



Shasta College

ACCREDITATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2012
Room 2314, 2:30-3:30 PM

Meeting Called to order at 2:30 PM by co-chair Sandra Hamilton Slane

Committee Members Present					
x	Marc Beam		Peggy Moore	x	Shelly Presnell
	Kenny Brewer		Doug Manning	x	Sandra Hamilton Slane
x	Nancy de Halas	x	Debbie Parisot	x	Lisa Stearns
	Debbie Goodman	x	Ralph Perrin	x	Ramon Tello

Approval of Minutes

Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes, Ramon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Shelly noted that her name was spelled wrong at the top of the minutes. Nancy noted that her last name was wrong in the Annual Update.

Discussion/Action

Accreditation Follow-Up Report Status:

Sandra apologized for not being able to meet with the committee members before Joe's recent memo was released, but she wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the consultant's recommendations to date. She encouraged everyone to attend one of the upcoming Town Hall meetings.

There was discussion from other members regarding their perception of the meetings with the consultant. The general feeling was that they appreciated the consultant's candor, and felt the sense of urgency conveyed was important for us to receive. The consultant gave us a mid-course correction, which was important. There was some discussion regarding motivation, with one member expressing concern in that area. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to invite Dr. Barbara Beno to come to campus, perhaps for Flex Day. This has been recommended, and Sandra encouraged others to let Joe know that they would like that to happen. It was agreed that it is important that we show that we are working in good faith, and that we are aware of the situation.

There was discussion regarding the consultant's feelings about the probable outcome of the October Accreditation Team follow up visit. Her feeling was that, given the timeframe we have, it is very unlikely that we will be taken off of probation after this visit – and that that wouldn't be a bad outcome. She expressed concern regarding the Integrated Planning Manual, which hasn't

been finalized. Ultimately, while finalizing the Ed Master Plan and the Integrated Planning Manual are important, it's also important that everyone on campus understands our planning process and can explain it.

To that end, there was discussion over the importance of using our Fall Flex Day for accreditation work. It was confirmed that this plan is moving forward. In addition, administrators will be meeting on Fridays during the summer. The "Invest in our People" committee is also looking into creating an online tutorial regarding accreditation language, perhaps providing flex credit for staff to complete. Town Hall meetings are also a new means of communication on campus, with more being likely throughout the accreditation process.

In summary, the consultant meeting has definitely lit a fire. We are doing this in a shrinking economy of staff, and need to be realistic. Peggy will hopefully continue to be a resource for us, even after she is gone. Meredith will be able to give us an outsider's viewpoint – what isn't clear to someone who hasn't been in on it from the start – and that will be really helpful. She has been on 3 team visits, and wrote the last follow up report for her college.

Sandra will continue to communicate with members during the summer via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04.

Recorded by:
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