The President’s Council met on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in University Hall, California State University Channel Islands, One University Drive, Camarillo.


Guests: Karen Jensen, Nancy Gill, Beth Hartung, Damon Blue, Debbie Tucker, Scott Shubb

**President’s Report:**
President Rush spoke to the Council regarding the WASC 10-year review process. He will be meeting Thursday morning with the WASC commissioner and other officials to lobby for general approval designation for Bachelor’s-level and Master’s-level programs. Federal guidelines require that substantive changes come under WASC review, which becomes problematic given the timeline for review which would require CSUCI to submit programs into the queue by next August.

**Presentations:**

*Nursing*
Karen Jensen spoke about the nursing program, providing an update on enrollment, crediting both President Rush and Barbara Thorpe for their leadership and for facilitating the community dialogue sessions that helped to create a solid foundation for the new program. With a total of 166 applicants, 80 students were accepted and 14 declined for a total admission of 66 students in 2007.

Funding for the collaborative program is being provided in part by the local hospitals with the idea that the program will assist with local and national nursing shortages. Currently, the collaborative program provides two tracks for students to be randomly selected to attend; one at Moorpark with 33 students and the other at CSUCI with the remaining 34 students. Fifty-four students were denied admission due to the qualifying points on the supplemental criteria. Karen reviewed the ethnicity of accepted/declined students and noted the program’s goal of increasing admissions of Latino/a students given area demographics. However, approximately 51 percent of students are bilingual.

The program’s simulation lab will be located in the renovated wing of North Hall. The program is currently using the facilities at Moorpark College for $5,000 per month. Funding for a coordinator position is being provided through the Ventura County Tobacco Settlement. Additional funding is being provided through the CA Endowment for a total of $544,588. With community partners (CAUSE, Pacifica High, and Oxnard City Corp.), the program will target under-represented minority students next year, providing a summer immersion program among other resources.

State Song Brown funding will support an additional 10 students for the Moorpark collaborative. President Rush noted that the state is not providing the funding necessary to adequately support available and/or new nursing programs, which is why CSUCI must rely so heavily on support from the hospitals, private donors, as well as federal ear marks. Nursing programs throughout the CSU system are experiencing the same or similar difficulties. Karen further explained that operating a
nursing program is expensive due to clinical components, which is why we are only able to provide small lab sessions and larger lectures.

There are currently nine faculty tenure-track positions posted.

Center for International Affairs:
Beth Hartung provided an update about the Center’s growth and activities on behalf of Antonio Jimenez-Jimenez, who is currently out of the country. The Center is located in Sage Hall, room 2119 and may be reached at the following new email address: international@csuci.edu.

Beth reviewed the Center’s mission and how it supports the University’s mission. Currently, CSUCI has 25 students studying abroad in Italy, France, Japan, Chile, and Australia. There are IP sites in 19 countries and eight majors. With an attrition rate of six in its first year to 25 in its second year, the program is continuing to grow with upcoming opportunities for the following majors to study abroad in Mexico (ESRM/English), Mexico (Math), Finland (Education/Communication), Chile/Argentina (Business).

Some of the Center’s other functions include reviewing and approving all curriculum for 392 courses; internationalizing the faculty; and coordinating visiting faculty exchanges. Additionally, Mayumi Kowta was recently hired as the Center’s new Associate Director. A survey was administered to assess faculty international experiences and languages.

The first cohort of international graduate students was welcomed to CSUCI in 2007, with the first cohort of international undergrads arriving in 2008. Other upcoming activities include the development university exchanges and a new student club that pairs international students with local students. Future activities will include assessing the internationalization portions of the mission. The Center will also work to secure additional opportunities for funding students and faculty to become global citizens, looking specifically at IRA funding.

Ted Lucas reiterated the importance of all four Mission-based Centers, which will be located in one central place on campus. Nancy Gill asked for the current names of the centers, which are: The Center for International Affairs, Center for Community Engagement, Center for Integrative Studies, and the Center for Multicultural Learning and Engagement.

President Rush reinforced the importance of the Center for International Affairs and their mission to better prepare our students to compete with students from other countries in a 21st century world.

The deadline for students to apply to CIA programs is February 1. Volunteer opportunities are available if the campus community would like to participate.

Recommendations:
  a. Policy on Posting of Signage and Materials on External Spaces within the Campus Community: Nancy Gill presented this modified policy for its second reading. Tania Garcia asked if there was one centralized area to forward requests for posting and Nancy responded that each VP is responsible for their respective areas/campus locations. It was motioned for approval; seconded by Greg Sawyer. Policy passed unanimously.
  b. Policy on Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress: Jane Sweetland presented this policy for its second review on Tracie Matthews, noting only minor grammatical changes had been made. A motion was made to approve; Seconded by Nancy Gill. The policy passed unanimously.
c. Policy on Commencement Participation: Damon Blue updated the committee on the status of the policy with the Academic Senate, noting that they had approved it at the last meeting. A motion was made to approve; Seconded by Nancy Gill. The policy passed unanimously.

d. Policy on Policies: Melissa Remotti presented this policy and noted the clarification that it specifically applies to administrative policies. The policy passed unanimously.

e. Policy on Assessment: Therese Eyermann presented this policy to review and assess all policies every three years. There was one editorial change. A motion was made to approve as amended; seconded by Nancy Gill. The policy passed unanimously.

Discussion:

f. Policy on Business Travel: Debbie Tucker presented this policy, noting that it had first been presented a few years previously. It has since been revised to include the CSU policy as well as some more specific and stringent guidelines. Dr. Rush commented on the importance of this policy, given Dr. Hartung’s presentation and the increased frequency of international travel. It should function to protect people and we should try as a community to ensure the policy encompasses these issues. Ted Lucas noted a typographical error on page 7, paragraph 7. The committee will look at the policy in greater depth and review it again at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Power