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WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE
WINLOCK LOUNGE
MINUTES FOR Special Limited Meeting
SEPTEMBER 30, 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; Treasurer; Barragan, Norma; Blustein, Bonnie, Chow, Judy; Crippens, Eloise; Floyd, Suzanne; Hagar, Robert; Ichon, Eric; Leonard, Fran; Nicholas, Vanita; Siever, Patricia; Dubois, May; Absent: Banday, Patricia; Evans, Beth; Jordan, J.; Michels, Margot; Olivas, Richard; Simone, Yvonne; Ulrich, James; Taylor Alice; Workman, John; Elahi, Faz; Foster, Adrienne

Guests: Vice Chancellor Marvin Martinez and District Consultant Diana Ho

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS
1. Confirmation of the agenda - MSP
2. Minutes of September 9, 2008 approved - MSP

II. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Dr. Rocha introduced Marvin Martinez, District Vice Chancellor and Diana Ho, District Consultant for Transportation who have prepared a transportation plan designed to alleviate present bus and parking difficulties at West. These individuals are professionals in this field having extensive experience solving local transportation problems such as LA DASH which serves the downtown Los Angeles area. The preliminary recommendations report presented at this meeting, was funded from interest accrued through construction Bonds A and AA already held.

The pilot busing program prepared for WLAC will be scheduled to start in the Spring Semester of 2009, and is to be funded from future Bond J's interest, therefore, there will be no affect to West's operating budget and will be paid by District for two years, at which time the costs could be met through WLAC student fees if the program continues.

It was discovered that WLAC has almost zero public transportation available to the campus and is served by only two lines of the Culver City Bus Company – one of
which comes every 20 minutes and the second comes only once an hour. This plan will help to make the WLAC campus greener by reducing our carbon footprint.

The proposal includes three lines: #1 Crenshaw/Van Ness Route of 35 minutes; #2 Central Route (Fairfax and Washington Transit center) of 12 minutes; and #3 Overland/Palms Route of 12 minutes. Data has been gathered concerning where our current students are living and these spots are thought to be the most convenient to them. The buses shall have WLAC logo painted on them as a moving advertisement and shall run daily on a continual basis for 8 hours a day. In addition, 5 buses shall serve as feeder buses to the Jump-start High Schools that WLAC is now serving. The Empire Bus Company has been selected for this purpose. This company is currently running the shuttle service to and from our parking lots. Several suggestions were made from the floor to extend a route to include the West Side Pavilion at Overland and Pico/Westwood; to have bike racks on these buses; to include LACES school in the list of Jump-start schools; and possible coordination with the Los Angeles and Santa Monica Bus Companies; and the question was raised as to the fuel source for these buses.

A motion was made by Bonnie Blustein: “The West Los Angeles College Senate endorses and supports in principle the Transportation Plan proposal presented by District Representatives on September 30, 2008.” MSP

A noticed motion was made by Eric Ichon, recommending a feasibility study made to evaluate the use of up to 10% of the funding for the recommended busing plan be used to develop bike paths and bike rack on campus in order to make our campus more pedestrian and bike rider friendly.

A noticed motion was made by Bonnie Blustein to schedule the High School classes to meet the bus schedule and vice versa.

The Senate was reminded that the proposed pilot busing plan is to be considered a test program to see if it will work for our college.

III. Professional and Academic Matters

The Technology Master Plan Committee has been formed which will consist of 3 administrators, 6 faculty members – 3 from the Senate and 3 from the Guild - 2 classified, and 2 non-voting resource persons to be appointed by the President. Those appointed from the Senate shall be Marcus Butler, Joshua Stern and Holly Bailey-Hoffman. The first meeting of this committee shall be October 8, 2008.

The question of the Areas of Emphasis shall be concluded and the Curriculum Committee shall make recommendations to the Senate at the next regular meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 2:34 PM.

Next meeting - October 14, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Sweeney, Secretary

NOTICED MOTIONS

In an effort to make WLAC a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly environment, the Senate recommends completion of a feasibility study regarding the use of up to 10% of the Transportation Plan funding for the development of multi use (bike and pedestrian)
paths on campus, designated bike lanes on campus roads, and the installation of
additional bike racks throughout campus.