President’s Council

Meeting notice: Wednesday, January 8, at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Activity Center Conference Room

Attendees:
Tony Fernández, President tffernandez@lcsc.edu
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Guest: Lynn Mathers, Chair for Business Technology and Services

1. Updates
   a. December 2013 State board of Education Meeting

   Chet Herbst

   • Idaho Business Education (IBE) gave presentation of their study which found that 67% of Idahoans in the 25-34 year cohort will likely need at least some higher education training/education by 2018. This finding reinforces State Board’s goal of 60% by 2020.
   • State Board presented and approved its own strategic plan (2014-2018). This will now be reviewed by the colleges/universities to ensure that institutional strategic plans support the Board’s plan.
   • State Board policy on Senior Citizen fees was amended to parallel policy on employee/spouse privileges— institutions now have latitude to set the fees and eligibility, with Board approval.
   • Consultant briefed results of study on PPACA (Obamacare) impacts on Student Health Insurance Programs. Board deferred on dealing with agenda motions which would have given students and institutions greater flexibility. Sent back to BAHR/IRSA for more study.
   • College/University financial statements (Moss Adams audits) were reviewed— clean report/no findings for LCSC.
• Board reviewed institutional reserve levels (LCSC meets SBOE policy standard)—excellent showing for LCSC on financial ratios.

Andrew Hanson
• The SBOE heard a review of all of the institutions’ Drug and Alcohol Safety Plans. LCSC’s was noted for the fact that we have had both alcohol free residence hall policies and policies, such as we have in place now, wherein students who are of legal age to possess and consume alcohol may do so in the residence halls under certain conditions. Our data show that we have fewer disciplinary problems, including alcohol related incidences, with our current policy. LCSC engages in drug and alcohol education programs as per federal regulations including the Drug Free Schools Act.

• At the Higher Education Presidents’ Council, a discussion was held concerning legal watchdog groups and their scrutiny of college codes of student conduct. There was a request from one of the institutions for guidance from the SBOE staff on how to respond to allegations from these groups when they believe an institution’s code is not constitutional. There will be further discussions about this but the general guidance includes 1) not to assume that the institution’s policies are truly flawed and 2) to consult with the institution’s attorney before responding.

• Andrew Hanson has been appointed as the college’s compliance officer and in that role must submit a compliance report to the SBOE staff this month. Included in that report will be any substantive legal, regulatory, or policy violations that may have occurred and that have been reported at LCSC.

Lori Stinson
• State Department of Education discussed Tiered Licensure for Teachers. This impacts LCSC in that if a new teacher in our region needs support or remediation as s/he works through the tiered licensure process, LCSC would serve as a resource.

• State Authorization: SBOE approved funds to participate in regional agreements via WICHE. LCSC would pay a fee each year but the process would be handled by the Board

• Chief Academic Officer: SBOE hired Dr. Chris Mattheis, formerly of BSU, as Chief Academic Officer.

• Policy Changes:
  o Titles regarding degrees/ certifications have changed slightly
  o Admission policy has been updated related to new high school testing and graduation requirements
  o Program approval policy updated which should streamline how degrees, options, emphases, minors, etc., are approved.

b. Executive Budget FY2015 – Chet Herbst
Governor’s proposed budget (from SOTS address Monday)—impact on LCSC:
• No CEC recommendation, but lively discussions among legislators.
• No inflation dollars.
• Increased dollars to cover increased employee benefits (employer portion)—partially funded by student fees.
• $68,700 in Enrollment Workload Adjustment (EWA) dollars.
• $350,000 (out of LCSC’s $998K ask) for student success/support (60% goal) line item.
• No deferred maintenance dollars.
c. Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee Presentation – Tony Fernández

President Fernández reviewed his JFAC presentation scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, at 8:00 a.m. (MST). He stressed LCSC’s budget requests and plans to preview the requests at the upcoming campus meeting on January 16.

2. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room.

3. Adjournment