Committee: Sylvia Scott-Hayes (Absent) (arrived at 9:14 a.m.) Chair; Mona Field; Georgia L. Mercer

Participants: Alex Almeida, ELAC; James Angelica, First Southwest; Adriana Barrera, ESC; Lashawn Brinson, LASC; Kathleen Burke-Kelly, LATTCC; Ellen Caldwell, LAHC; Roland Chapdelaine, LATTCC; Ramon Castillo, LATTCC; Gary Colombo, ESC; Jack E. Daniels III, LASC; Larry Eisenberg, ESC; Michelle Fowles, LAVC; Mary Gallagher, LATTCC; Jerry Gold, First Southwest; Camille Goulet, ESC; Deborah Kaye, LAVC; Joy McCaslin, Pierce; Allison Moore, LASC; Jamillah Moore, LACC; Rodney Patterson, WLAC; Mark Rocha, WLAC; Luis Rosas, LAHC; Ken Sherwood, LACC; Linda Spink, LAHC; Robert Sprague, WLAC; Jim Stanbery, LAHC; Bradley Vaden, LATTCC; Judith Valles, LAMC; Dan Walden, LASC; Lisa Lee Wells, Fulbright & Jaworski; Tyree Wieder, ESC

Trustee Field called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Seaside College Accreditation Self-Study Preparation Update

West Los Angeles College

A document entitled “West Los Angeles College Comprehensive Study for Accreditation Timeline” was distributed.

Dr. Mark Rocha introduced the following members of the Accreditation Steering Committee and expressed his appreciation for their support and attendance at today’s Committee meeting: Ms. Fran Leonard, Faculty Chair; Mr. Robert Sprague, Vice President, Academic Affairs, and Mr. Rodney Patterson, President, Academic Senate. Dr. Rocha indicated that on November 17, 2009, the first Seaside Coordination meeting was held at West Los Angeles College (WLAC). Dr. Rocha deferred to Ms. Leonard.

Ms. Leonard discussed the WLAC annual retreat with respect to the 103 individuals who participated and reviewed the college mission statement. She summarized the timeline of events from November 6, 2009 through March 2012 with respect to the completion of the self-study in anticipation of the ACCJC site-visit expected in March 2012. She deferred to Mr. Patterson.

(Trustee Scott-Hayes arrived at 9:14 a.m.)

Mr. Patterson indicated that in anticipation of the SLOs significant role in the ACCJC Accreditation Self-Study, 15 minutes have been dedicated at each WLAC Academic Senate meeting from Spring to Fall in order to give each department an opportunity to present their SLO assessment projects to demonstrate that SLOs are being integrated in a way that fosters continuous improvement to the program.
Los Angeles Southwest College

A document entitled “Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC), Presentation of the LACCD Board of Trustees, Student Success Committee, January 27, 2010” was distributed.

Ms. Allison Moore gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document with respect to the timeline for the completion of the Accreditation standards and SLOs in preparation for the ACCJC Accreditation site visit expected sometime in March 2012.

Los Angeles Harbor College

A document entitled “Successful Completion by Harbor College of its 2012 Institutional Self-Study, A Report to the Planning and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees Wednesday, January 27, 2010” was distributed.

Dr. Linda Spink indicated that the Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC) Midterm Report had no recommendations, with the exception of the District’s recommendation. She stated that LAHC has an experienced Team and she deferred to Mr. Luis Rosas.

Mr. Rosas introduced the following Accreditation Co-Chairs: Mr. Jim Stanbery and Dr. Ellen Joiner. He commended Mr. Stanbery and Dr. Joiner for their writing expertise and full participation in the entire accreditation process. He indicated that all of the previous recommendations for the standards have been fulfilled; therefore, LAHC can focus on SLOs and the assessments, which he is confident that LAHC will accomplish by 2012. He deferred to Mr. Stanbery.

Mr. Stanbery discussed the documents with respect to the four-page introduction which he attributed to the Seaside accreditation visits for the adaptation to the suggestions in the self-study. He stated that this was one example of the first-rate advice and support the colleges have received from the District which has made a tremendous improvement from the past. He summarized the proposed timeline and accreditation standards. He indicated that the biggest challenge is to get everyone involved in the accreditation process, which they will continue to strive for.

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) Strategic Plan Update

LATTC Mission Statement

A document entitled “LATTC Strategic Master Plan” was distributed.

Mr. Bradley Vaden gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document with respect to the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) Mission Statement. He indicated that a two-day retreat was held in order to review/finalize the Mission/Vision statements. He deferred to Dr. Mary Gallagher.

Revised LATTC Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives

Dr. Gallagher indicated that the Strategic Master Plan completion date has been changed to four years instead of the original seven-year plan. She highlighted the revisions to the Strategic Plan and goals with respect to the following priorities:

   Strategic Priority #1—Student Success; Strategic Priority #2—Growth; Strategic Priority #3—Community and Business Development; and Strategic Priority #4—Organizational Development

Mr. Gary Colombo indicated that Com. No. BT5. Approve LATTC Strategic Plan Update, and Com. No. BT6. Approve LATTC College Mission Statement are on today’s Board agenda for action.
Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Scott-Hayes, to recommend to the full Board approval of the LATTC Strategic Plan Update and the Mission Statement.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

Accreditation Issues

Discussion of Statewide Actions and initiatives

A document entitled “Chancellor’s Remarks Before Accrediting Commission, January 8, 2010” and a letter addressed to Dr. Jack Scott, California Community Colleges Chancellor from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges – January 20, 2010” were distributed.

Mr. Gary Colombo indicated that at the Committee meeting, held on December 2, 2009, there was discussion with respect to the issues and concerns regarding the accreditation process in California community colleges. He discussed the documents with respect to the letter addressed to Dr. Scott from ACCJC in response to Dr. Scott’s remarks made before the Commission on January 8, 2010, in regards to the concerns of the accreditation process. He deferred to Interim Chancellor Tyree Wieder.

Interim Chancellor Wieder indicated that ACCJC will present a three-day retreat in mid-March where the California Community Colleges (CACC) Consultation Council recommendations and Dr. Scott’s remarks will be one of the topics discussed. It is the consensus that until then the LACCD should put on hold the decision on how to proceed with respect to reforming higher education accreditation process.

Review of Draft “Accreditation Reform” Resolution

Mr. Colombo indicated that at today’s Committee meeting, a review of a draft “Resolution on Reforming Higher Education Accreditation in the Western Region” was to be discussed.

Trustee Scott-Hayes recommended that this be put on hold until after the March retreat, to have a better sense on how the District should proceed.

New Business

Mr. Colombo distributed a document entitled “LACCD Board of Trustees, Planning & Student Success Committee Spring Schedule, January 27, 2010.”

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.