



University Executive Committee Meeting Notes

May 9, 2013

Members Present: Rollin Richmond, Ken Ayoob, Peg Blake, Teresa Grenot, John Lee, Anna Kircher, Steve Smith, Bob Snyder, Craig Wruck, Noah Zerbe, Mary Hackett.

Guests: Ethan Gahtan, Melissa Meiris. Students: Jennifer Alejo, Stephane Pantaleon, Juan Diaz, Ryan Spaulding.

President's Report

President Richmond shared a review of the recent Council of President's meeting in Long Beach.

- Health care coverage for students remains a concern and HSU will work to ensure our students are aware of insurance coverage opportunities via Cover California and Obama's Health Care program. Signs ups for insurance coverage begin in October.
- The CSU remains diligent in working to attract and retain underrepresented minority students. Opportunities for STEM student support may be available via the Department of Defense. The CO will provide more information.
- The Chancellor's Office is also providing support for improving student access to bottleneck courses.
- There are currently 12 legislative bills dealing with online education.
- The Chancellor's Office is researching ways for the 23 campuses to share systems and benefit from large purchase discounts.
- CA State income tax revenue is up. The Governor's proposed budget for UCs/CSUs is based on outcomes measures, 10% increase in the 4 year and 2 year graduation rates and other measurements. President Richmond will be in Sacramento next week for a CSU budget advocacy day on the Hill.

FREE and AB 540

Student Jennifer Alejo, chair of the student group Finding Resources and Empowerment through Education (FREE) shared information about California students without documentation and what Humboldt can do to support these students. Melissa Meiris, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, is part of an HSU task force to develop a plan for supporting undocumented students.

Institutional Review Board Update

Ethan Gahtan, Psychology Professor, chairs the IRB committee and shared recent policy and procedural updates for research work involving human subjects. The group reviewed more than 200 requests this year primarily having to do with social and behavioral research.

Libraries of the Future

A task force from the HSU Library is compiling a proposal to the Chancellor's Office for the opportunity to have a print analysis completed by a consultant this summer. The analysis would inform the library staff of which collections and documents are being circulated and how circulation efforts and space usage could be focused and improved in the future.

President's Purchase Award Winner

Ryan Spaulding, senior art major, shared his painting "Super Taco" with the group. His work is inspired by every day moments and he works from photographs, sometimes repositioning or combining photos for a new look. "Super Taco" is based on his visits to a taco truck and his impressions of the workers. The painting, selected as the winner by a group of art faculty and the President, will be on display during the 2013/14 academic year.