

California State University Channel Islands

President's Council Meeting Notes: Monday, January 22, 2007

The President's Council met on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in University Hall, California State University Channel Islands, One University Drive, Camarillo.

In attendance: Lupe Arciniega, Terry Ballman, Raudel Banuelos, Chelsee Bente, Gary Berg, Lisa Breckenridge, Renny Christopher, Joanne Coville, Maria de la Luz Flores, Marty de los Cobos, Rudy Estrada, Therese Eyer mann, Traci Franks, Tania Garcia, Deborah Gravelle, Nancy Hill, Bill Kupfer, Jessica LaRoe, Ted Lucas, Maureen McQuestion, Mike Middleton, Joanna Murphy, John Reid, Ginger Reyes, Martha Reyes, Melissa Remotti, Richard Rush, Greg Sawyer, Cathy Strauch, Ashish Vaidya, Eddie Washington

Guests: George Morten, Ray Porras, Damon Blue, Gene Lai (for Shawn Bartlett)

President's Report:

President Rush welcomed members of the Council. He acknowledged the efforts and accomplishments of the entire campus community in calling attention to a front page article published in the Ventura County Star. The complimentary article reported on campus accomplishments and a large (\$62 million) capital improvement award that the campus has earned through dedication and demonstrated success.

Presentations:

WASC

Ted Lucas reported that a WASC team will visit campus again on March 14, 15, and 16, 2007. This should be our last WASC visit prior to an accreditation decision in June of 2007. The visit will be an attempt to validate the educational effectiveness report previously published. Our methodology for education, effectiveness assessment, and continual improvement will be scrutinized. He emphasized that the visit is a very high priority and it is very important that all members of the community should be present and available during the visit.

Educational Talent Search

George Morten presented an overview of a new campus community outreach program to identify, engage and support young students, especially students from low income and disadvantaged families, with quantitative goals of increased success both at high school and in college enrollment. The mission, goals, specific objectives and benefits of the program were presented. The proposal will be supported with a renewable annual \$220,000 grant.

Policies:

a. Policy on Parking and Traffic – for recommendation

Ray Porras described two changes made to the policy since the last discussion. The changes were clear definitions of students and employees and the addition of language for providing parking fee waiver for students with disabilities. A motion for policy approval was made and passed unanimously.

b. Policy on Campus Violence – for recommendation

Eddie Washington presented the policy with changes made based on previous discussion. A change was made to include “intimidation or threat” of violence in the policy. A non relevant reference to the Workplace Violence Act was removed. A reference to campus Public Safety was added to the text section. After discussion it was agreed that Student Affairs would work with Eddie on a process and language to address the threat presented by ex-students. Action on the policy was postponed.

c. Policy on Smoking on Campus – for recommendation

Eddie Washington suggested that a policy on smoking might be unnecessary because the authority to limit smoking was already in place through Executive Order and pertinent laws and regulations. As an alternative he suggested that the campus might use “statements” or rules that are consistent with campus authority without making policy. A motion to allow the use of such “statements” when appropriate was made and passed unanimously.

d. Policy on Non-Discrimination for Students – for recommendation

Eddie Washington presented a change to the non-discrimination policy making the policy specific to students. A motion was made for approval and the policy was passed unanimously. (Note further changes recommended below.)

e. Policy on Sexual Harassment for Students – for recommendation

Eddie Washington presented this policy with a change to make the policy specific to students. Several additional changes were suggested. First, the language “as they are modified from time to time” should be added to Executive Order references in the *Background* section to accommodate changes in Executive Orders. The telephone number should be replaced by a web site in the *Accountability* section. The following should be added to the *Text* section, “Individuals are encouraged to report acts of sexual harassment to Human Resources Programs or to any Student Affairs administrator.” A motion was made for approval and the policy was passed unanimously. It was observed that the *Accountability* section telephone number and *Text* section reporting language changes suggested for this policy should also apply to the previously discussed non-discrimination policy.

Discussion:

f. Policy on Divisional Assessment Plans – first reading

Therese Eyermann presented the policy with an explanation of the WASC recommendation to strengthen, “center,” and formalize the assessment process. A change in text language from “assessment program” to “assessment process” was made. A motion to waive the first reading was made and approved unanimously. A motion to recommend the policy for approval was made and passed unanimously.

Other:

Melissa Remotti advised the Council that policy template changes, discussed at a previous meeting, have been completed and are now posted at the Council web site.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kupfer