

MERRITT COLLEGE
College Council Meeting
Notes of Meeting
March 11, 2009, 3:00pm, Room R23

Attendees: T. Branca, A. Alexander, T. Park, C. Allen, T. Brice, R. Toliver, D. Jacks, L. Berry, J. Hoyos, S. Thompson, A. Powell, R. Kenney, S. Rodell, G. Van Stone, J. Drinnon, A. Elliott, A. Black, C. Grampp, R. Chamberlain, R. Adams, J. Bell

Guests: A. Trotter, R. Young, G. Smith-Lee, C. Ferrari, J. Hahn, J. Shanoski

Absent: Christine Olsen (sabbatical), H. Graham, P. Smith, Baba Harrison

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP/ACTION
I. Agenda Review	No changes.	Approved.
II. Approval of February 27, 2009 Minutes	<p>Motion made by R. Chamberlain, seconded by J. Drinnon, to approve February 27, 2009 College Council Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>Additional Discussion: R. Young addressed the errors made to the November and December 2008 Meeting Minutes regarding the Reaffirmation of the College Mission Statement. Corrected minutes from Nov-Dec 2008 were distributed.</p> <p>The following edits were made to the Mission Statement: a comma was added, the word “and” was added and a sentence was rephrased.</p> <p>Two motions were passed to approve the modifications to the November and December Meeting Minutes and to Reaffirm the Merritt College Mission Statement.</p>	<p>Approved.</p> <p>Motions Approved. Based on Board Policy, it was suggested that the Administrators address the reaffirmation of the mission statement with the Board for review/approval.</p>
III. Presidential Updates		
A) College (Adams)	Dr. Adams reported that he was proud of the faculty and staff for pulling together and providing honest responses to the Accreditation Team. He complimented the spirit of this institution	

	and the continuous effort for improvement.	
B) Academic Senate (Branca)	<p>T. Branca provided the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faculty Senate was addressing changes to the Faculty Lounge. 2. Faculty Senate nominations were underway and recommended that current members re-nominate themselves. Senate elections close March 17, 2009. 3. Faculty Senate is prepared to award six \$500 scholarships. 4. Faculty Senate retreat is in 2 weeks. It is to address how faculty relate to the District, each other, etc. 	
C) Classified Senate (Graham)	<p>T. Brice reported that classified staff brought various issues such as campus morale to the President's attention. Dr. Adams shared his input and then turned his comments back to the staff to discuss. The outcome resulted in a decision to have a group come in on Flex Day to assist in addressing these concerns.</p> <p>T. Brice also stated that the by-laws, constitution, and election code were now updated. Elections are in June of 2009.</p>	
D) ASMC (Smith)	<p>S. Rodell informed the council about Unity Day at Laney. It will be held on March 19, 2009 from 11:00am – 2:00pm. S. Thompson invited the students to Family Day, May 9, 2009.</p>	
V. Committee Reports		
A) CEMPC (Berry)	<p>L. Berry provided the following updates: Need to address how CEMPC will fit into the governance structure. Unit plans are being reviewed to tie into the Educational Master Plan. The committee will revise IPC's charge to conform to CEMPC rather than reinventing the wheel. Once that is complete, it will be brought forward to College Council.</p> <p>Additional Discussion: Motion moved and approved for each committee to review their by-laws and make any noted corrections within a 6 week period.</p>	<p>Chairs of governance committees are to review and send changes to S. Harding for inclusion in the Shared Governance By-Laws Manual, upon approval.</p>
B) Technology (Grampp)	<p>The following reports were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed web training on Flex Day particularly for managers. 2. Opted to wait on changes being made to Merritt College's home 	

	<p>page. Changes will take another week for the four column layout. Changes could have been made Sunday but did not want to risk losing the accreditation information that had been posted.</p> <p>3. Discussion arose regarding Open Source Web Software and the usage of Word Press to create a new college website. Although it creates local control, is it worth the energy? Suggestion was made to maintain what is currently in place. Level of approval is questionable. Will have recommendations regarding Word Press at the next College Council.</p>	
C) Facilities (Bell)	No Report given.	
D) CDCPD (Elliott)	No Report given.	
E) Budget Committee (Bell)	No Report given.	
F) CIC (Drinnon)	No Report given.	
G) SLOAC (Elliott)	No Report given.	
V. Merritt's Sustainable Peralta Group (Shanoski)	Reminded the council about the upcoming Sustainable Peralta Conference of April 24, 2009. Next planning committee meeting will be on March 24, 2009. It was suggested that we ask Van Jones, Leader of the Green Effort for the Country, to participate in our event.	
VI. One Work Place (Presentation)	Glenda Smith-Lee and Chris Ferrari provided a presentation to College Council regarding smart rooms. One Work Place showed clip introducing successful examples in which learning was enhanced by creating a flexible environment. Video showed both low-tech and high-tech technologies.	
VII. College Task Force		
A) Outreach & Recruitment (Hoyos)	No Report given.	
B) Retention & Student Success (Berry)	No Report given.	
C) Entrepreneurship & Business Development (Bell)	No Report given.	
VIII. Upcoming Events		

Meeting adjourned 4:40pm
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