

Santa Barbara City College
CLUSTER LEADER COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 8, 1980

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Anderson, J. Edmundson, R. Fairly, P. Freeman, K. Halbach, M. Harker, M. Ryan, C. Solberg, J. Webber

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Conklin, M. Elkins, J. Romo

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Sanchez

GUESTS: S. Culler, H. Leckie

PRESIDING: P. Huglin, Dean of Instruction

The first meeting of the C.L.C. began at 3:05 p.m. with Mr. Pat Huglin, chairman, presiding.

I ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Sue Culler, guest, reported on the forthcoming faculty retreat at Cachuma Church Camp. A faculty committee began working on retreat plans this past summer. Thus far, faculty response has been fairly good. The Council was asked to urge their colleagues to participate. The first Saturday session will begin at 9:30 a.m.
- B. Mr. Huglin stated that the agenda of the day would not be covered in its entirety because of the absence of Dr. Sanchez.

II PURPOSES OF THE CLUSTER LEADER COUNCIL

Mr. Huglin stated that Dr. Mertes, Mr. Huglin, and Karl Halbach met recently to discuss the purposes and functions of C.L.C. Mr. Halbach reported on this meeting with the culmination of their beliefs as follows: that C.L.C. is not a committee of divisions or departments; that C.L.C. should not concern itself with allocation of funds; and that instead, C.L.C. should be thought of as an "affinity group" concerned primarily with curriculum, instruction, communication and coordination. Since S.B.C.C. functions on a decentralized mode of governance, departments of themselves cannot be autonomous in order to maintain an integrated curriculum.

Discussion: Jim Edmondson stated that he would be resigning from C.L.C. primarily for three reasons: (1) that C.L.C. is not doing a job suitable for his department; (2) no actions are ever taken; and (3) most agenda items are handled by other college committees or memoranda. He also stated that there is a dichotomy between Rep. Council and C.L.C.

A lively discussion followed with verbalized pros and cons regarding C.L.C. and the responsibilities of Cluster Leaders. Some questioned the clustering of some diversified groups--i.e., P.E. and Health Technologies. Maury Ryan stated that he needs to receive the appropriate materials for his cluster, namely class schedules for the entire cluster. Curt Solberg pointed out that it is difficult to quantify in exact terms the value of C.L.C. but that understanding and trust among colleagues, although still not ideal, has been improved from past years, and that C.L.C. may be the channel through which these ideals can be further improved.

Mr. Huglin stated that if C.L.C. participation is not college-wide, decentralization will be an unmanageable situation. C.L.C. is an administrative committee which will soon have added functions, including, the evaluation of needs for new certificated personnel. To return to centralized management of 40 individual departments would be incongruent with good management practices.

III STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

P. Huglin

An ad hoc committee appointed last year by Dr. Mertes has formulated a plan for staff development and professional growth. This will be described more fully when Dr. Sanchez returns. However, \$15,000 has been set aside this year to be used in the following fashion:

- A. \$5,000 Travel and Conference
- B. \$5,000 Instruction Office--(To be used for program-curriculum development, i.e., visiting other colleges for specific reasons, bringing a consultant to the college, etc.)
- C. \$5,000 Project requests from departments--(The Campus Professional Growth Committee* will review these requests.

IV MISCELLANEOUS

- A. October 29, 1980--Meeting for all department chairpersons 2-4 p.m.
- B. The college accreditation site visit will occur in spring 1981. Thus far, there will be 16 visitors.
- C. R.A.R.B.--Dr. Mertes will be meeting with these committee members soon regarding new goals for R.A.R.B.
- D. Two new college committees have emerged at Dr. Mertes' request:
 - 1. Student Services Committee, Al Silvera, Chairman
 - 2. Committee to Evaluate Educational Programs at S.B.C.C.--Pat Huglin, Chairman

* John Kay, Conrad Weiler, Suzanne Medina-Nguyen, Robert Cummings, Martin Bobgan, Dan Oroz, Richard Sanchez.

It is desirable to have a broad representation of staff without making the committees too large in numbers. Volunteers are invited to tell either of the chairmen of their wish to be included on one of the committees.

- E. John Romo was introduced as the new Assistant Dean of Instructional Resources. He will be responsible for the Evening College, Summer School, T.V. Consortium classes and assisting in the budget process regarding equipment and maintenance thereof. Eventually he will assume responsibility for class schedules.
- F. Dwight Anderson suggested that evening classes be listed separately on class schedules, and several members stated that many students still don't understand the abbreviations for the Goleta Valley Campus and consequently come to the Mesa campus looking for these classes.
- G. Mr. Huglin announced that a student body president from a Los Angeles community college announced to that college's Board of Trustees that he had been given credit for 5 or 6 classes without ever having attended any of the classes --and he received a 3+ G.P.A. for these classes. C.L.C. members were unaware of any similar situation at S.B.C.C.
- H. Positive comments were heard regarding our fall 1980 in-service day. The problem of non-retention of students could perhaps be alleviated by making certain that all of our students are made aware--early in a course--of teachers' specific expectations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Cluster Leader Council will be on October 22, 1980, 3 p.m., in the Health Technologies Conference Room, A-218C.

SLC/nb

cc Dr. Mertes
Representative Council
Department Chairpersons
Administrative Deans
Cluster Leader Council Members
B. Miller