President’s Council

Meeting notice: Wednesday, January 29, at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Activity Center Conference Room

Attendees:
Tony Fernández, President tfernandez@lcsc.edu
Janis VanHook, President’s Management Assistant jvanhook@lcsc.edu
Mary Flores, Dean for Academic Programs mflores@lcsc.edu
Rob Lohrmeyer, Dean for Professional-Technical Programs rlohrmey@lcsc.edu
Chet Herbst, Vice President for Finance and Administration cgherbst@lcsc.edu
Trudy Alva, Budget Director talva@lcsc.edu
Andrew Hanson, Vice President for Student Affairs ahanson@lcsc.edu
Allen Schmooch, Chief Technology Officer atschmooch@lcsc.edu
Greg Meyer, Director of College Communications gameyer@lcsc.edu
Gary Picone, Athletic Director gapicone@lcsc.edu
Mary Hasenoehrl, Director of College Advancement mlhasenoehrl@lcsc.edu
Ed Miller, Faculty Senate Chair edmiller@lcsc.edu
Traci Birdsell, Professional Staff Organization Chair tbirdsel@lcsc.edu
Theresa Chrisman, Classified Staff Organization Chair tjchrisman@lcsc.edu

1. Updates

Higher Education Week (Tony Fernandez, Chet Herbst, Andy Hanson and Mary Flores)

During Higher Education Week, President Fernández and others met with Senator Russell Fulcher,
Senator Sheryl Nuxoll, Senator Steven Thayn, Senator Dan Johnson, Representative John Rusche,
Representative Reed DeMordaunt, and JFAC co-chairs Senator Dean Cameron and Representative
Maxine Bell.

President Fernández reported on his presentation to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee.
In his presentation to JFAC, he explained the role and mission of Lewis-Clark State College. He reviewed
primary emphasis areas; enrollment data; headcount; student credit hours; certificates and degrees
awarded; student support; retention rate; outcomes; placement, collaborations, outreach. He also
outlined budget challenges; overall approach; critical; needs; most critical resources; employee
comparison, benefits; student tuition and fees. He also presented the FY 2015 budget request and
LCSC’s comprehensive 5–year strategic plan. President Fernández also presented to the House and the
Senate Education Committees.

Discussion topics at the legislature have included student health insurance costs, remediation, common
core, 60 percent goals, and firearms on campus (Senate Bill 1254).
The higher education presidents met with Governor Otter. The presidents expressed appreciation for the Governor’s support of higher education in the State of the State Address and increased support in the recommended executive budget. In response to CEC inquiries, Governor Otter indicated that because of limited funds, he favors increased funding for employee benefits over an increase in compensation because employee benefits are tax free. The presidents supported increased funding for benefits, but also gave examples of low employee compensation problems.

Financial Aid/Academic Progress (Andy Hanson)
We have seen a significant number of financial aid recipients who have bumped into the maximum number of credits they are allowed to take while receiving federal assistance. In some cases, students have been advised to switch majors rather late in their academic careers, which puts them at a disadvantage because among the new federal financial aid regulations is a stipulation that says if our calculations show that a student will not be able to complete a degree within the maximum timeframe (150% of credit requirements), we are unable to award them aid whatsoever. Student Affairs will take measures to try to warn students at the point of admission to the college if it looks like they may run into problems with their aid – something that is counter to the “warm welcome” we try to extend. We don’t want to create a panic or a distaste for LC, but do feel like students need better pre-enrollment guidance on this issue. We will also work with the divisions to have this message become a part of their advising protocols with upper-division students and/or students who transfer to LC with a large number of credits.

Council on Academic Affairs and Programs Report (Mary Flores for Lori Stinson)
A. Prior Experiential Learning
Considering Prior Experiential Learning product/service perhaps purchased by SBOE. First step is to convene a statewide group (Mary Flores is LCSC’s rep) to talk about PEL and determine if statewide coordination or a purchased service is needed. There is evidence that students persist to completion at higher rates when their previous learning is validated through a PEL process.

B. SBOE Post-Secondary Affairs Policy Updates
• III.N: Gen Ed – a new policy to define and establish the statewide general education core including competencies/outcomes. Intent it to bring policy to the SBOE meeting in February. Refinement of the policy continues via email

• III.V: Articulation & Transfer – amendments/updates necessary to ensure synchrony with new III.N policy.

2. Other
• Rob Lohrmeyer reported that Idaho Professional Technical Foundation has established the Ann Veseth Memorial Scholarship.

• Gary Picone reported the results of a recent survey to gauge the most effective contact method for connecting with athletic audiences. The survey indicated 10,000 viewers on Face Book, 75 percent of the content viewed was video, then photos, then text.

3. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room.