President’s Council

Meeting notice: Wednesday, February 5, 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
Kathy Martin, Dean for Community Programs kmartin@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 Schmoock, Chief Technology Officer atschmoock@lcsc.edu
Howard, Erdman, Director of Institutional Planning, Research & Assessment hrerdman@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
Jeff Phelps for Traci Birdsell, Professional Staff Organization Chair tbirdsel@lcsc.edu
Theresa Chrisman, Classified Staff Organization Chair tjchrisman@lcsc.edu

Updates

Legislative update (Tony, Chet and Andy)

• President Fernández reported that the Education budget will be among the first determined by the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee.

• Employee compensation is being considered and will likely be minimal (1% is realistic, 2% is optimistic).

• Kathy Martin reported the Dual Credit Bill is being considered by the Senate Education Committee. The bill would open Dual Credit participation for all high school students. Current participation is limited to juniors and seniors.

Guns on campus legislation (Tony and Andy)

The Idaho State Board of Education voted 6-0 Monday to oppose Senate Bill 1254 that would allow concealed weapons on college campuses. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Curt McKenzie, R-Boise, Senate State Affairs Committee chairman, would allow concealed weapon on campus except in dormitories and residence halls and in entertainment venues with a seating capacity of at least 1,000 people.
The State Board of Education President Don Soltman stated the SBOE opposes SB1254 and maintains its position that the Board and institutions set policies with respect to firearms on campus. The impact cited follows:

- SB 1254 would impede the Board’s authority to regulate the possession of firearms on the property of the public higher education institutions.
- The legislation impacts the Board’s constitutional and statutory authority to supervise, govern and control public education in the state.
- It hampers the Board’s ability to develop policies, rules and regulations to ensure a climate conducive to knowledge and learning and to manage institution property.
- If passed, SB 1254 may impact recruiting as well as the participation of K-12 and other outside groups in programs on campus.
- Weapons on campus may lead to an acceleration of conflict in stressful situations.
- The Fiscal Note of SB 1254 indicates a de minimus fiscal impact associated with posting signage at public entertainment facilities.
- There could be additional fiscal and other unintended impacts not considered in this legislation.

The higher education presidents attended the press conference in support of the SBOE’s position on SB1254 and commented with a unified voice opposing guns on campus legislation.

**Legislative Luncheon and Idaho Business for Education (IBE) report** (Tony)
The State Board of Education and the higher education institutions also sponsored a legislative luncheon on Monday. The program focus was the impact of higher education on economic development. Bob Lokken, Rod Gramer, and Skip Oppenheimer presented the Idaho Business for Education preliminary report, which included the following information.

**Points emphasized:**
- Why business cares, why education matters and education equals jobs
- Explanation of the IBE survey conducted in 2013 of primarily senior executives (466 respondents)
- The bachelor’s degree is the preferred education level cited by respondents at 29.7 percent
- The bottom line: 61% of jobs by 2018 will require post-secondary credentials (supports SBOE 60% goal)
- The type of degree matters. Top 5: Computer science and technology, business and economics, engineering, health science and communications.
- The problem is only 35 percent have a post-secondary credential leaving a workforce gap of 26 percent

**Key take away points**
- Idaho’s 60 percent goal is valid – MAYBE LOW
- Most jobs by 2018 will require more education
- Bachelor’s Degrees will be in the greatest demand
- All post-secondary credentials are important
- Employers want workers with so-called soft skills
- High school grads can fill 19 percent of jobs
- Those with no H.S. degree will face dim future

**Recommendations to the legislators**
- Support the Idaho Core Standards
- Implement all Governor’s Task Force recommendations
• Do “gap analysis” of future jobs and post-secondary credentials
• Strengthen efforts to help H.S. students prepare for post-secondary education and careers
• Get more students to successfully obtain their credentials

**Web site ghost links** (Tony)
Documents on the new LCSC Website usually have many links embedded within the documents. Examples include the LCSC Catalog, policies, and many syllabi. Unfortunately, most of the links within these documents are out of date and when selected very often lead to an error message that the site cannot be found. Those responsible for maintenance of the websites will soon receive a memo outlining how to resolve this problem. It will be necessary to complete maintenance by Friday, March 28.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, **February 19, 2014** at 9:00 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room.

Adjournment