

CLASSIFIED SENATE MEETING – February 12, 2009

First Item of Business – Judy Walters, President, DVC

Dr. Walters talked about the accreditation letter received previously placing the college on a “Show Cause” status. Dr. Walters stressed the fact that the college is still accredited until the Accreditation Team reviews the report from the college that is due 10/15/09. The report will then be brought to their committee meeting in January.

Dr. Walters talked about key items in report:

- The college is out of compliance with two eligibility requirements
- Clarify decision making
- Program Review – SLO’s
- Improve communication
- Transparent decision making
- Committee Structure

Dr. Walters commented that very quick timelines will be in place to make changes. The committee structure will be re-vamped by July 1st. The final draft of the report will be made available by 8/15/09 to the DVC community. Dr. Walters urged all to bring their ideas forth, and continue to communicate to the students that the college is still accredited.

Questions from Staff:

Jocelyn Iannucci asked if the Classified Senate should have a SLO?

Dr. Walters said that would be an excellent idea but suggested that John Baker, VP of Student Life be asked about doing a SLO.

Michael Gong asked how the decision making process will be centralized? Will there be a pyramid, or circular structure? Dr. Walters said that the decision making structure was still being worked and would report on the new process once process is formalized.

Pam McDaniel asked what can Classified do to help.

Dr. Walters stressed again to make sure to communicate to students that the college is still accredited. She also invited all staff to communicate their ideas.

Li Ling Lin suggested that perhaps an information sheet be developed for students that explains the situation regarding the accreditation. Ms. Lin commented that those employees in high traffic student areas are sometimes besieged with questions and perhaps a handout for students would be helpful.

Ade Originwa asked Dr. Walters how the college will be different after the accreditation process.

Dr. Walter reiterated that employees will be proud to work at DVC and that most importantly everyone will know how decisions are made. Communication will be a top priority.

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Announcements:

Michael Gong took as Chair for the meeting as Dr. Walters and Jocelyn Iannucci excused themselves to attend a meeting with Barbara Beeno, Chair for the Accreditation Team reviewing the campus.

1. Michael Gong announced that Cheryl Haynes had resigned as Secretary, Margie Ahola will be taking her place.
2. Mike West had to cancel attending this meeting due to pressing union matters.

Committee Reports:

Classified Staff Development Committee – Sonia Neilson reported on the following:

-Classified Retreat – the committee is organizing a one day retreat, tentative schedule date is Friday, 4/24/09, location to be determined.

-The committee is also working on developing a series of financial lectures, i.e. day to day budgeting

-Other presentations being work on include:

SLO Presentation – Judy Foster

Program Review Presentation – Bill Oye

District Governance Council – Michael Gong reported on the following:

-\$6 million dollar reconciliation

-District-wide strategic plan

Cultural Diversity Plan – Ann Patton reported on the following:

-Campus community anti-bias training – this training will be for faculty and managers. Also attending from the District will be Gene Huff, HR Vice Chancellor and Helen Benjamin, Chancellor. This training is being funded by the District Cultural Diversity Committee.

-Museum of Tolerance

There will be approximately 30 employees from throughout the district that will travel to the Museum of Tolerance located in Los Angeles on March 12 & 13. Those attending this training will attend seminars regarding cultural differences and workshops regarding cultural diversity.

IT Committee – Michael Gong reported that the Tech Plan will be upfront and foremost on the agenda at today's IT Committee. The technology plan needs to be updated and linked to college planning.

Leadership Council – Sue Rohlecek reported on the council is working on revising the committee structure, once finalized it will be made available online.

Other Items:

Hay Study: it was asked if the study would be postponed due to other pressing issues with DVC's accreditation status. Michael Gong commented that he had heard that assumption but did not have verification.

Ann Patton commented that all constituents support each other in working on resolving pressing matters that the campus finds itself in at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am