College of the Redwoods
Expanded Cabinet
December 8, 2014
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Board Room

Annotated Agenda

Attendees: Kathy Smith, Ahn Fielding, Paul DeMark, Joe Hash, Keith Snow-Flamer, Carla Spalding, Tami Engman, Jerred Shelve, Gabe Ostrow, John Johnston, Mark Renner, Marla Gleave, Peter Blakemore, Erin Wall, Dan Calderwood, Jose Ramirez, Ron Waters, Lynn Thiesen, Angelina Hill, Tracey Thomas

1. Campus Climate – Barbara Beno, Executive Director of the ACCJC, will be visiting in the Spring 2015. CR should be able to demonstrate to Barbara Beno that we are progressing and moving forward. All groups should be thinking about what is best for the District as a whole. Lee reported that it is probable that enrollment growth funding criteria will be changing to the benefit of small, rural colleges. With this new model, finances will not be totally dependent on enrollment. Peter talked about how education and educators are perceived nationwide. Lynn agreed that education is in trouble. Jerred reported that CR students are active at the State level. Jerred stated that when constituent groups pair up with other colleges, advocacy is effective. Lee stated he does not know the actual budget until one year later because of procedures at the Chancellor’s Office. The group discussed how email can be a bad form of communication because the message can easily be misunderstood. Mark Renner suggested bringing back College Hour. Campus Climate will be revisited at the January Expanded Cabinet meeting.

2. Technology Needs-Lee announced that there is a reorganization in IT. Three staff went through training to be Network Administrators. There was a discussion on the backlog of help desk tickets and the lack of communication on tickets that are delayed. Mark mentioned the need for training on the Webex Telepresence.

3. Faculty Liaison Positions – The Deans need assistance. The proposed Faculty Liaison positions have seven job duties. Peter requested seeing the job duties. The plan is to
implement these new positions in Fall 2015. Dan likes the title of Division Coordinator. Dan recommended bringing this proposed position to the Senate.

4. Redistricting – CR Request for Waiver- Kathy updated the cabinet members regarding CR’s redistricting efforts and the Board’s resolution to reduce the number of District trustees from 9 to 8. Representatives from all constituent groups (Academic Senate, CRFO, CSEA, Management Council, administration and students) expressed support for this action. There is no opposition to reducing the Board to 8 members now, and to 7 when the Mendocino Coast territory is transferred to MLCCD. HCOE is sponsoring CR’s request for waiver to the State Board of Education.

5. IPEDS – Move to January Agenda.

6. 12 Passenger Vans - Move to January Agenda.

7. Student Success Summit – January 30. Angelina proposed focusing on the 12 issues listed in the essay on the use of research to improve student retention submitted by Robert J. Sternberg. Humanities 112 may not be large enough to hold the participants. Discussed moving to the Theater.

8. Future Agenda Items

9. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.