

COLLEGE OF THE SISKIYOU
STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING #15
Friday, July 8, 2015

Present: Doug Haugen, Valerie Roberts, Bart Scott, Greg South, Scotty Thomason, Meghan Witherell, Jan Keen (meeting recorder).

Absent: Vickie Donaldson, Sunny Greene, Jan Harris, Stephanie Wroten, Charlie Roche

Item 1. Approval of Minutes from April 29th Meeting
Minutes were approved (Witherell/Haugen).

Item 2. Area Updates

Scotty:

- Board Meeting:
 - The Trustees will be doing their self-evaluation, mainly on the 7 goals they set for themselves to accomplish during the past year. They will be adding 3 more; Career and Technical Education, Transfer, and Basic Skills.
 - They discussed Standard 4 of the accreditation self-study. They are working to implement compliance issues.
- It appears that the effort to design the spring schedule to aid in student success is working.
- A new Equivalency determination has been implemented and some who have been teaching will no longer be eligible to do so. On the other hand, there will be those who formerly taught one discipline that will be eligible to teach multiple ones.
- There are currently 15 position searches underway including a full-time interim math position.
- The forums for the VPI and VPSS searches were well attended.
- Once the process has been completed, it is planned that all or part of the salary study will be implemented effective July 1, 2015.

Greg:

- Greg shared there is currently an estimated 31% persistence rate from spring 2015 to fall 2015 in 6 or more units. This data does not yet include those who graduated and/or transferred in the equation. It is encouraging given that there are still many weeks until the start of the fall semester.
- Greg is getting agreements set with the local high schools to encourage more dual enrollments.

- Summer bridge courses for high schools students are planned.
- FTE tracking at specific pre-term points each year will aid in persistence tracking.
- Instruction adjusting fall course sections to align with demand and under-enrollment.
- New equivalency process being implemented.

Bart:

- Gainful Employment Report is due by July 31st. Submitting this report does not directly benefit us but we can lose our financial aid funding by not submitting it. We will be working on a way to streamline the process for the future since it currently requires much manual data gathering.

Doug:

- COS entered floats in the 4th of July parade in Mt. Shasta and the Carnevale parade in Weed.
- New financial aid loan paperwork process implemented by financial aid staff will speed up disbursement process.
- Lodge contracts are slowly creeping up in numbers.
- Les is planning Week of Welcome with student leaders.
- Student Services and College OPTIONS are planning a "College Preview Day" to coincide with College Day on 9/21. They are recruiting faculty participation for demonstrations.
- Doug attended a financial aid literacy trainers course so he can train COS staff to help present skills to our students.
- There are plans to "freshen up" the Student Center.
- New signage for campus has arrived and will soon be installed.

Val:

- Val referred the group to the Campus Connection to
- Counseling will be conducting weekend SOARS, including assessments just prior to the beginning of the semester. Maybe have pizza, etc. to make it fun!

Meghan:

- The 320 due by 7/9 for review, needed ISA clean-up but looks good.
- Waitlist notifications have been emailed 1x per week with directions on how to proceed.
- So far Meghan has received 15 SFPD applications to pursue an online degree.

Item 9. Other