Greenfield Community College

PRESIDENT’S STAFF
November 28, 2017
C201 – 2:30 pm

Present: Bob Pura, Anna Berry, Marie Breheny, Regina Curtis, Mary Ellen Fydenkevez, Leo Hwang, Elaine Lapomardo, Shannon Larange, Karen Phillips, Catherine Seaver, Peter Sennett, and Alyce Stiles

Absent: Tim Braim and Kathy Vranos

1.) Minutes
The minutes of the November 14, 2017 President’s Staff Meeting were approved.

2.) Announcements
• Regina announced today is Giving Tuesday and asked President Staff members to help spread the word.
• Regina reported the Robert L. Pura President’s Fund for Special Initiatives has already raised over $16,000.
• Elaine reported we have 8 new and continuing ComCom students. The staff is continuing to get the word out hoping more students will take advantage of the program. She also reported the new non-degree enrollment form has been completed working with the Enrollment Management Team. This form allows a student that doesn’t intend to enroll in a degree or certificate program and is not interested in Financial Aid to register online using an e-signature. She praised the work of the entire team involved in creating the form.

3.) Grants
No Report

4.) STEM & Title III
Mary Ellen shared Title III and the STEM Starter Academy are currently collaborating on a project to create a “GCC Starter Academy” (official name TBD). The idea was initiated by Tonya Blundon and Alysha Putnam and seeks to apply the currently, very successful STEM Starter Academy model at a larger scale. Mary Ellen happily reported we had a 92% retention rate from last summer’s STEM Academy to this Fall. The program would provide eligible students with one free Math, Science, or English class. Eligible students would include early entrant students, new to GCC or first-time students, returning students that have been away a semester or more and meet COMPASS eligibility. Students will also be required to be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits. Science and Math classes will be supported by STEM grant funds and the English courses will be supported by the Title III grant.

5.) Positions
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Bob reported the Interim Dean of Business, Information Technology, Professional Studies & Social Sciences position has been posted. The appointment will be for one semester, to allow sufficient time to conduct a search. Other positions currently posted and/or in process include, CPO I, Clerk (Downtown Center), Administrative Assistant (Engineering, Math, Nursing and Science program), and a Skilled Laborer.

6.) **Presidential Search Update**
Bob reported the Board of Trustees will meet December 8th to appoint the Presidential Search Committee. Shannon reported Jesse Thompson from RH Perry Executive Search Firm is scheduled to visit campus on December 12th and 13th. The purpose of the visit will be to meet with campus and community members and learn what they feel will be important attributes, qualifications and skills for the next President of GCC. Jesse with use the information collected to create the GCC Presidential Position Profile. Shannon will email the schedule for those days once finalized.

7.) **Integration!!**
Bob reminded President’s Staff of the importance of continuing our work with integration in and outside of our classrooms. He reported there is strong data supporting student learning outcomes when there is an elevated effort of integration with the Humanities/Liberal Arts and STEM fields in classrooms. He asked President’s Staff to encourage and support faculty endeavors for classroom integration and to help create systems and structures that support that teaching and learning.

Submitted By: Shannon Larange