

**APPROVED MINUTES**

for

Thursday, February 25, 2010

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

4th Floor, HLRC

**Accreditation Steering Committee Chair**

Fran Leonard

Mark W. Rocha

**Academic Senate**

Rod Patterson

**Administrative Services**

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Abel Rodriguez

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Betsy Regalado

Present: Mary-Jo Apigo, Isabella Chung, Judy Chow, Linda Clowers, Henri Feiner, Judith Fierro, Allan Hansen, Fran Leonard, Danielle Garcia, Rod Patterson, Betsy Regalado, Curt Riesberg, Mark Rocha, Abel Rodriguez, Yvonne Simone, Robert Sprague, Lloyd Thomas, Hansel Tsai, Geneat Walton

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Fran Leonard, Chair. Dr. Rocha welcomed and thanked the committee for their participation in the Administrative Retreat on January 14, 2010, the Retreat on January 21 of the Joint Council and the editing committee which met on February 10, 2010 for their collaborative efforts in creating the mission statement for West.

- I. The minutes of the Accreditation Steering Committee meeting of January 28, 2010 were approved.
- II. Mission and Vision Statement – the committee members gave feedback on the wording of these statements. The revised mission and vision statement was reviewed which was a result of an editing meeting on February 10, 2010. Betsy Regalado, V.P. of Student Services had taken the draft to the Student services Council and, based on the feedback there, asked the committee if the Vision statement was realistic and attainable.

The committee discussed and agreed upon the following revised Vision “50” statement:

**By its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019**, West will be the first choice of regional and international students.

The committee agreed upon the new wording for the **Mission Statement**:

To inspire student success through challenging instruction and supportive services, developing leaders who will encourage excellence in others.

West Los Angeles College fosters a learning community that honors the drive to inform, share and collaborate. A West education enriches students with the knowledge and skills needed to earn degrees, transfer, build careers, and pursue life-long learning.

The Mission and Vision statements will go to College Council next **Thursday, March 4**, for

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## ACCREDITATION STEERING COMMITTEE

recommendation and approval.

### III. Report from Standards Committees on committee membership

Standard I: Institutional Mission and Effectiveness

Co-Chairs: Fran Leonard and Rebecca Tillberg

Members: Meric Keskinel, Kathy Walton, Mohamad Alwash, Mary-Jo Apigo

Standard II: Student Learning Programs and Services

Co-Chairs: Linda Clowers, Betsy Regalado, Yvonne Simone

Members: Celena Alcalá, Michael Goltermann, Angel Viramontes, Judy Chow, Glenn Schenk, Adrienne Foster, Patricia Banday, Sherron Rouzan, Melinda Smith, Ken Lin, Ken Lee, Curt Riesberg, Timothy Russel, Lloyd Thomas, David Newell

Standard III: Resources

Co-Chairs: John Oester, Allan Hansen

Members: Isabella Chung, Abel Rodriguez, Henri Feiner, Anna Chiang, Hansel Tsai, Nick Dang, Larry Rowell, MD Haque, Darrell Roberson, Lorraine Patriarca, Mary Anne Gavarra-Oh, Marcus Butler

Standard IV: Leadership and Governance

Co-Chairs: Rod Patterson, Olga Shewfelt, Mark Rocha

Members: Bruce Anders, Betty Jacobs

There will be a self-study workshop on Friday, March 12, at Southwest College, Room DE-228, from 9 am to 3 pm. West can send up to ten people and faculty accreditation chairs and key participants should try to attend this meeting. We have eight signed up. We have room for two more.

III. Commission Recommendation #2 – unfunded retiree health benefit liability to assure out-year obligations are met without significant negative impact on financial health of the institution (standard III.D.1.c.) – this is due March 10, 2010 to the Board of Trustees and on March 15, 2010 to the Accrediting Commission. Vicky Nesia has the signature page for those responsible for signing this report. Signatures are due next week.

V. Great Colleges Survey – Chronicle of Higher Education - Higher Education Workshop - Trend Report – West was cited as one of the great colleges in this publication.

The Accreditation Steering Committee supports a two year cycle of surveys at West. The last student survey was conducted fall 2009 and the next one will be conducted fall of 2011. After discussion, the Accreditation Steering Committee, by consensus, supported conducting the Great Colleges Survey for the Chronicle of Higher Education this spring.

V. Training for Standards Committee

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Fran announced that HLRC-4E is now a fully equipped training workshop room for all faculty. Please contact Judy Chow at ext. 4401 to reserve this room.

Town Hall meetings will resume fall 2010 unless there are draft responses to present before fall 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m., Winlock.

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