WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE
WINLOCK LOUNGE
November 25, 2008
12:45 – 3:00 PM
Approved 12/9/08

“Developing as Professionals & Producing Better Student Outcomes”

Present: Patterson, Rod, President; Sweeney, Joyce, Secretary; Canales, Carrie,
Treasurer; Crippens, Eloise; Blustein, Bonnie, Barragan, Norma; Chow, Judy; Hager,
Robert; Ichon, Eric; Hager, Robert; Leonard, Fran; Michels, Margot; Morrison, Phyllis;
Taylor, Alice; Workman, John; Dubois, May; Anders, Bruce;
Absent: Aguiar, Ara (exc); Banday, Patricia; Chiang, Ana; Evans, Elizabeth; Floyd,
Suzanne; Jordan, J Nicholas, Vanita; Siever, Patricia; Foster, Adrienne;
Guests: Curt Riesberg; Stefan Stitch.

Upon reaching a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 12:54 PM by Rod
Patterson, Academic Senate President. Mr. Patterson remarked that WLAC’s Leadership
Retreat received a written commendation from Dr. Janet Fulks, who recommended that
this college apply for an exemplary program award. The application materials were
prepared Mr. Patterson and Fran Leonard.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

Confirmation of the agenda MSP

II. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MATTERS

The Accreditation Midterm Progress Report is the single item of business for this
meeting. Reports from readers of the responses to the Accreditation Commission's
recommendations were received and discussed.

Recommendation #1 – Campus Climate – writer Fran Leonard, readers Bonnie
Blustein and Elizabeth Evans
This response does not include comparative data to back up assertions. Bonnie Blustein
questioned if it was sufficient to give a link to information without stating specifics
contained in the link. Norma Barragan asked that instead of stating that "it" was done,
the steps of the process of the "it" – such as scheduling, staffing, and budgeting - be
included. It was suggested that a short questionnaire should be circulated in individual
groups, such as the Senate and/or Council. This might help to collect the needed data, as
a type of self-evaluation. How is the college bringing more people into the entire
process?

The Senate decided that this recommendation response was not ready for
approval. It was moved that as each Recommendation response is revised, the revised
copy be forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee and to the reviewers, in order to
expedite final approval on December 9, 2008. MSP

Recommendation #2 – Student Learning Outcomes – writer Lloyd Thomas,
reader Carrie Canales
The need for the process itself to be presented in detail was stated. The report as
presented was dated October 24, 2008 and has not yet been updated. Several corrections
were recommended in data statements and the grid on page 9 should be eliminated because it was incomplete and therefore confusing.

Alice Taylor moved that this recommendation response be approved, subject to updating and inclusion of requested changes. (seconded)  

**Recommendation #3 – Budget Plan** – writer VP John Oester, readers Budget Committee and Judy Chow

Members of the Senate requested that a discussion of learning communities, such as UMOJA, FACE, and CAHSEE with enrollment numbers, be included in this report, as well as a few minor corrections and additions.

A motion by Judy Chow was made to approve this response with identified corrections. (seconded)  

**Recommendation #6 – Student Services/Counseling** - writers VP Betsy Regalado, Assoc. Dean Celina Alcala, and Yvonne Simone, readers Eric Ichon and Margot Michels

Report by Eric Ichon and Margot Michels found the "staffing" portion was okay; the "operation" portion needed work; as did the "counseling" portion. Documentation is needed and there was no conclusion to the report. The editing report was found detailed and comprehensive and should be forwarded to the writers.

A motion by Carrie Canales was made that this response be returned to the writers for inclusion of recommended changes, data and a concluding statement. (seconded)  

**MSP**

**Recommendation #11 – Financial Stability**, writer John Oester, readers Budget Committee and Judy Chow

Questions concerning this report were answered and several clarifications were called for.

Alice Taylor moved that this response be approved by the Senate, with the understanding that the writer will consider the Senate's recommended changes. (seconded)  

**MSP** one abstention

**Recommendation #7 – Library Resources**, writers Eric Ichon, Judy Chow, Ken Lee, Bonnie Blustein, and Fran Leonard, reader Alice Taylor

This report pointed out that there were inadequacies in the library collection, but that our library has online materials. With the inclusion of the internet connection, there is a need for students to have instruction on how to evaluate information gained from the internet.

Eric Ichon moved that this response with indicated corrections, be approved by the Senate. (seconded)  

**MSP**

Thanks were extended to everyone that helped writing, reading and editing of the recommendation responses.

**III Announcements**

The new parking structure will be opened for use on December 1, 2008.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT at 3:05 PM**

Next regular meeting December 9, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Sweeney, Secretary