

Southwestern Community College
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 07, 2007

Bradford Conference Center

Members Present:

Scott Baker	Allan Grant	Susan McCaskill	Scott Sutton
Thom Brooks	Connie Haire	Delos Monteith	Sherri Turk
Janet Burnette	Dale Hall	Laura Pennington	Phil Weast
Jim Campbell	Sara Hatton	Barbara Putman	Jennifer Thomas, Recorder
Gene Couch	Debra Klavohn	Chuck Reece	
Rose Garrett	Dianne Lindgren	Ryan Schwiebert	

The President's Council met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 07, 2007 in the Bradford Hall Conference Center. Chairman Scott Baker called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

College Planning Assumptions for 2007-08

Delos Monteith reviewed the Planning Assumption categories. Team members were given the opportunity to change teams. Teams will remain the same for the 2007-08 year. Teams must meet to review the Planning Assumptions and submit changes to Delos before March 16, 2007.

Facility/Property Update

Connie Haire presented a brief update on the progress of the Macon Campus. The current completion date is April 6, 2007. Classes are scheduled for the Macon Campus for Fall 2007.

Dr. Groves provided an update on the recent acquisition of the Forest Service property on which plans are underway to construct a new two or three story building. The new building will likely house the library, bookstore, classrooms, meeting rooms, and food service. The current cost of construction is estimated at \$220 per square foot. Architect selection will begin in April.

The Heritage Arts Program at the Swain Center has received a grant that will help it build a pottery kiln. There are considerations for offering conferencing services at the Swain Center.

Macon County has agreed to fund an expansion project at the Public Safety Training Center. In addition the College is pursuing a grant to provide a tactical training facility.

Data Items

Delos Monteith presented a grade distribution graph which illustrated that distance learning students are experiencing no grade deficiencies.

The results of the Annual Survey of Curriculum Graduates were similar to previous years. However, the response rate has dropped to 52%. Any further response rate drops could become troublesome as we must have a significant sample in order to collect valid data.

The college has met five of six performance measures for which results are available. The "Pass Rates on Licensure/Certification Exams by First Time Test Takers" was not met due to having at least one exam below 70%.

SACS Update

Gene Couch presented a brief update on SACS. Following the SACS visit the College received four recommendations which have since been responded to. The College expects a substantive change visit by SACS in the Fall for the new Macon Campus.

Barbara Putman presented a brief update on the Writing Across the Curriculum program. There will be a variety of training sessions during the upcoming months. The Style Guide will be ready for campus circulation Fall 2007. The college is currently searching for a part-time WAC Coordinator.

Computer Hardware/Software Issues

Dale Hall provided a presentation on computer hardware and software issues, focusing on affordable alternatives. Dale encouraged the college to increase awareness of open source software. In addition the College might consider sending documents via email using RTF (rich text format).

Other Business

The next meeting will be held in late March. The nominating committee will meet in April.