University Leadership Council Meeting Notes

September 18, 2014

Members Present: Lisa Rossbacher, Ken Ayoob, Peg Blake, Jerry Dinzes, Mary Hackett, Denice Helwig, Alex Hwu, Anna Kircher, Michael Le, John Lee, Joyce Lopes, Cyril Oberlander, Steve Smith, Rhea Williamson, Craig Wruck, Noah Zerbe, Jenny Zorn

Guests: CSU Trustee Stephen Stepanek, Dave Nakamura, Traci Ferdolage

The Future of the Library

Library Dean Cyril Oberlander presented his vision of the future of the library and shared information about what other campus libraries are doing. He discussed the need for the library to work in partnership with all aspects of academic life on campus, particularly research and writing. His presentation is available at: http://tinyurl.com/HSULibraryIdeas

Dean Oberlander envisions more open hours for the library, additional open working environments, improved food service for the café, online publishing opportunities for faculty, free or reduced price textbook options, and interactive spaces that engage faculty and students.

The CSU, UCs, and Community Colleges are taking part in the California Open Online Library for Education which provides a source for free online textbooks. http://www.cool4ed.org

CSU Trustee Update

CSU Faculty Trustee Stepanek updated the group on a variety of topics involving the CSU Board of Trustees. There are currently six vacant seats on the CSU Board of Trustees, making committee work somewhat challenging. Topics of interest to the Board this year are student success fees, wi-fi access on campuses, the 120-unit rule, the ability to meet the future demands for enrollment, and appreciation for where CSU students are coming from and the challenges they face, especially as they relate to four- and six-year graduation rates.

Next Meeting

The next ULC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the CCR.