



College Council Plenary Session
REVISED DRAFT Minutes for
Thursday, December 4, 2008
FA-100, 1 pm - 3 pm

Members Attending: B. Anders, E. Crippens, E. Gnehm, A. Hansen; J. Haywood, F. Leonard, J. Oester, R. Olivas, R. Patterson, B. Regalado, M. Rocha, O. Shewfelt, B. Sprague, S. Stitch, ASO

Special Guests: Dr. Mark Drummond, Chancellor; David Beaulieu, DAS President, Deputy Chancellor Adriana Barrera, Vice Chancellor of Educational Support Services, John Clerx; Vice Chancellor of Economic & Workforce Development, Marvin Martinez

Plus members of the college community.

- I. Fran called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. The Council confirmed the agenda.
- II. There were no public speakers.
- III. President's Report
 - A. Dr. Rocha talked about the "real" challenge for West: how to make the budget savings as we continue to progress as we have been doing. He reminds us to be "kind and gentle with each other and to each other" in these trying times. The president then introduced Chancellor Drummond, lauding him for his bold, decisive leadership and to congratulate him on the passage of Measure J, which along with Propositions A and AA, means a total of \$5.7 billion of capital for the LACCD. The Chancellor spoke on the state of the budget for California and for the District, the "monster is loose" because of the "perfect storm" of the convergence of Wall Street woes, along with the national and international economic collapse, that the state may run out of cash by February. This presents us with a contradiction. Despite the current uncertain fiscal climate, what the community colleges are doing is right: offering students opportunities to learn a trade, upgrade skills in growing fields such as healthcare and green technology and public utilities. Offering online associates degrees in administration of justice and business administration as West is doing is also smart.
 - B. Chancellor Drummond proceeded to talk about the intention to continue to hire full-time faculty, replacing retirees and addressing 60% of full-timers in the District. This is also driven by the penalty assessed to Districts that are out of compliance with the 75/25 percent ratio of full-time faculty-to-part-time faculty, which this year has been suspended for the LACCD. He then mentioned the three goals he has had a Chancellor:
 1. Pass another bond measure - which was accomplished with 70% of the vote. ("Cross that one off the list.")
 2. Career Tech education, based on cooperation and joint efforts among 2-3 colleges. Tap into the Educational Training Funds (ETFs) to retrain workers.
 3. Using the model of Extension programs and distance-ed programs to reach more students, including out-of-state students who bring in added revenue through out-of-state tuition. Dr. Drummond cited

CEDCE, which would have been better had it been integrated into the college proper and the not-for-credit Paralegal Program at LA Valley College. West is a model of opportunities for revenue while providing access to students in a climate of high employment and of returning veterans.

Chancellor informed us of the Emergency Response Task Force, a "brain trust," which Dr. Rocha has been named to, to take options to the District Budget Committee within a short response timeframe, i.e., make decisions by March '09. We'll be party to the decisions, which will include no furloughs at West, but strategies include looking at all contracts, including copy machine maintenance and slowing down purchasing.

- C. Bob Sprague then talked about enrollment enhancement and resulting revenue opportunities, so while West does not escape the grim economic realities, as a college, we can achieve budget reductions and also revenue opportunities. He cited several examples of colleges like Santa Monica or Houston that have successfully recruited and attracted international students, reaping the economic benefits of doing so, which include underwriting 200-level or second-year courses, especially in math and science. An on-line AA degree in business, 11 certificate programs.
- D. Because West has property like that on Jefferson and Lot 7, it can realize upwards of \$100 million over a 66-year lease.
- E. Deputy Chancellor Adriana Berrera then spoke of the efficiencies derived from the Functional Flow Chart, including a new and improved Student Information System. She was followed by John Clerx, Vice Chancellor of Educational Support Systems, who spoke about re-invigorating FIPSE and transfer. Vice-Chancellor Martinez who spoke of workforce development/job training as evidenced by the Tourism and Hospitality grant with LAX and surrounding hotels. He also congratulated West on its shared governance process, which resulted in an improved Transportation Plan.
- F. The Chancellor then fielded questions from the audience, one having to do with online AA degrees and another on the obligation fee for 72/25. The District compliance rate is 60/40. Thus, hiring of full-time faculty will proceed. The Board of Governors have waived the obligation for a year.

IV. Chair's Report

- A. Rod Patterson, president of the Academic Senate, then reported on the actions taken by the Senate on the Accreditation Focused Midterm Report, with a number of senators assigned to read/analyze a recommendation's response and recommend any revisions, additions or changes, leading up to approval by the Senate. The Senate approved Recommendations 2: SLOs; 3: Budget; 7: Library Holdings; and 11: Financial Stability at its meeting, with Recs. 1: Campus Climate, 5: Planning and Budget and Rec 13: Governance, pending approval with suggestions made by senators to be considered/followed-up on. Work continues on the other Recommendations, including the new Commission Rec 1: Planning Effectiveness; Rec 8: Staffing Plan; Rec 9: Employee Evaluations; Rec 10: Technology Planning; Rec 12: Enrollment Management.
The Senate will continue its work, looking at the remaining reports and will consider a motion authorizing the Senate Exec to act on its behalf during the winter intersession on the Focused Midterm Report.
Fran announced a Focused Midterm Report working day on Friday, Dec. 12th with a meeting of the Accreditation Steering Committee scheduled for Thursday, December 18, at 11:30 am in the PCR, to be attended by Gary Colombo.

Drafts and final versions of the recommendations will be posted at the accreditation webpage by Michelle Long-Coffee for anyone to access/read. The timeline to allow for production of the report will be the second week of January, at the latest.

MOTION: To meet the timeline, that the CC Executive Committee act on behalf of the College Council to read and approve of the final Accreditation Focused Midterm Report. **PASSED/consensus.**

- B. **The Faculty/Staff Diversity Fund Committee is approved** to move forward. Membership to be determined, and Lawrence Woods will brief the members on the parameters which govern the expenditure of these funds, which are currently approximately \$50,000.
- V. Budget Report
- A. John shared the news that the District was going to pay us fully per FTES at \$4685/student. This is not so now; however, the college should continue to grow its enrollment because it is approaching the 3rd consecutive year of enrollment growth, at which point it will be eligible for recalibration. West plans on 5-week summer sessions.
 - B. Allan Hansen talked about new signage on campus, with help from Michelle Long-Coffee, which is fully funded by the bond. He provided examples of strategic placement and types of signs to be installed.
 - C. From the 40th Anniversary Committee - please circle March 25, 2009 for a big event.
- VI. Items and issues for consideration from CC members.
- A. Rod Patterson requests a status report of security on campus, especially given the opening of the new parking structure.
 - B. Olga requests a report on the master schedule of the college as there have been challenges with so many meetings competing for the same time slots and locations. John mentioned that replacing the present Meeting Room Mgr. with new software may help address this concern.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.