MEETING OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CLUSTER COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 17, 2013
1:30PM
Conference Room SSA 219

PRESENT

Nabeel Barakat, Kristi Blackburn, Kate Campbell, Jonathon Lee, Susan McMurray, Luis Rosas, Andrew Sanchez, Sandra Sanchez, Stan Sandell, Jim Stanbery, Nola Timms, Bobbi Villalobos, Lynn Yamakawa, Brad Young

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 1:40pm.

I. Acceptance of Agenda
Agenda accepted with the addition of Millennium Project under item III.

II. Acceptance of Minutes 5/23/13
Minutes were not kept for the meeting of June 18, 2013. It was moved/seconded (Young/Barakat) to approve the May 23, 2013 minutes.

III. Review of AA Cluster Plan
Overall Adjustments: Jim commented that we need to create a new habit of making decisions based on unit plans. He said that if decisions are made outside the plan, we could be spending money on items that were not in the original plan, and that could displace a previous priority

IV. Additional Priority
Luis commented on the need to review the organization of the academic divisions, particularly in consideration of the new science building opening up. New oversight will be needed in creating growth in the science offerings. We also have a new Math/Physical Science division chair. He said that the faculty asked to look at a reorganization and have suggested moving chemistry and physics to the Life Sciences. The Science faculty members have agreed in writing to this change.

The group discussed several issues of the reorganization, including changes in the division chair release times for both areas and where engineering, electronics, and drafting would be assigned. Also discussed was how secretarial support would be provided to the divisions, which could include prioritizing a secretarial position. Jim commented that a new request such as that, at this time, would be new to the original unit plan and could displace another request. Kristi commented that the HR plan would need
to be updated. Susan reminded everyone that realignment would need to be approved by the Senate.

V. Millennium Project
The group expressed their concerns that the partnership between Harbor College and the Millennium Momentum Foundation is being presented to students as if it were already approved when CPC has not approved the partnership. A flyer announcing a “Student Leadership Development Institute” was distributed inviting students to information sessions on July 18—the next day—without full discussion and approval by CPC. Many agreed that these meetings should not occur until the issues were resolved and the partnership officially approved.

Brad Young said that the Harbor Foundation paid $6,000 for Harbor’s participation at the Millennium Project’s spring banquet and that an additional $18,000 is needed to fund the partnership. He also said that ASO denied it/voted against it. Brad commented that his area has been trying to support the project even though the political science department did not approve of it, and faculty members had agreed to allow their students to attend the information sessions during class time. However, he has not seen the application for the scholarships the Project will be offering students. Brad said he has also asked for the "curriculum" for the Saturday workshops but has yet to see it.

Luis said the partnership contract did go to the District’s legal counsel, and it came back with revisions that would make it work, including that the Millennium Project would pay for the required insurance (for student travel) out of their own money. He agreed to bring up the issues with Abbie and the President.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.