



**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

1 were recommended in data statements and the grid on page 9 should be eliminated  
2 because it was incomplete and therefore confusing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **MSP**

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

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

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

28 (seconded) **MSP** one abstention

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

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

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

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

### 40 **III Announcements**

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

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

45 **Next regular meeting December 9, 2008**

47 **Respectfully Submitted,**  
48 **Joyce Sweeney, Secretary**