President’s Council Meeting Note: Monday, February 25, 2008

The President’s Council met on Monday, February 25, 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.


Guests in attendance: Andrea Grove, Trudy Milburn, Paul Adalian, Deborah Wylie, Deborah Gravelle

1. President’s Report:
President Rush called the Council to order at 9:05am, and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the opportunity provided to meet all the Provost candidates as they interviewed on campus. He was also pleased to announce that the new VP for Advancement, Julia Wilson, will begin on Monday, March 3rd.

2. Center for Community Engagement:
Professors Grove & Milburn made a presentation on the “Center for Community Engagement.” They have recently completed their strategic planning for the Center which has been focused on how to get students more engaged in both local and global communities. Some of the programmatic themes they are focusing on are a “model United Nations” and a “Coffee House” discussion series where community experts and students discuss current issues. In addition the Center is working to develop how it incorporates the other Centers into its objectives, how it works with the University 101 course offering, and how it partners with the Multicultural and Women’s & Gender Student Center. Both professors encouraged the Council to forward any ideas they might have for the Center to them as they truly wish to be engaged. President Rush thanked both Professors Grove & Milburn and emphasized the importance of all four Centers and the relationship they share with the university’s student centered mission.

3. Center for Integrative Design:
Paul Adalian gave an update on the Library and he spoke of how pleased he has been with the transition from the old facility into the new facility. He mentioned some challenges but stressed how wonderful all the staff volunteers have been during the move. They worked hard and long to ensure that all the objectives were met. The library is truly and “architecturally significant” structure in Ventura County. It has the ability to host significant special events and the campus will realize great benefits as a result. It can host significant special events and Paul spoke about how the physical layout of the library and its numerous features all focus on bringing people into the library and getting them to explore the “cutting edge” technology and “interactive” collections. The library opens March 3rd to not only students, faculty, and staff, but to Ventura County community members as well.

RECOMMENDATION
The recommendation for the Policy on OPC Chargebacks was facilitated by Deborah Wylie. This policy was on its second reading. Deborah explained that a process for determining and charging back indirect costs was still being developed. Direct costs (time & materials) are the
only costs that are currently being recovered. OPC and Academic Affairs are working on a process to budget for annual replacement of expendable finishes in the academic spaces so there is an adequate and proper funding source for that critical need. A motion was made by Therese Eyermann to approve the policy and that motion was seconded by Gregory Sawyer. The motion passed.

The recommendation for the Policy on Alcohol at CSUCI was facilitated by Deborah Gravelle and Cindy Derrico. This policy was on its second reading. Cindy indicated that changes had been made to further clarify the policy as it relates to student housing. Eddie Washington and Renny Christopher expressed some concerns about Union approval of the policy. There was discussion on how to procedurally move forward knowing there were Union “concerns.” Policy will be considered at next month’s meeting and will then be submitted to the Unions.

**DISCUSSION**

The discussion on the Policy on Background Checks was facilitated by Eddie Washington. This policy was on its first reading. Eddie also distributed a procedure on background checks for review. President Rush clarified that the Council will only work on the policy and the procedure will be developed within Human Resources and Faculty Affairs. The policy will be brought up again next month on a 2nd reading.

Meeting adjourned by President Rush at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief John Reid