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Resource Development Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2011

12:30pm – Winlock

Attending: Mary-Jo Apigo, Diana Baxter, Kathy Boutry, Shalamon Duke, Adrienne Foster, Larry Packham, Mark Pracher, Jack Ruebensaal, Olga Shewfelt, Barry Sloan, Bob Sprague

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Mark Pracher, Dean of Development, provided a brief update to the committee of projects and proposals he has been developing for the college.

Partnership Updates:

1. **STEM Culver City Unified School District Superintendent**  
Mark met with Patti Jaffe, Superintendent of Culver City Unified School District, who has worked as a counselor and teacher the past thirty years. Patti expressed an interest in STEM areas and to bring state-of-the-art science labs into elementary, middle, and high schools in Culver City Unified School District. There is an interest in robotics and pre-engineering programs with Culver High School and middle schools to get pre-engineering curriculum funded. On Thursday, November 17th a workshop will be presented by AFTRA and Beverly Hills/Hollywood NAACP: “Grammy Winners: Before and After” and on Saturday, December 3, a workshop will be presented by LA Lawyers for the Arts - “Empowering Women in Entertainment”.
2. **New American Theater** - Mark Pracher reported on the New American Theater, formerly called the Circus Theater. The principals of this organization are residents of Culver City. New American Theater is a rental space in the Hollywood area. They have expressed an interest in utilizing the Black Box Theater and have discussed ways of including our students with LA.’s theater scene.
3. **Getty Museum** – Mark met with the Getty people and brought several ideas to the table including building a class around upcoming exhibits that the Getty Museum will have. The art department from West met with Getty and the end result was a willingness on Getty’s part to work with West to embed existing courses that West has to enrich it and ignite students’ interest in visiting the Getty Museum.
4. **County WIB Executive Director** – Workforce Investment Board is set up all across the country as part of the Federal Workforce Investment Act. This agency funds money to help unemployed people return to work through job training programs. LA County has seven WIB’s. LA County WIB and LA City WIB are second and third in the country in terms of number of people they serve. The goal is to create an Entrepreneurship Center that targets the arts. Mission College has a co-located Workforce Center located off-campus. This is a dedicated space that works with people to get involved in the college’s programs to create avenues of support for students.

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5. McCallum Group & Riverside Community College District – Patrick McCallum, President of McCallum Group, Inc., is a lobbyist in Sacramento for the California Community Colleges. VP Sprague will be meeting with him today regarding the international student program at West.
6. REI contribution 2010-2011 to report to Budget and College Council  
VP Sprague would like the committee to formally accept this report to take to the Budget Committee and College Council and to notify Academic Senate of the contribution of the revenue enhancement initiative from grants. West was awarded more than \$2 million which frees the college's budget to do other things with this money.

Olga Shewfelt made a motion that a recommendation to the College Council be made to approve the \$2 million awarded to West from the Revenue Enhancement Initiative be used to develop another source of income for the college. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. Grant Development Workshops – Mary-Jo Apigo reported briefly on the status of grant development workshops. She is implementing budgets for grants and breaking them down for funding of workshops at West. For example, Cloud Computing is open to faculty and staff. Workshops could consist of faculty who have participated in past workshops. What is the role of faculty? What does it take to implement a grant? A newsletter was brought up as an idea to promote ideas to the college. The Bookstore is another source that provides a certain number of dollars annually for the college's general fund.
8. FIG Developments – Mary-Jo reported that on Flex Day Adrienne Foster announced the formation of Faculty Interest/Inquiry Groups (FIGS) on campus. What do they want to explore? First FIG group will be reading apprenticeship and reading across the curriculum and training strategies to help students read their textbooks. Workshops will be folded into Tech Fair and highlighted as development workshops for faculty and staff.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

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