

LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE

NATURAL SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, HEALTH & KINESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

(Meeting With Dr. Noldon, College President)

06/01/17 (Thursday)

1:30 pm, AV Conference Room

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
 2. Role of the Natural Sciences, Engineering, Health & Kinesiology Department
 - Increase awareness of current degree and certificate programs in the natural sciences.
 - Promote transfer of natural science students to 4-year colleges/universities and explore any new AA/AS degree opportunities. **ADT Report - Degrees** (Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Physics, Nutrition and Dietetics, Agricultural Plant Sciences, Public Health Science & Dance.
 - **Certificates:** Food Justice, Personal Training, Refereeing & Lifeguard.
 - Establish partnerships with local academic institutions and business/industry.
 - *Increase Class Enrollment Limits (45/55-online)*. Supporting lower enrolled growth and majors' classes
 - Seek information on current career opportunities in the natural sciences and the skills needed for possible certificates and employment.
 - Explore avenues and opportunities for increasing student success in the natural sciences.
 3. Report on Natural Sciences Programs/Disciplines at LASC
 - Update on Campus, ADT's & Certificates
 - Department Goals & Objectives
 - Department Curricula & Activities
 - Biology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Health, Physics & Engineering, Kinesiology
 4. Discussion Items
 - SOCTE, Physics and Engineering Space
 - CTE Funds, Acquisition Process
 - Department Growth and Hiring
 - Campus STEM, Curricular Development and Implementation
 - Other Items?
 5. Wrap-Up
 6. Adjournment and Words of Appreciation
 7. Lab/Facility Tour
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Start Time: 1:30 pm End Time: 2:50 pm

Attendees Present: : Dr. Noldon; Sharon Collins-Heads; Gayle Harris Watkins; Henry Washington; Khoi Phan; Geoff Skarr; Hector Arrieta; Erin Syed; Robert Estrada; Kang Kim; Pogban Toure; Paul Doose; Seyed Ahmadpanah; Robert C. Stewart Jr.; Tangelia Alfred; Todd Roberts; Ziad Sedki; Heidi Tatum; Fred Jackson; Wynton Stayton

President

- Spoke to prospective graduates, commencement is for them, be there throughout ceremony, take the occasion seriously. The tools necessary have been given to them and she thanks staff for having them prepared.
 - Fiscal Recovery Plan: School has been operating with ongoing deficit. Has spent everything allocated.
 - A. Produce a plan to get out of deficit.
 - Increase enrollment
 - Recruit students, admit them, and keep them until they graduate
 - Bring drought tolerant plants into landscape.
 - Position Control: Have what is needed only not more, not less.
 - In 2 year we should have a balanced budget and have a reserve.
 - By June 13 submit Fiscal Recovery Plan to the Executive Council which is the budget committee.
 - Measure J Budget: By fall in August we are waiting for approval from the state for lab, classroom and office space in new buildings.
 - Measure SSC- Accommodate Nursing Colleagues first after the renovation of the Tech Ed. Building. Nursing will be on the first floor.
 - Student Union Space on Campus: College space for meetings, space for students to hang-out, to eat, to spend time there.
 - School is entering the Dual Enrollment Program; students from 8th grade up to 12th will be entering college with college credits.
 - The school does not have resources for new things.
 - If a department has a degree approved for CTE submit the request for funding after allocation.
 - Department Growth:
 - Inform prospective students and students of STEM
 - Have major fairs
 - Craft message with the content you want the students to know and send to outreach to publish in catalogs.
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- District will not approve some advertisement (e.g.: advertisement on buses) because of low enrollment.
- Low enrollment is happening all over the district so if there are ideas to increase enrollment they are very welcomed, district is not putting a stop to it.
- LAUSD attendees will get 1st year of college free.

Topics of discussion

- Need stem rep. to guide and do their part.
- New disciplines get pushed back because of low enrollment.
- Grow GIS by growing enrollment.
- Recruitment is good but retention is better.
 - Student Equity Funds
 - No tutoring for students
 - Students are hungry, have no money for food.
- Students are going to other schools because classes are being cut; once taken class somewhere else they stay at that school and graduate credit goes to other school.
- We need enrollment management
- There is not enough room in labs.
- Larger classrooms are needed.
- Students need to declare majors to stick with their classes and have a clearer path to what they will do after graduation.

Meeting adjourned: 2:50 pm

Minutes taken by: Safir E. Larios-Ramirez