



Student Services Council  
July 24, 2008  
Meeting Notes

**Present:**

Barbara Schoeffler, Bunpa Lim, Buzz Gorman, Dan Johnson, Donna Walker, Eileen Bergeson, Jason Hoseney, John Krause, Karla Rivers, Kindra Chinchon, Lynn Lawrence, Marisa Greear, Mary Jane Melink, Megan DeGallier, Nicole Taylor, Roxana Ahmadifard, Sallie Parson, Sandie St. Onge, Sarah Watkins, Twylla Corrie, Wes McGee, and Mary Harding, Chair

**Not Present:** ASLCC representative, Betty Sjoblom, Carol Carlson, Chad Meadors, Christina Treviño, Darcy Smith, Diane Armstead, Faye Olason, George Henderson, Jenny Smith, Jim Roffler, Kay Koski, Kirc Roland, Laura Hammer, Mary Stone, Maxine Babb, Pat Boerner, Raeleene Akin, Ronda Manick, Sheri Akesson, Tamra Bell, Therese Montoya, and Wendy Hall

**Guests:** Jim Stanley, Molly Robertson, Amy Gardner, Stefani Moore, and Bree Nichols

➤ **Division Items**

- **Passport to College Promise program** – John introduced our guests and we received a very heart felt presentation on the challenges and needs of our local foster care children who come into the system with gaps in knowledge due to their constant moves, difficulty in proving their identity as they have left bad situations without birth certificates or social security numbers, and a general lack of basic living skills. New legislation allows continued benefits for foster care students who had previously dropped out of school as they “aged out” or fell behind because of their many moves. A seamless transition of those students from high school to college is the basis for the college mentor program/task group that was recently formed at LCC. Group members from Student Services are Buzz, Lynn, Jason, Therese, John, Bunpa and Butch. Buzz will work with students to help make financial aid arrangements, Lynn is putting together a guide of frequently asked questions, Jason will be providing a budgeting workshop, and Therese has authorized free COMPASS testing. John is the over-all organizer for the group and both Bunpa and Butch will work directly with the students as Foster Youth Liaisons. We already have 34 self-identified foster youth at LCC with 10 enrolled for fall or summer classes even though the State estimated there would only be about 25 students state-wide! Several of our staff members will be participating in the October 7 Foster Care to College workshop. These students need extra support, structure, time, funding, and basics such as clothing and transitional housing.
  
- **Science Olympiad – Saturday, March 14** – Sarah Watkins reported that something near and dear to her when she was a student is coming to LCC! The Science Olympiad is a national competition for middle and high school students

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in various science fields, such as biology, chemistry, and engineering. Much like athletes participating in a track meet, these blooming scientists train all year to participate in activities such as identifying unknown mineral substances, building items from a box of “stuff”, identifying flora and fauna, etc. For the next five years, we can expect to see 1,400 – 1,500 students, parents, and teachers on campus hoping to go from this regional competition to state competition and then on to nationals. The Science Olympiad is a great opportunity for LCC to showcase our facilities and programs, and to recruit students! There are currently no local competitors. For further information, check out the Science Olympiad website at <http://www.soinc.org/>.

○ **Personnel Changes –**

- Buzz – A classified Financial Aid Advisor (Program Specialist II) position is being advertised. The position requires a BA.
- John – Tamra Bell has been hired for the Professional-Technical/Education Planner/Outreach & Worker Retraining position, which leaves the classified Tech Prep Assistant/Work Force (Program Assistant) position open.
- Lynn – Meghan DeGallier is learning the ropes as the Registration Office Credentials Evaluator.
- Therese – Nicole Taylor has resigned and her last day is July 31, which leaves the Recruiter position open.
- Eileen – Faye Olason is leaving August 5 for a job at Centralia as their Alternative Education Center Director. Christine Wardak, the part-time Title III Program Assistant will finish on August 21. The five-year Title III grant ends September 30 and Eileen will be staying on just long enough to write the final report.

➤ **Committee Reports** – (details at - <http://lowercolumbia.edu/internal/committees/>)

- **Financial Aid Committee** – Marisa Greear reported that scholarship letters were sent to students June 19. Several students were reinstated for financial aid on June 19 and a second reinstatement meeting is scheduled for Orientation Week in September.
- **Student Services ad hoc Social Committee** – Mary asked if we want this committee and there were no responses.

➤ **Around the Table**

- **Bunpa Lim** – Student Support Services staff are busy putting together their annual report.

- **Eileen Bergeson** – Title III is in spend-down mode. We have done much with the five-year Title III grant. The Angel system pioneered by LCC is now the state standard! Hershey Systems has scheduled a “thank you” pizza party for users of their document imaging system, who have used and demonstrated the applications of the system to campus personnel from across the state.
- **Jason Hoseney** – A Math Workshop is scheduled to begin the last Thursday in August.
- **John Krause** – Tamra and Christina are busy building improved WorkSource relationships and Transitions WorkSource/Opportunity Grant programs with WEA Worker Retraining Financial Aid funds and a 45+ credit progression.
- **Kindra Chinchon** – The Clubs Room is being reconfigured, the Game Room is becoming our Cyber Café, and the new ID system is complete.
- **Mary Jane Melink** – The *Fact Book* is being updated.
- **Meghan DeGallier** – Ed Plans will be ready for fall.
- **Nicole Taylor** – The high school recruiting/senior calling project is finished. Two great new recruiting event tablecloths were ordered for us by Janelle before she left. They will be in the soon to be vacant Recruiters office, as Nicole’s last day is July 31.
- **Roxana Ahmadifard** – There will be a Running Start Orientation next month.
- **Sandie St. Onge** – If you make purchases with a college visa card, PLEASE remember to route the receipts as soon as you return to campus. If you are planning any college related travel, Sandie can assist with determining per diem rates. Remember that prior approval is required from your supervisor, Mary Harding, and Dr. McLaughlin before Sandie can make reservations for planes, trains, or rental cars, so start your planning well in advance of your requested trip. Our administrators are very busy people! Now is not too early to start the paperwork for your fall council meetings.
- **Twylla Corrie** – Camp Moxie was a great success. Students visited the welding shop, the Skills Center in Vancouver, Judge Jill Johansson, and Terri Skeie from the math department.
- **Wes McGee** – Testing has been very busy!

The next Student Services Council meeting is scheduled for **September 25**.

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