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WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE
WINLOCK LOUNGE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
12:45 – 3:00 PM

“Developing as Professionals & Producing Better Student Outcomes”

Present: Patterson, Rod, President; Aguiar, Ara, Vice President, Sweeney, Joyce,
Secretary; Canales, Carrie; Banday, Patricia; Blustein, Bonnie, Chow, Jody; Evans, Beth;
Ichon, Eric; Leonard, Fran; Michels, Margot; Workman, John; Taylor, Alice; Dubois,
May; Foster, Adrienne; Jordan, J.; Floyd, Suzanne; Ulrich, James;
Absent: Crippens, Eloise (exc.) Siever, Patricia (exc.) Olivas, Richard, Elahi, Faz
Guests: Simone, Yvonne; Narez-Acosta, Alma; Alcala, Celen; Riesberg, Curt; Thomas,
Lloyd; Festinger, Kurt; Russell, Tim; Gnehm, Eileen

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS
1. Confirmation of the agenda - Item VI 1, shall be heard after ASO report. MSP

II. ADMINISTRATION REPORT
President Mark Rocha began his remarks by saying, "Thank you," to
everyone for past work and the work that is to come. The Academic Senate plays
a primary role for academic and professional matters, and academic excellence is
the primary goal for a college. It has been proved that we can work together to
increase enrollment by the large gain WLAC has had this semester. One of the
present needs is to streamline the scheduling system to help students get into
classes more easily.

The Educational Master Plan must be fully implemented with everyone
committed to the process through smart classrooms and new technologies. A
center for the new technologies is in the planning stages, but details as to what it
will be are not in place. The budget is totally transparent so it may be known
where and to what we are using our financial resources. The FPIP has been asked
to review the present hiring plan. Certifiable outcomes were requested in Basic
Skills. This should be done in all areas to build up the majors. The new Program
Review software will be helpful identifying areas which need to grow and
advance and the new Dean of Research and Planning will help in measuring
excellence, growth and ways to improve our growth.
Mid-term Focus Report for Accreditation shall be the next concern for the college. A thumb-nail sketch was given to the Board, which identified SLO's as the area to be worked on and improved.

A Technology Master Plan must be written for WLAC and a committee is to be formed. This Plan will determine academic policy – not just to fix the computers – how this technology will fit into the Educational Master Plan.

Dr. Rocha asked that the Senators tell their colleagues what is going on for the college. The building schedule is on track; work on the new access road will begin in January and will be open in June, 2009; Measure "J" will be on the November ballot to provide money to finish our Building Master Plan; the bungalows will be gone and the "Watson Building", a teaching technology, digital library building, will be in that space. There shall be a committee to make sure that all space in the new buildings is apportioned efficiently.

A question was asked concerning class size. Dr. Rocha stated that the old "siloued" schedule system needs to be re-examined and moved to a comprehensive schedule. Smaller classes should not be given at prime times, but multiple sectioned courses must be taken into consideration.

III. PUBLIC SPEAKERS: A resolution from the Senate was presented to Kurt Festinger for 30 years service to the college as the Jazz Band Director. All this time, he has served in that capacity as an adjunct and now will be teaching on-line courses. The new Band director is Philip Small.

IV. ASO REPORT TO THE SENATE from Eileen Gnehm, President of the ASO. ASO's goal for this year is to gain full student membership. Their Executive Council consists of all women. They are excited about new programs, such as UMOJA and Puente and want to work with the Senate in promoting them. This year's scholarship booklet will be out soon. A book-loan, or student book-trade program is being worked out. Voter registration will be on campus, while bus – passes are being considered.

VI. 1. Liberal Arts: Areas of Emphasis Revisited – Crippens/Thomas

This is an emergency situation because the plan WLAC submitted to Sacramento was denied, stating that the plan needed specificity. We submitted 21 options while most colleges submitted 3 or 4. The Liberal Arts major cannot challenge or dilute an existing major. Recommended areas of interest shall be 1. Math and Science; 2. Behavioral and Social Science; 3. Arts and Humanities; and 4. Elementary School Teachers' Prep. It was recommended that the Articulation Office, Eloise Crippens should be e-mailed with any concerns. Bonnie Blustein moved (seconded) that this Liberal Arts Areas of Emphasis plan be approved as now presented with minor changes accepted. **MSP/one abstention**

V. OFFICER’S REPORT

1. Rod Patterson – President

In order to maintain the State mandated ratio of 75/25 full time teachers to adjunct or be severely fined, WLAC needed to hire more full-time instructors. It was recommended also to convert limited positions to full-time and District
proposed to pay for those new "converted" positions for 3 years. It is not yet
known if we have avoided paying the fine. A Dean of Research and Planning is
about to be hired. Everyone is being encouraged to become involved in the
Accreditation process, so get on a committee and work because WLAC must
produce a focused Mid-Term Report. West now has over 12,000 unduplicated
head-count students this semester. New programs being offered at the college
include Jump-start at Beverly Hills High School, UMOJA, and Puente, with
Cinema courses revitalized. The 40th Anniversary celebration activities are being
supported. New course up-dates this summer were mostly for athletics courses.
There was a request to have a full report of the summer hiring done at WLAC.

2. Aracely Aguiar – Vice President
In order to cut down on the hand-outs WLAC went green. The Flex Day
packet is on the website. It is now planned to have each committee on the college
website with charge, time and place of meetings and minutes of meetings
available there.

3. Carrie Canales - Treasurer reported that the Senate will start with the
same balance with which last semester ended, $420.49. The dues reminders will
be put in all faculties' mailboxes.

VI. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MATTERS - Action Items
2. Noticed motion from Curriculum Committee on Aviation (tabled)
Mr. Patterson brought matter from the table for discussion. It was noted that
Dean Clowers learned that another LACCD campus has a program similar to
West's Aviation program and they do strictly adhere to the Board Rule in question
on our campus. Vice President Regalado also supports this motion. The motion
was read with a request for West to come into compliance with Board policy, but
it was noted that the quote from the Board rule appears to be inaccurate in the
motion. A motion by Eric Ichon (seconded) to postpone a vote to time certain
(the next regular Senate meeting, October 14, 2008) so the wording of the original
motion may be perfected was made. MSP

VII. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MATTERS - INFORMATIONAL
1. Accreditation Report – Fran Leonard
WLAC is fully accredited to 2012. West had an interim visit to make sure that we
were following the recommendations and were found in compliance. The next
required report, the focused Mid-Term Report is due in March. There are 13
points that must be addressed. It has been found that West has a "siloed"
approach to scheduling of classes. By that it means that each division and/or
department schedules courses without regard to the rest of the divisions. Progress
is being made, but this all must have documentation. In the past, plans were
made, but there was little follow-up. Much credit was given to Dr. Rocha and his
approach to running the college. West must sustain the momentum that was
 gained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF PROPOSED FUTURE
ACTIONS
A motion was made by Bonnie Blustein (seconded) to extend time for a
discussion of a new committee to be called Technology Master Plan Committee
between now and the next regular meeting. **MSP** The formation of this
committee shall be examined by the Ed Policies committee.

The balance of the agenda shall be considered at the next regular meeting of the Senate.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT at 3:15 PM.**
Next meeting - **special** - September 30, 2008; **regular** - October 14, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Sweeney, Secretary

**NOTICED MOTIONS**

The Curriculum Committee recommends that WLAC adhere to the Board
Rule (6704.10 and 6704.11) and that no more than 30 units (15 by exam and
15 for non accredited institutions) can be granted towards the degree in a
state-approved program. And that we do not “waive” any other course
requirements based on courses taken at non-accredited institutions.

Move that the Senate endorse the Advanced Placement policy approved by
DAS and established in Board Rule ChapterVI, Article II.