

MINUTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009, 8:30 A.M.
AL SNIPES BOARD ROOM

Present: President Sechrist, Dianne Broyles, Terri Walker, Michael Machiorlatti, Michael Punches, Cecilia Pittman, Akram Taghavi-Burris, Luther Trent, Molly Henderson, Mike Reeves, Denny Myers, Lori Johnson, Sally Strebis, Virgil Teter, Eddie Noble, Jason Howard, Nicholas Webb, Lydia Rucker, Tamara Duncan, John Claybon, Paige Landreth, Alexandra Wilkes, Tino Ceballos, Pat Berryhill, and Stu Harvey.

Absent: Darin Behara, Cheryl Stanford, Joan Sublett, and Eddie Connally.

Handouts: PAC Agenda
Monitoring Report on Achieving the College's ENDS: Student Success-
October 2009
2009 Alumni Hall of Fame Program

President Sechrist welcomed the President's Advisory Council (PAC) representatives to the meeting, which was followed by a time of self-introductions.

President Sechrist announced that adjuncts will now have representation on the PAC, and he welcomed Mr. Luther Trent, who will serve as the adjunct representative.

President Sechrist stated that the nursing division just successfully completed two accreditation visits from (1) National League for Nursing and (2) State Board of Nursing. The State Board of Nursing comes every five years to review an extensive list of criteria in the nursing division. President Sechrist thanked the nursing division faculty and staff for their hard work during the accreditation.

President Sechrist commended Pat Berryhill and her staff on the 2009 Annual Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, held on October 29th. It was a huge success, and showcased the incredible successes of our graduates. The event was held in the OCCC Film and Video Studio, complete with a Hollywood theme and red carpet. First Lady Kim Henry, who is now the Executive Director of the Sarkey's Foundation, was recognized as an honorary alumnus. The Sarkey's Foundation donated a \$1 million gift for the Performing Arts Theater. Mr. John Massey, who donated the John Massey Center building, was also recognized as an honorary alumnus. President Sechrist commented on how much he enjoyed hearing the inspirational stories from the alumni that were recognized.

President Sechrist discussed student success at OCCC. OCCC's rate of graduation has been reported to be around 9%. While this figure accurately represents the number of first-time, full-time students that complete and are awarded an associate degree in three years or less, President Sechrist wanted to provide some additional information to PAC as to why he thinks that this is not an appropriate measurement of student success for OCCC. OCCC has approximately 14,500 students enrolled this fall, and only 1,400 of our students fall into the 9% category. The majority of students who come to OCCC require some developmental coursework to complete their

preparation for subsequent college-level courses, making completion in three years difficult. Many students have a goal to complete their basic coursework at OCCC and transfer to a university before completing a degree. Many students are also part-time, taking, on average, 5.6 years to complete an associate degree. President Sechrist stated that OCCC does have some challenges and areas to improve, but we remain committed to and have placed significant time and energy into improving student success.

A PAC representative announced that the Child Development Center submitted a request for the addition of a parenting class to the curriculum committee, and it was passed. The parenting class will begin next fall.

A PAC representative announced that the Computer-Aided Technology department will host a National Video Game Day on Saturday, November 14th, in the Library. It will be free to the public. There will be fees for the tournaments, and that money will go to a College student organization and Child's Play, which is a charity that buys video games for students in hospitals.

A PAC representative announced that the Computer Lab will have Documentation Day to instruct students on the APA or MLA format on November 30th. There will be instruction and workshops throughout the day.

President Sechrist invited PAC representatives to ask questions or share comments. The following were shared:

- Why do we continue to call our different schools Divisions? The name creates more confusion to our visitors, partners, prospective students, and our peers for other institutions. People are used to schools, colleges etc. Divisions are no longer used by academic institutions in their organizational structures to refer to area of study.

President Sechrist stated that he referred this question to Dr. Felix Aquino and the academic deans for discussion and possible recommendation.

- How is the H1N1 virus affecting the College?

President Sechrist stated that the FluWatch system created to track daily College employee absences indicates that employee absences have never been above 2.9% of the entire College workforce. On average, it has been approximately 1.5%. The College is also monitoring student absences due to illness. So far, employee levels do not appear to be significantly higher than normal. Student absences may be higher than normal.

- Please give an update on the 5% budget cuts?

President Sechrist indicated that it does look like the College will continue to experience a 5% decrease in state appropriations for the remainder of the year. This will be a cut of approximately 2.5% on the College budget. The state's rainy day fund is at its maximum capacity, and it is possible that Governor Henry will take monies from the rainy day fund this fiscal year to assist state agencies.

- Whenever the College is closed and employees receive holiday pay, some employees in the Computer Lab are only allowed to receive up to 8 hours of holiday pay. This is a problem for those employees that are regularly scheduled to work more than 8 hours per day. Employees are being asked to make up the additional hours at another time during the week in order to have a full 40-hour week. Is this a state policy or requirement?

President Sechrist stated that he will follow up on this and a response will be provide shortly.

President Sechrist thanked the PAC representatives for their input this year, and the meeting adjourned.