



University Executive Committee Meeting Notes March 14, 2013

Members: Rollin Richmond, Ken Ayoob, Peg Blake, Brooke Fiore, Teresa Grenot, Denice Helwig, Anna Kircher,, John Lee, Joyce Lopes, Steve Smith, Eric Van Duzer, Craig Wruck, Mary Hackett, Staff Support

Guests: Jena' Burges, Robin Jones

President's Report

President Richmond discussed the Chancellor 's visit on April 8-9. A formal announcement will go out to the campus community.

The President reviewed his Hill Day visit with the staff at Senator Feinstein and Boxer's offices in D.C. He discussed the challenges the CSU faces and local economic issues including the proposed aquaculture center at the old pulp mill.

He also discussed his attendance at the American Council on Education conference and the need for blurring the line between k-12 and higher education in improving preparedness. ACE is also very focused on the increasing importance of online courses. HSU will be offering four required courses online this fall through the CSU Online program.

The group discussed ways to improve the structure and effectiveness of the Executive Committee meetings and agreed to spend some time focusing on institutional priorities and progress towards meeting strategic goals.

MyHumboldt

Robin Jones, myHumboldt Project Director, shared improvements in the portal page for students, especially as it relates to financial matters. Additional improvements will be made on the staff and faculty portal in the near future. Robin is available to demonstrate the portal capabilities to all areas of campus.

First Year Experience

Professor Eric Van Duzer shared a first draft of the proposal and design outline for a universal first year seminar. This course will meet criteria for HSU GE Area E. The focus in the course(s) will be on what students need to "do" to succeed, including skills and mindset of an educated person. The group discussed logistics of rolling out the program

in one semester vs. two semesters. VP Peg Blake reminded the group that every freshman has a RAMP mentor and the mentorship and first year seminar must be tied to existing structures to create a sense of belonging to HSU.