

LAKE-SUMTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

March 18, 2009

10:30 a.m. – SS 205

Present: Dr. Charles Mojock, Rey Cortes, John Froman, Tanya Harris-Rocker, Dr. Barbara Howard, Marion Kane, Tim Kane, Pat Landsman, Dr. Sherie Lindamood, Dr. Carolyn Meyer, Dr. Mary Jo Rager, Dr. Glenn Ricci, Carolyn Scott, Dick Scott, Dr. Gary Sligh, Russ Sloan, Mark Swearingen, Audrey Williams and Brandy Zieseemer.

Mr. Scott called the meeting to order as Dr. Mojock had not yet arrived and asked for announcements from the floor.

- Mr. Sloan announced that the Entrepreneurial Institute was tomorrow, March 19, in Clermont. The Executive Lecture series starts next week. He encouraged folks to come listen to the speaker. There were also 4 new inductees into the Hall of Fame at the BRC.
- Ms. Kane announced that the Learning Center was up and running with a full house.
- Women's Program is on March 19th with guest speaker Dr. Rosalie Porter in celebration of National Women's History Month.
- Mike Matuilia will be recognized at the 2009 Lake County Community service awards in the Sports/Athletics category. In addition Dr. Joe Rhile will receive an posthumus award at this ceremony. It will take place on April 22 at Lake Receptions.
- Mr. Scott mentioned the Job Fair taking place at noon today on our campus. Dr. Mojock asked that an email be sent out to the college community to be aware of visitors on campus.
- Brain Bowl will take place on Friday, March 20 with lots of high school students on campus and MathOlympics is coming up soon.
- Foundation Auction Gala is Saturday, April 4.
- Sports Leadership Banquet is Wednesday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. with Kevin Weickel as the guest speaker. He is a leader in the golfing industry.
- Graduation is May 8 at 7:00 p.m. Lalita Booth, a recent community college graduate who has overcome great odds to be a successful student, will be our the guest speaker.
- Dr. Meyer asked that everyone be aware of the grants that are available to be awarded and reminded Council to think of areas where funding was needed. Barbara Perry is available to help with your grant writing. Dr. Howard asked that folks take the time to write the grants which would free up funding for other areas.
- Dr. Rager is waiting for Perkins renewal.
- Mr. Froman reminded everyone that Friday, the 20th, was the deadline for cost to continue items.
- Mr. Kane announced that the 4th round of Leadership Training starts next Friday. He also mentioned that the Access/Excel training will start as soon as the survey has been completed by everyone. The Employee Survey is now on Class Climate and will be sent out around March 20.

The student survey will be sent out in a couple of weeks. Dr. Meyer asked that the faculty encourage their students to complete the survey.

Dr. Sligh announced that faculty search committees are taking place – these are not new positions.

Dr. Mojock then shared some of the highlights of the Board Meeting which had been held on Tuesday, March 17, 2000.

Power point Presentation by Cindy Lackey about the mission of student life and the SGA. Linda Karp introduced three students who gave their story about how they were involved on campus. It was well received by the Board.

Mr. Scott discussed some budget related issues. Year to date we are still in good shape – good mid-year review. He thanked everyone for stepping up to the plate.

Dr. Mojock then discussed our budget situation at the college for next year and stated that he anticipated that the Legislature will further cut community college appropriations. Because the college has been very frugal and everyone has cut as much from their budgets as possible, further reductions will leave us no choice but having to make reductions in the personnel area. The Cabinet's position is that we should consider some across the board reductions in salaries through a combination of unpaid furlough days and pay cuts before moving to cuts in positions or programs. However, if the state cuts our budget by another 10% to 15% as currently being discussed we will have painful decisions to make. There was much discussion about how to accomplish fulfilling the impending deficit and still save jobs. Planning Council will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27 where we will begin our budget work in earnest. Everyone was encouraged to attend and offer suggestions.

There was discussion on book prices and what could be done to curb some of the costs of books.

Mr. Froman will begin working with the Fund 2 grant folks to schedule meetings as he has done with Fund 1. More information will be forthcoming.

Dr. Mojock distributed the Resolution to support funding for the community colleges and the Florida College System which will be presented to the Chamber Alliance of Lake County for consideration.

Dr. Mojock mentioned the news articles that he had forwarded to Administrative Council about the community colleges woes and asked that they read them.

The Board had lively discussion about Workforce Development Education. Lake Technical Center declined to meet with our Board to discuss ways to conserve funds in these hard economic times and to better serve the public. Lake Tech has supported a Bill in the legislature that would allow them to start offering Associate degrees. to offer programs in specified areas which does not have the required documentation of need, approval from the State Board of Education or accreditation from SACS. Due to time constraints, there was not much more time

to discuss this area in Administrative Council but Dr. Mojock informed them that the college will be exploring with our community what the district's current and future workforce and educational needs are We will then be putting together a plan as to how to address those needs. He will keep everyone informed.

Dr. Mojock thanked everyone for their input and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.