MEETING NOTES

Absent: J. Bailey, D. Davies, W. Jacobs, M. Martin, R. Noble
Staff/Guests: C. Snyder

The meeting came to order at 3:05 p.m. Introductions followed.

JANUARY 21, 2010 MEETING NOTES
The notes to the prior meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

SUBGROUP REPORTS

CSI Team – A. Sanchez reported that the group met this morning for the purpose of exploring the decrease in the graduation rate comparison between the 2002 cohort of 52.7% and the 2003 cohort of 49.5%. A report was provided. The group determined that the variation between these two cohorts is only a 3% change. The statistical difference is not significant and reflects a student count of 18. S. Neufeld wondered if the Super Seniors may be part of this 3% group. L. Renner suggested that other areas of consideration may be appropriate for discussion by UEPC and the campus WASC leadership team. Other possibilities might be:

1. Internal Factors – Perhaps course schedule changes. Larger class sizes and fee increases. Also the likelihood of some students repeating courses.
2. External Factors – Perhaps military student delays. Other states may be recruiting California students. More students may be transferring to private colleges/universities.

Suggestions for further analyses:

1. Breakdown the graduation rate by gender and race/ethnicity. Generate a 7-year graduation rate for the cohort. Perform “pipeline-leakage” study on freshman cohort.
2. Identify specific cohorts for examination (i.e., EOP, FYE, Honors, FMP, SSS). Research the changing admission portrait vis a vis transfers and FTF.

Retention Cohorts – This group has not had an opportunity to meet on this issue due to time constraints in completing the Chancellor’s Office “Closing the Gap” document.

Survey Data Projects – M. Gerson reported that the group divided the surveys into multiple data groups for review. The group summarized the surveys from last year and will review the most recent data from last fall for similar trends. The plan is to do an analysis to determine which constituents on campus can use this information and possibly assemble focus groups. The group will begin with the NSSE/FSSE surveys.

Summer Reading Program – P. Telya stated that the group met and made suggestions for possible reading. They are exploring Alice in Wonderland, which may be of interest due to the remake of the movie to be released this March. Other considerations included a drama presentation with music or songs. Any suggestions should be directed to P. Telya or L. Renner.

CLOSING THE GAP UPDATE
A. Sanchez conducted a review of sample reports submitted by the Chancellor’s Office. Our report was ranked in the top 8. Some challenges discovered in our report were remediation.
This is due to the lack of funding to support everyone this year. We will explore what to do with the cohort of students that we do cannot remediate due to schedule issues. A plan will be discussed regarding the 2009 cohort. The previous report submitted to the Chancellor’s Office needs to be updated and the graphs adjusted. Feedback is requested from the committee. M. Gerson added that there was also a discussion on recruitment and continuing support for underrepresented minorities (i.e. Promise Scholars, SSS, EOP, veterans, etc.), which will improve graduation rates. S. Marshall stated that additional information for the report will include a budget proposal and faculty involvement. L. Bernardo stated that Enrollment is working to implement a degree audit. S. Morgan-Foster added that “learning communities” was another area discussed to retain students.

L. Renner stated that there are over 200 student veterans on campus. He is currently recruiting for a veterans advisor. The department is also looking at assigning one advisor to the probationary students.

**WASC VISIT**
The WASC team visit is scheduled from March 1-3, 2010. The team will meet with the SSC on March 2 at 10:45 a.m. The committee was encouraged to read the WASC report which can be found online or in the Student Affairs office (MSR340).

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.