaying cellular aging, and presentations from the LA County Agricultural Commission and Southern California Edison.

State Department Visitors – West hosting another State Department International Visitor Leadership Program delegation with visitors from Burma, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam. The group is touring the US to learn more about women’s economic empowerment issues.

WLAC Foundation – Jason Coleman inquired about the underutilized engine testing building on campus. The college never found a market for this building. This building is a resource and could be utilized for various programs.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.