

Vice President's Council
September 27, 2006
Summary Notes

Members Present: Paul Matney, Robert Boyd, Bill Crawford, Daniel Esquivel, David Fike, Toni Gordy, Mark Hanna, David Hernandez, Judy Johnson, Jerry Moller, Sheryl Mueller, Ed Nolte, Lou Ann Seabourn, and Robert Sloger

Members Absent: Renee Vincent

Others Present:

Board of Regents Meeting

Meeting was hosted by the Hereford Campus. Minimum tuition change was approved. Cost of textbooks was discussed.

Hereford Campus Report - Daniel Esquivel

Esquivel presented the educational report at the Board meeting. He distributed a copy of the presentation. Enrollment is up slightly. Esquivel noted that demographics show that enrollment from Hereford increased from 59% to 86% of their total enrollment. He believes this shows that the community is aware of the viable Hereford Campus. Gretta Johnson, math instructor, presented statistics on math enrollments. Over 100 students were took developmental math during Fall 2006. They predict basic reading and writing class enrollments will continue to increase. Hope to offer their first academic scholarships funded by local individuals and businesses by Fall 07.

Instructional Cost Efficiency Task Force (attachment)

Boyd is chairing the task force. Other members are David Fike, Dwight Huber, Alan Kee, Gay Mills, Jerry Moller, Ed Nolte, Porter, Robert Boys, and Kathy Wetzel. The task force is charged to investigate way to improve instructional cost efficiencies at AC. Boyd said they will be looking at a variety of things, what other Texas community colleges are doing, forming subgroups, etc. Matney doesn't want the task force to operate in a crisis mode. He wants them look at things like, what should we offer in the summer. It is not a "witch hunt."

Capital Needs Committees (attachment)

Matney distributed a listing of identified capital needs. He noted that on the Internal Capital Needs committee that of the 15 at large members, 7 are instructional representatives. The challenge will be to not have a vested agenda. The project lead people have consolidated the needs that had been submitted previously. We probably won't get everything that was asked for but identifying the needs is a first step. This will be a "huge " project.

- Internal
- External
- Time Line

Summer 2007 Revised Class Schedule

One-Two-and Three-Credit Hour Tuition (Minimum Tuition) (attachment)

When the technology fee increase went before the Board, so did a change to minimum fee. The request to change the minimum fee was approved by the Board without much discussion of the and _____ of the ramifications of the increase.

Fall Too and Spring Too

Will be highly promoted. Need to get a Fall Too classes link on the AC home page, and at the job fair.

Bookstore Issues

Matney and Berg have met and Dennis Leslie and Lynn Thornton have been working on the issues. Matney distributed a copy of part of a report from Leslie. Leslie wants to do things right. Matney has been resisting an idea by Dr. Jones that all classes have a standardized text book(s) requirement. Matney believes this would infringe on academic freedom.

Matney wants the chairs to know that the issue has been addressed and the bookstore wants to serve the students and faculty.

60-Hour Degree Proposal (attachment)

Current AC policy says a minimum of 62 semester hours is required for a degree. The GIPWE and ACGM list the minimum as 60 semester hours. Fike has submitted a request to the Academic Affairs Committee to change AC policy to 60. This change will benefit the AAT programs and those transfer students. Currently it is difficult for AAT students to graduate from AC. Fike stressed that this change should not affect or influence other program requirements.

UT-Brownsville Articulation Agreement (attachment)

Matney reviewed the UT-Brownsville Articulation Agreement. They are will to take up to 85 semester credit hours to apply to a BAT or BAAS degree. The particular BAT degree programs are CIS, Drafting/CAD, digital imaging, network information technology, engineering technology – electronics, nursing (general & practical), diagnostic imaging, respiratory therapy. A representative from Brownsville wants to meet with AC representatives to explain the program. It was agreed to invite her to present an a.m. and afternoon program in Oct.

Department Chair Compensation Chart (attachment)

Matney noted that years ago department chair received \$900 and 3 hours release time. They survey other community colleges and came up with a compensation formula. Compensation was based on last fall's data. Bobbie will send the chairs the last formula chart.

Divisional Reports

Nolte – Schlong has been in contact with him about the jersey cows and dairy cow farms and training. Nolte said AC needs to come together on the issue and suggests the appropriate parties meet to consolidate our forces.

Announcements:

- Lynn Library closed December 20 – January 2 for electrical renovations – Will be closed during the holidays for electrical updates. Mail can still be picked up in the 1st floor.
- Funding rates by discipline (attachment) – Funding rates have gone down but the percentage funded went up. Matney noted that the funding formula is shown at the top of page two of the attachment.
- Calendar of Events (attachment) – Matney noted that by the next council meeting:
9/29/06
10/06/06
10/20/06
- AC Distinguished Lecture – Gen. Wesley Clark; November 9; Globe News Center
- Caprock STUD 0211 – Student Success Initiative (Fall Too) - Will kick-off the new STUD 0211 with a couple of Caprock classes. Two AC faculty will go to the Caprock campus to teach the class and at the end of the class the students will come to the AC campus. The target group will consist of students who were probably not college bound.
- Forensic Science AS program – Toni Gordy – Just received notification from the CB that the two unique needs FORS courses have been approved. Weatherford College was the first Texas college to start the program and they have shared knowledge and materials with us. It will be an interdisciplinary and biology, psychology, and criminal justice will be working together.
- Spring '06 grade distributions – Should be distributed next week.