The Academic Senate
of
Los Angeles City College

Special Joint Senate/Chairs Council Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, November 6, 2012
12:15 – 1:35 PM
Faculty and Staff Center

I. Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda – J. Freitas
The meeting was called to order at 12:24PM

II. Public Comments – 5 minutes
None

III. Discussion and Question/Answer Period on Enrollment Management
Questions from faculty to the President and the Vice President of Academic Affairs

1. Pres. Martinez
Low class size has been the case since 2007; Double problem: meet FTES goal amid $6M negative position

2. Paul Carlson
Salaries total $39M; benefits $12M Total $51M; Revenue $50.875M (assuming Prop 30 fails)
District won’t give us workload number yet, should Prop 30 pass. Might not know until Dec.
No money for utilities, supplies, etc.
2003 $13M for contract faculty, now $13.9M

Q. Feast or famine going forward. What are we doing to deal with it?
A. Any money coming back will cut into deficit, but we don’t know how much we’ll get back.

Q. Why are we in a hole?
A. We’ve been spending at $57M all along, but revenues have gone way down. Most of our money comes from state, through taxes. Prop 30 won’t cover deficit. Might get $3M at most. District wants us to find other $2M. State lowered our workload since 2009. Information presented will be posted online.

3. Dan Walden
Q. Credit FTES has been cut by 15% for Spring 2013. What percentage cuts have we made to such programs as non-credit and outreach? Can we see the data?
A. Cuts based on worst-case scenario. Non-credit (NC) FTES cut by one third this year to $1.2M. If Prop. 30 passes, NC will not be added back in. Dual Enrollment classes will not go if at least 35 students are not enrolled by Jan. 18th.

Q. City’s contribution to district-wide total non-credit FTES has in recent years been the largest contribution, in some instances as much as one-third of the district total. How are college non-
credit FTES targets determined, and what is the role of non-credit education at City? Would not the resources used for non-credit be better used for maximizing access to credit courses?

A. Two separate universes, two pots of money for Credit and Non-Credit. Getting rid of NC won’t help credit program. NC generated $4.5M in revenue cost $1.8M. Program is self-sufficient.

Dean Davis: Role of NC—access point for those coming back to college, part of Basic Skills feeds into NC, fees cannot be charged in NC per the state (Contract Ed. and Community Services courses are exceptions)

Q. What has been the college’s budget/FTES history over the past 4 years? Specifically, what have been the following for each year from 2007-2008 through 2011-2012: Base FTES, Total Funded and Unfunded Credit FTES, Total Funded and Unfunded Non-Credit FTES, Original Annual Budget Allocation, Total Annual Expenditures, Total Annual Carry-Forward or Debit.

A. 2007-2008 13,183 credit FTES; base lowered each year: ‘08-09, ‘08-09 12,500; ‘10-11 13,200; ‘11-12 12,586. If Prop. 30 fails, we will be cut 1,002 FTES, roughly $4.5M, to 11,336 FTES, otherwise to 12,227 FTES if it passes.

Q. Couldn’t District cut non-instructional areas?

A. District says many options are on the table, including furloughs and salary roll-backs.

A. District didn’t tell us until last Friday that deficit needs to be eliminated, not just gradually reduced.

Q. Do we know final on the FON?

A. No, but we’ve been led to believe it is OK. City has one of two highest in District.

Q. College’s average class size over past 6-10 years?

A. Lowest average section size in District at 30.8; highest 40.2, average 35.3. Chairs have agreed to raise cap limits by 3-5 per class, aiming for a target average of 34, and to drop student the first day to make room for students who show up, to fill every seat in that class.

Q. How has the college’s average class size compared with that of the other individual LACCD colleges over that period?

A. In 2008, 27 at City, 28 average in District.

Q. How has the percentage of the college budget spent on instruction, support, and administrative salaries changed over the past 6-10 years?

A. Can’t answer since he’s new to our campus, but moving forward we need to spend wisely.

Q. What about previous Enrollment Management plan devised a while back?

A. We’ll get better at this. Dealing with problem should have occurred all along, to avoid these devastating cuts now, but we will improve from this point forward.

Q. What steps will we do to manage enrollment going forward?

A. Faculty needs to be flexible. Classrooms may get switched around to accommodate large sections.

Q. Can we run prerequisite check earlier than the Sunday before classes start.

A. Yes, Lawrence Bradford says we can run it earlier.

Q. If Prop 30 passes, what do our numbers look like?

A. If it fails—CR=11,336; NC=485; NC enhanced=927

If it passes—CR=12,227; NC=521, NC enhanced=1000
Q. Hourly budget  
A. State gave us workload reduction, not the Board

Q. Faculty will look for greater efficiencies, and will Administration do the same?  
A. Duly noted. Pres. Martinez has been looking and questioning line items and gradually things are changing. Trusting works both ways. Together we can turn it around to regain City’s status as leading college. Asking for Faculty’s help.

Q. Why not put all sessions back in Spring, rather than some of them in Summer when it's more expensive to pay faculty, keep buildings open, etc.  
A. Pulling together as a team is what we need now. Don’t have luxury of pitting faculty against administration. Calculation based on $10,500 faculty pay for summer class, $87/hour. More than $80 for full-timer on average. So not much difference between regular and summer pay. Summer I allows school to make up base, pushing it into next year’s budget. Length of session can be discussed.

Q. If we make Spring target and don’t need Summer, what happens to money?  
A. Money not needed will go toward deficit.

In closing, per Dan Walden, some Southern wisdom:  
*If your horse is dead, dismount.*

IV. Announcements  
a. College Town Hall Meeting Monday, November 19, 12:15, Camino Theatre

V. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 1:47PM