

California State University Channel Islands

President's Council Meeting Note: Monday, May 12, 2008

The President's Council met on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the University Hall Training Room at California State University Channel Islands, One University Drive, Camarillo.

In attendance: Herb Aquino, Terry Ballman, Shawn Bartlett, Gary Berg, Dave Chakraborty, Renny Christopher, Joanne Coville, Cindy Derrico, Therese Eyermann, Tania Garcia, Missy Klep, Ted Lucas, Maureen McQuestion, Guy Spevak(for Mike Middleton), Joanna Murphy, Anna Pavin, Lisa Power, Amanda Quintero, John Reid, Melissa Remotti, Ginger Reyes, Martha Reyes, Richard Rush, Greg Sawyer, Jane Sweetland, Ashish Vaidya, Eddie Washington, and Julia Wilson

Guests in attendance: Julia Balen, Caroline Doll, Pilar Pacheco, Damien Pena

1. President's Reports

President Rush called the meeting to order and mentioned his attendance at the Chancellor's Office for two days. He mentioned the possibility of Board of Trustees approving a fee increase for students. President Rush also recognized Vice President Sawyer for receiving the prestigious Wang Award. The ceremony will be held on May 14th at the Chancellor's Office.

2. Business Continuity Plan

Carolyn Doll presented on the universities Business Continuity Plan.

3. Cesar Chavez- Bracero Project

Dr. Julia Balen and Pilar Pacheco presented an overview of the Bracero Oral Histories Project. The project is in conjunction with the Smithsonian and other universities such as University of Texas, Brown, and University of Colorado are involved. This collection of histories is a joint project between the Center for Multicultural Engagement and the Center for Community Engagement. Through the Bracero Project, students seek to obtain oral histories from individuals who served in the bracero program. The types of classes that are joining the project are History and Spanish courses. Next year there is a Spanish capstone and Chicano Studies class that will participate in the project. The turn out for those who want to give their oral history has been well received. There is a possibility of another town hall meeting to take place in Santa Paula. In addition, there are talks to display this in the Ventura County Museum. Future efforts include a possible virtual museum where the oral histories will be archived.

4. Center for Multicultural Engagement

Damien Pena and Dr. Julia Balen presented on the efforts this year conducted by the Center for Multicultural Engagement. Dr. Balen presented that the advisory committee has outlined a five year plan development which includes a description of the vision. There was a mapping of current resources and initiatives as well as assessment needs. In terms of curriculum, there was a redefining of UNIV 110, where there was an integration of the mission elements and collaboration of the four centers. Balen mentioned the efforts done related to Cesar Chavez week and the providing of SAFE training. Damien Pena presented about the Student Affairs events and the planning done by the students. He mentioned the Multicultural Women's and Gender Student Center (MWSGSC) and it being a safe space on campus for students to hold their cultural and organizational meetings. Pena discussed the Martin Luther King Celebration and training done for Resident Assistants. Also, Celebration Series where one time a month a different culture is recognized as evident on the wall posters displayed around Bell Tower. Other

events included Poetry SLAM, Clothes Line Project, Day of Silence, and Take Back the Night Event. Pena mentioned 147 shirts were distributed and 85 students marched in the event.

5. Update on Union Policies

Dr. Renny Christopher discussed that there has been turnover in CFA union Leadership. The New Director of Representation for CFA is Dr. Bernhard Rohrbacher. Christopher mentioned that the Policy on Campus Violence can be implemented. This policy was approved by President's Council at a previous meeting. President Rush asked how many other policies were still waiting for CFA Review. Christopher replied 3. Those three are the Alcohol Policy (which is back to the Division of Student Affairs for Review), Solicitation and Public Meetings Policy, and Intellectual Property and Principal Investigator Policy.

6. Update on Policy on Background Checks

Mr. Eddie Washington discussed that he met with representatives from every division. Washington mentioned that if we create a policy it has to be consistent with HR200510. He mentioned the desire to balance campus needs, the Chancellor's Office needs, and the individual needs and their respect to privacy. Washington mentioned that there is a revised second draft which has been sent to legal and labor relations. He mentioned that the university needs to come up with a list of positions that fall within this policy of needing a background check.

RECOMMENDATION

7. Policy on Admissions Exceptions

Ginger Reyes presented policy on Admissions Exceptions. It has been vetted through the Student Academic Policies and Procedures subcommittee of Academic Senate and was passed at Academic Senate last month. The motion for approval was made by Dr. Renny Christopher with a second by Dr. Terry Ballman. Policy was approved unanimously.

8. Policies for Review (Remotti)

Melissa Remotti presented the policies that were in its three year cycle review. Remotti mentioned that she will contact the respective individuals related to the policies over summer to see if anything needs to be changed.

9. Other (All)

None

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Reyes