Higher Education Consortium of Central California

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Approved Minutes
September 21, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT
David Ashley, UC Merced
Della Condon, San Joaquin Delta College
Jim Johnson, Modesto Junior College
John Spevak, Merced College
Marcella Rodgers, HECCC Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT
Amy Faylor, recorder

A. TITLE V
1. Activity One:

   For research purposes it would be helpful to be able to compare an SI course with a non-SI course. Rodgers stated that the grant management team has been trying to find an MJC math instructor who would be willing to have one SI course and one non-SI course in order to compare data. The concern is that would be critical for the instructor to not allow students in the non-SI course to attend SI sessions. Johnson indicated he would talk to the Dean about this matter.

   A zoology course has been added to the SI listings for CSU Stanislaus. The SI support for this course is being paid for outside of the grant, using general university funds. This is good for the institutionalization of SI at the university level.

   Fall 2005 Targeted Courses: Rodgers distributed lists of the targeted courses for CSU Stanislaus, MJC and Merced College. Possible ways to institutionalize SI were discussed, including the possibility of listing SI sessions as a lab.

2. Activity Two Update Discussion:
   Student Participants: The number of participants in Activity Two was pared down to include only those students who are continuing to meet the eligibility requirements. Recruitment for new participants will continue to bring new students to the program.

   Changes in Service: Discussed the possibility of utilizing the student mentors at the community colleges and university to give input into what the institutional barriers are. Round table talks will be used to facilitate the discussion.

3. Research Technician Hiring Status
   It has been decided to hire a research consultant to fulfill the research needs of the grant.

4. Federal Audit
   Rodgers reported that the audit currently underway is a campus-wide audit of CSU Stanislaus, and is not specific to the Title V program. The team will be on campus for 3-4 weeks. The annual report to the U.S. Department of Education is due December 31.

5. Other
   Updated committee rosters and meeting calendar were distributed
B. HECCC

1. Transfer Initiative: A report regarding the status of the project on the part of CSU Stanislaus and UC Merced was not available. Board Members were advised of the outcome of the July transfer initiative meeting, when it was decided to explore the possibility of arranging a campus visitation day in January. Under this plan, students would be transported to CSU Stanislaus and UC Merced for day-long campus visits. Discipline-specific tours are a possibility. The dates for the visitations would need to be set quickly. It was determined that the visitation days would be open to all students (with a certain number of slots available). The possibility of an overnight event in the dorms during the summer should also be discussed.

The Board agreed that while the Campus Visitation Day would be a good start, a larger plan beyond this year (utilizing data and relevant models) is needed. We may not see results for 4-5 years, but institutional structural changes are necessary to bring up the transfer rate.

2. Physics Project:
   a. Participants: Rodgers distributed a final list of the Summer Institute participants. A follow-up session is scheduled for October 8 to be followed by the Wine and Cheese reception. MJC has volunteered to host the training follow-up. Johnson volunteered to serve as a point person to coordinate facilities at MJC (room, access, etc.). Rodgers reported that she has drafted a letter to send to the principals of the participants, so that they understand what the program is about. Possibilities for acquiring equipment for the teachers was discussed (including corporate donations, “adopt-a-class” programs, fire and police departments, etc.). Spevak requested that signatures be obtained from all board members for the letter to the principals as a way to demonstrate the support for the program. Rodgers will email Board members a list of the classroom equipment needed.
   b. Celebration Event- October 8, MJC: Rodgers asked Board members to get the word out among their physics/physical science instructors regarding the Wine and Cheese celebration.

3. Articulation Committee Update
   a. Reciprocity: Rodgers reported that use of the certification form is increasing. MJC has already completed more than 100 certifications. Merced College is also using the form. Condon confirmed that Delta College evaluators will be participating in the next Evaluator Committee meeting.

   b. Request to Present at January 25 Council Meeting (Topic: Current and Emerging Issues): The Articulation Committee was given permission to present to the Council in January. The time limit will be 10 minutes.

C. CAMPUS REPORTS

Modesto Junior College- Forums with the four finalists for College President will take place during the week of September 26, with the Board of Trustees scheduled to vote during the October meeting. The new President is scheduled to officially begin November 1. The finalists are as follows: Laura L. Douglas, vice president of instruction and student services at Randolph Community College in Asheboro, N.C., Hans J. Kuss, vice president of educational course development for Wong Associates in Mission Viejo, John F. Garmon, former president of Vista Community College in the Peralta Community College District in Berkeley, and Luke P. Robins, executive vice president for instruction at National Park Community College in Hot Springs, Ark.

Enrollment was up 9% for the summer, and 6.5% for Fall 2005. The increase was accredited to aggressive marketing and the addition of high impact sections. Johnson said a great deal of credit goes to Steve Collins.
**UC Merced:** The campus had its opening celebration on September 5, and began teaching on September 6. They are now shifting their focus from planning to operations. Additional faculty (app. 32) are being recruited, including 8-10 positions that were not filled last year.

**San Joaquin Delta College:** The SJDC Foundation will raise $1 million for the Passport to College Program, a joint project with local school districts. The STARS program will also be receiving app. $35,000 from the foundation for grants to outstanding teachers. Enrollment is up. Delta is searching for a Dean of General Education and Transfer. They are moving forward with plans to build centers in the Lodi/Galt area, as well as Tracy and Manteca. The Cunningham building will be torn down, and a new science building built in its place.

**Merced College:** They have broken ground on the Los Banos center, and will be renovating the Science building. Enrollment appears flat. Merced College will be advertising for Dean of the Los Banos campus.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recorder