

SMCCCD Strategic Planning Taskforce Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2008
12:00 – 2:00pm
Board Room
Agenda

Members in attendance: Campillo, Carla; Claire, Michael E.; Dilko, Patty; Flores-Hernandez, Mauricio; Guadamuz, Ulysses E.; Harrison, Susan; Johnstone, Robert; Leiva, Adolfo; Luan, Jing; Mohr, Tom (12:45); Partlan, Martin (12:55); Scott, Bart; Sewart, John J.; Stoup, Gregory..

Members absent: Jeremy Ball, Ron Galatolo, Nick Kapp, Vicki Morrow, Joan Murphy,

1) Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 12:15. The group introduced themselves on behalf of the new student representative, Mauricio Flores.

Review Meeting Notes from September 8, 2008

The group reviewed the meeting minutes. Jing noted that some of the action items noted in the minutes had not been completed. Although Cañada and Skyline had been able to hold their final college feedback sessions, CSM had not been able to schedule theirs until this week. Also, an executive summary detailing the overarching themes of the plan needs to be completed along with the changes that need to be made to the evaluation section. Jing and Patty will work on these sections and have them ready prior to the next meeting on November 17th.

2) Review Timelines

Patty discussed the timeline and indicated that some minor adjustments, having to do with timing of some of the components necessary to finish the plan, will need to be made. Since the input from the latest college feedback sessions as well as the executive summary and evaluation update are not ready, the thinking is that the document as is should go as a draft to the Board this month as planned. Both college feedback and Board feedback will then be aggregated and discussed by this group on November 17th. After that meeting, this input will be incorporated into the planning document along with the executive summary and evaluation piece and the final draft will then go to the Board for approval on December 10th. A final printed product for public distribution will be available in January as planned. Jing noted that the Board has actually seen the plan two times and didn't think this minor change in schedule would be problematic.

3) Discussion

a. Communication & Feedback sessions (Internal/External)

Adolfo gave an oral summary of Skyline's internal feedback session on September 23rd. They met with constituency leaders and went through the plan's recommendations and how they integrated into Skyline's strategic plan. The college created a 9 page summary detailing this information.

Patty Dilko said the Cañada format was similar. There was an open forum with good representation from each constituency. Questions related to the issue of giving direction vs. not

being prescriptive. She noted she had been to Skyline's session as well and thought that both groups picked up on similar themes. She said there were some questions about the data and how the items related to the data.

As noted earlier, Mike Claire indicated that CSM will hold their meeting this week.

Mike Claire asked if there were any hot-button issues in the recommendations. Adolfo indicated that the Skyline's open forum was positive and there didn't seem to be any stumbling blocks. Jing indicated that he thought the meetings were involved more with clarification and smoothing out of items. He said that it was important to note that the Colleges have had the opportunity to provide input at the local level. Patty noted that the discussion seemed to revolve around the question of emphasis and that the participants were looking to make sure that the items fell within the culture and mission of the organization.

Jing noted that this taskforce will review the recommendations from the Colleges and the Board and that this group will need to balance and weigh the recommendations. He noted that it is important to make sure that all of the Colleges voices are heard but that this committee must weigh the recommendations from a districtwide viewpoint.

John Sewart asked about the student equity plan, which is an item on the Integration and Synchronization chart. He wondered whether this is still a valid initiative at the state or if it had been replaced with the Basic Skills Initiative. Various members of the group noted that there is still a student equity plan, but there is a difference of opinion as to the timing of the updates and revisions to this plan at the state level. Patty noted that Title 5 doesn't require any follow up or revision on this plan. Many colleges have used this info as a framework for the BSI. Rob says that there have been conversations at the state about the overlap between BSI and student equity and that it is still under discussion.

b. Brainstorm continued: District Plan and College Plan Integration

5) Information

6) Other

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM. The next meeting of the District Strategic Planning Taskforce will be on November 17, 2008 at 12:00PM in the District Board Room.