

Southwestern Community College
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
Monday, May 2, 2005

Bradford Conference Center

Members Present:

Kurt Berger	Cecil Groves	Delos Monteith	Ryan Schwiebert
Janet Burnette	Connie Haire	Joan Moulton	Lisa Shearer
Thom Brooks	Sara Hatton	Rita Norris	Sheri Turk
Jim Campbell	Debra Klavohn	Laura Pennington	Phil Weast
Gene Couch	Dianne Lindgren	Barbara Putman	Dwight Wiggins
Allan Grant	Susan McCaskill	Chuck Reece	Sharon Grasty, Recorder

The President's Council met at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2005 in the Bradford Hall Conference Center. Dr. Groves called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed the group. He thanked council members for their service during the past academic year. Dr. Groves has received a number of positive comments from parents and students regarding the students' experiences at SCC and he commended the faculty and staff for their contributions.

Proposed Modifications to the Planning Process:

Delos Monteith presented a summary of the proposed modifications to the college's planning process. A committee comprised of Gene Couch, Debra Klavon, Delos Monteith, Laura Pennington, Ryan Schwiebert and Phil Weast was formed at the last Planning Council to review suggested modifications to the process. Following the review, Dr. Groves and Delos provided a brief rationale for the recommended changes.

Following discussion, Phil Weast made a motion that the President's Council adopt the proposed modifications to the Southwestern Community College planning process. Connie Haire seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

SACS Update

The internal SACS reaffirmation efforts are well underway and the college will be actively engaged in the external SACS process with an off-site review in Spring 2006 and an on-site visit in the Fall. Gene Couch expressed his appreciation to SACS team members for their contributions and called upon the team leaders to provide updates on their respective team efforts.

Thom Brooks, chair of the SACS Compliance Team, briefly detailed the structure, function and responsibilities of the team. The group is currently meeting weekly to review the college's compliance with SACS standards. Meetings have been very productive and they expect to achieve their objective of having all compliance reports completed by December 16, 2005.

Barbara Putman, chair of the Quality Enhancement Plan Team, detailed the structure, function and responsibilities of the 17 member QEP team. The focus of the QEP will be "Distance and Technology Enhanced Learning" through the Learning College lens. The group has finished the background research phase of the project and will begin the process of developing a draft plan. They will hold a one day planning session in late May to decide the focus of their efforts. The plan will be shared with college leadership and implementation will begin next year.

Overview of College Survey Results

Delos reviewed the results of the 2005 Student Climate Survey. He noted student response was lower this year because the Student Climate Survey was not administered to those classes selected for the CCSSE Survey. Discussion was held on the survey findings. Delos thanked the members of the Institutional Effectiveness Committee which was instrumental in developing and revising the survey instrument.

Delos reviewed the results of the 2005 SCC Employee Evaluation of College Services. It was noted that the overall response rate was down this year. Discussion was held on possible reasons for the decrease and means of increasing the response rate.

The CCSSE (Community College Survey of Student Engagement) surveys were recently administered to 80 classes. The surveys have been sent back to CCSSE and the college should have the results back this summer. Delos will report the results to the President's Council next year. He expressed his appreciation to the employees who assisted with administration of the survey.

Performance Measures

Delos provided a status report of the 2004-05 Performance Measures and Standards Results for SCC. He noted the college has met four of the six required standards. While final results are not yet in, the data indicates the college will not achieve a rating of superior this year. He will present a full report at the next President's Council meeting.

Other Business:

Dr. Groves provided an update on the status of the new Macon County campus and the Cashiers Center relocation. It is anticipated that the new Macon campus will open in November or December 2006. He reported Beth Graham, Director of the Cashiers Center, and her husband have announced plans to leave the area and relocate closer to family members.

Delos mentioned he recently participated in the Interviews in the Round Sessions and was very favorably impressed with the caliber of students involved in the sessions.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.