GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES
April 13, 2021
Via ZOOM

Members Present: Debra Daniels, Leslie Minor, Severo Balason, Xiaohong Li, Sharyn Eveland, Kanoe Bandy, Michael Jiles, Debora Rodenhauser, Kamala Carlson, Justin Madding, Mike Mayfield, Joe’ll Chaidez, Renae Ginther,

Members Absent: Melanie Medina, Michaela White, Sergio Gomez, Heather del Rosario, Brock McMurray, Bruce Ferguson

Guests: Sarah Criss, Brandy Young

Facilitator: Debra Daniels
Timekeeper: -
Recorder: Sarah Criss

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Deb Daniels.

1. Action - Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 9, 2021 Governance Council meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus.

2. Committee Reports (Brief Updates)

Access Committee
Leslie Minor said the committee is beginning a draft of a Strategic Enrollment Management plan. They are beginning with a template from the Chancellor’s office. This plan will help meet Guided Pathways’ goals as well as expand the forward planning of the college.

Success Committee
There was no report.

Budget Committee
Dr. Minor reported that the committee received an update on the Budget Development Calendar. We are on target with budget development. State budget information is promising but not yet considered stable information. The committee also brainstormed and recorded possible Annual Program Review (APR) funding sources for each goal.

Strategic Planning Committee
Xiaohong Li said the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) Updated data was reviewed and approved. It is on today’s agenda for GC review. The committee reviewed the indicator that was red (or not meeting goal) and brainstormed ideas to improve in that area. A special meeting was held to begin development of the new SAP which will align with the Vision for Success from the Chancellor’s Office.
Campus Safety and Security Committee
Severo Balason told the Council that the committee is awaiting the site visit from the safety assessor, which will happen next week.

Information Technology Committee
Ms. Li said that the committee was updated on the progress of the campus audiovisual project that is underway. The committee also received information on information security and discussed ways to protect the College. They are recommending a tiered access to downloading of third-party software on District equipment.

Academic Senate
Sharyn Eveland told the Council that the local AS had a visit from state AS representatives. The state representatives were here to discuss and assess the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (DEI) initiative. The AS will review the ACCJC Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) and the Strategic Action Plan updates.

Accreditation Taskforce
Ms. Li reported that the final draft of the ISER is on the website and is out for community and campus review.

Ms. Li reviewed the SAP Update report with the Council. She noted that the timeline was recommended to change the Comprehensive Program Review to next year. Ms. Li also explained the indicator status which shows the progress on the SAP goals. Most notably goal number two that moved from a red to a yellow due to increased success in transfers. The district persistence rates still remain in the red and efforts to meet this goal are ongoing even with the additional COVID effect on enrollment overall.

4. ISER Overview
Dr. Daniels presented a PowerPoint that detailed the history and the process of the ACCJC accreditation process. She shared information on our current status in the process as it fell into the umbrella accreditation process. Discussion was held on the concern with the virtual process removing the accreditations team’s ability to understand the rural, small college setting we are in. It was suggested to have a video presented with student and community information.

5. DEI Taskforce to Committee Discussion
Dr. Daniels recommended transitioning the District’s DEI taskforce to a Governance Council committee. By institutionalizing the group and its function, she hopes to further the Chancellor’s call to recognize DEI issues and the local desire to further educate and encourage inclusion. She will bring this request for approval at a future meeting.

6. APR Prioritization
Ms. Li shared the APR prioritization list as produced by averaging the ratings from Council members. The list was reviewed via share screen on the Zoom meeting. There was discussion whether this item required approval or if it is only reviewed. It was determined it requires approval and that the Council may consider it at a future meeting to allow them time to review the document.

7. Other
There were no other topics of discussion.
Next Meeting: May 11, 2021
Facilitator: Dr. Debra Daniels
Timekeeper: -

Meeting Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by: Sarah Criss

Reminder—Please forward future recommended agenda items to Deb Daniels and Sharyn Eveland