
LANEY COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE

President's Report

March 8, 2018

PBC and PGC Meetings

The Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) met this morning for one hour and 25 minutes (having extended the time of the meeting twice, and my motion to extend by five hours not having been seconded). In the last two minutes, the following decisions were made.

1. Accept the ACCJC Finance Workgroup's recommendations to:
 - o Maintain the District's reserves at a minimum of 10% every year;
 - o Restore the originally planned \$4.5M in "vacancy savings" to the budget; and
 - o Make reductions to the projected budgets of \$6.9M for 2019-20 and \$5.5M for 2023-24.
2. Form a subcommittee to determine fixed funding with partial membership taken from the BAM Task Force.
3. Direct the BAM Task Force to propose a new BAM by May 1, 2019.

Restoring the "vacancy savings" does not mean that we get to hire for the positions that were frozen; it just gives the Colleges the freedom to choose how to make reductions to their budgets. What percentage of the budget reductions the Colleges and the District will each take has not yet been determined by the PBC. Interim Chancellor Fran White was at the meeting for about 15 minutes; her only comment was that 10% is not enough of a reserve to handle unforeseen events.

The PBC and the Participatory Governance Council (PGC) then had their joint meeting. An update about the progress made so far on the ACCJC report (due May 1, 2019) was given. Sections of the draft will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate, the Classified Senate, and the ASLC next week; the first round of feedback will be collected by the three senate presidents and forwarded to the College President, who will then report the compiled feedback to VC Cifra and VC Brown on Thursday, March 14.

The PGC did not reach quorum, so no work was done.

College Strategic Enrollment Management Plan

On Wednesday, March 6, the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Committee met and reviewed an updated version of the SEM Plan. President Gilkerson provided feedback via email, also reminding the committee that part of its charge is to produce a plan that includes "measurable objectives and activities complete with persons or positions responsible and dates to be completed." This was not part of the plan reviewed this week by the committee.

The Faculty Senate will have a chance to review the current draft of the plan on Tuesday, March 12. An improved version is likely to be presented (in parallel, since it will not have been vetted by the SEM Committee by then). Eleni, Suzan, and I will request a special meeting of the SEM Committee for Wednesday, March 13 to review the "improved plan."

The urgency comes from the fact that the SEM Plan must be submitted to Mai Jameson by Friday, March 15 for inclusion on the College Council's March 20 meeting agenda; and that the District needs

the College's plan in short order to incorporate it into the District Enrollment Management Plan (part of the ACCJC report).

Validation of APRs and CPRs

Deans were given access to the Annual Program Reviews (APRs) yesterday. They have been asked to validate them by the end of next week. Comprehensive Program Reviews (CPRs) are still being reviewed by the Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC)...

Resource Requests

Since validation is taking longer than planned and because prioritized resource lists will be on the agenda for the College Council's March 20 meeting, the resource committees will need to hold emergency meetings next week. (Isn't everything always an emergency in Peralta? It's a rhetorical question, Mr. DAS Representative; no need to answer.) The resource committees are:

- Classified Prioritization Committee
- Facilities Planning Committee (FPC)
- Faculty Prioritization Committee
- Instructional Equipment and Library Materials (IELM) Committee
- Technology Planning Committee (TPC)

Note that the Faculty Prioritization Committee did its work in Fall 2018. The requests submitted in this round of APRs and CPRs will be considered in Fall 2019 for 2020-21.

Low-Cost Textbooks

This topic was brought to our attention earlier this year by librarian YiPing Wang. The Faculty Senate needs to help define what "low-cost" means. Share your ideas! (This item has been part of this report for some time now.)

OEI Course Exchange

DE guru Chelsea Cohen gave us an overview of the OEI Course Exchange a few meetings ago. The Faculty Senate will soon get a chance to talk to Kate Jordahl, the OEI's Director of Academic Affairs and Consortia at CCC California Virtual Campus. Stay tuned for a date.

"We Rise" Awards

As announced in President Gilkerson's email from February 13, the "We Rise" Awards are on again this year! The nomination period is open.