

## Student Services Area Council Meeting Minutes

### April 9, 2019

Present: April Bernabeo, Brian Krause, Ann Libadisos, Ross Miyashiro, Lucy Nelson, Toni Newman, Odinah Angeles-Recio, Wiley Wilson, Nina Wong

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

#### Review of the March 12, 2019 meeting minutes

1. Page 1, #5 – correction: replace North Gym with South Gym.
2. Demolition of the Student Activities Center - scheduled for October/November 2019.
3. The Student Development Office will temporarily locate to the MBBM modules for 2 years (worst-case scenario) or 6-9 months (best-case scenario) until the Communication Building basement space remodel is completed. Problems with the modules (no Wi-Fi and storage lockers, animals) - will be fixed before move-in. The Campus will lose \$20 million if construction timelines not met. Community Education currently located in the MBBM modules will move to the former Child Development Center located in Lot L.
4. Discussed having student government representation for both day and evening students. This is an option, not a requirement. Evening students have different issues than daytime students. Looking at how one student government will work for both. Moving to change structure of student services to support evening students.
5. Mid-summer is the move-in target date into the new Student Services Center building.
6. Student government is under contract with FloWater for 5 years. Need to arrange moving the Flo Water machine from the Student Services Center to the new building or other location – maybe to Math or Life Science Building. ASO needs to know the demolition date of the Student Services Center to make the moving arrangements.
7. The meeting minutes were approved as amended.

#### Integrating Police Services into Student Services

1. Campus Police services will change when the department moves to Student Services.
2. Introduction of the new Area Council member, Nina Wong – Clery Act Compliance Coordinator. The Clery Act provides transparency of safety laws on campus. Nina gathers all statistics about crime information on campus, surrounding the campus, and ECC campus properties. A violation of the Clery Act can result in fines.
3. Ross requested recommendations on how to integrate police services with student services.
4. Discussed interactions and frequency of interactions with Student Services departments and Campus Police:
  - a) Campus Police provides active shooter training once a year.
  - b) Student threats and transparency – Chief provided information at a meeting with SRC staff regarding an incident that occurred in SRC involving student threats.
  - c) ASO contacted Campus Police regarding issues with the parking kiosks when students did not receive a parking permit after inserting their money. Looking for ASO representation on the Campus Policy Advisory Committee.
  - d) Suggested events involving students and Campus Police: ‘Coffee with a Cop’ held at least once a year, DUI golf cart challenge, Donuts with Cops, and a Campus Police student forum.
  - e) Start with a few student services programs to interact with Campus Police and then move to larger groups.

- f) Suggested a similar program offered through Torrance PD - Partners and Policing – where members of the community spend 2 hours each week participating in different aspects of Torrance policing that includes ride-alongs and report writing.
- g) Discussion about parking fees and campus shuttles.
  - i. The President is not in favor of raising parking fees from \$30 to \$40 per semester. She did not want to raise fees to burden students.
  - ii. A fee increase would provide funding for tram service between parking lots and buildings and services to evening students. Purchasing a shuttle with a wheel chair lift is an additional expense.
  - iii. Lines to purchase parking permits are long. Looking to decrease the lines with new software but would add an additional \$5 to the fees.
  - iv. ASO is concerned that students will not purchase ASB stickers if there is an increase in parking fees. Will low-income students be able to afford the \$40 sticker?
  - v. Suggestion was made to include an ASB sticker with a parking pass if fees increased, then give ASO \$5 for every parking pass sold.
  - vi. ASB discounts are fine for middle-income students but do not benefit low-income students. Ross offered to help ASO solicit new business for discounts.
  - vii. Ross will present a ‘white paper’ proposal to increase parking fees to ASO, consultation groups, and Cabinet.
- 5. Ross plans to integrate Campus Police with student services planning and meetings with the community.
- 6. Ross discussed with Chief Trevis about hosting an active shooter drill on campus and inviting other police agencies to participate. Suggested having the drill when there are no students, faculty and veterans on campus because the drill can cause trauma. Hosting the drill would build relationships with other police agencies.

#### Student Services Divisions Council and Student Services Area Council

1. The newly formed Student Services Divisions Council involves members from Student Support Services, Enrollment Services and Counseling. With this new council, is there a need for the Student Services Area Council to continue? Feedback given:
  - a) The Student Services Divisions Council involves a large group – Area Council is a more intimate committee.
  - b) If we continue Area Council, we could address Divisions Council meeting discussions.
  - c) Enjoy direct connection with the VP and the intimacy within this group.
  - d) Toni Newman agreed to be the liaison between the two councils since she is also a member of the Divisions Council. Her report on the Divisions Council will be a regular item on the agenda.
  - e) Recommend the Divisions Council have diverse student representation on their committee. Student government is encouraging programs to select/recommend students to represent and advocate for their programs in student government meetings and committees.
  - f) The committee voted to continue Area Council and Toni Newman will be the liaison to both councils.

#### Topics from the Floor

1. Ross asked members to email Lucy with suggested agenda items for the next meeting.
2. There is a rumor that Humanities will eliminate their lower level English courses. There is an 8% chance for students reaching college level English (Math has a lower percentage) if students start a level or two below college-level courses. Starting students at college level math and English classes,

with support, have a 43% chance of success. There is a better chance for students to repeat college level classes and succeed than starting a level or two below to get to college level.

3. Would like to see new Student Services Building services (i.e. in the Village or SEA Center) provide services for students who need help achieving college level courses.
4. Discussed the transformation that will take place in the Reading Success Center and Writing Center. The Reading Success Center provides student workshops in note taking, negotiating a textbook, reading strategies and vocabulary content.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.