Grossmont College
Enrollment Strategies Committee
Meeting Summary

May 2, 2011
2:30-3:45 p.m.

GRIFFIN GATE

Present:  Fred Allen, Barbara Blanchard (Chair), Janet Castaños, John Colson, Chris Hill, Oralee Holder, Brian Keliher, Marsha Raybourn, Malia Serrano, Wendy Stewart, Susan Working

Absent:  Steve Baker, Mary Rider, Rick Griffin

Recorder:  Linda Daley

The meeting commenced at 2:30 p.m. There were several interested faculty members in attendance in addition to the committee members.

1. Enrollment priority

   Barbara said that in January the group reviewed the LAO publication that dealt with the enrollment priority recommendations that were issued to meet the master plan. Recommendations were then made to Student Services and the Student Success Committee. As a result of this work, a pilot program started on our campus. Barbara asked Wendy Stewart to share with the committee what the program includes. Wendy reported that an Early Admissions Opportunity program was created with the goal of helping approximately 400-500 high school students who took their assessment tests early. Those students were then given the opportunity to attend a Saturday orientation along with their parents. After attending the orientation, the students were given a one semester educational plan and secondary priority registration. The success of these students will be tracked.

2. Course reductions

   Barbara reviewed the history of the course reductions and the steps that were taken to cut our fall schedule. Each department created schedules with 5%, 10% and 15% reductions, while keeping the fall and spring schedules as balanced as possible.

3. Departments reaching FT load or accreditation issues

   Barbara distributed a spreadsheet that listed all of the full-time faculty within each division and provided the total number of instructors and LED for each of the departments.
She reported that there were a few departments that were unable to reduce their offerings, without risking accreditation issues. In the Nursing department the reductions could only be made by reducing the number of students accepted into the program, but that would also cause us to lose clinical sights. Barbara explained that there is such a huge demand for clinical sights, that if we were to give some up, we would never get them back. This would result in never being able to bring the program back to the levels that existed prior to the cuts. The majority of the members agreed that for the overall good of the college, we should continue to try and maintain the current level of students in the program.

The other departments that are at “bare bones” levels are Earth Sciences, Cross-Cultural Studies and Media Comm. The programs offered by these departments will be severely jeopardized if additional reductions are needed in the future and the full-time faculty would not have full loads.

Barbara also reported that the Anesthesia Technology program has decided to limit access to the program by only offering access to new students every other year.

Cardiovascular Technology reduced their overall LED by making some curriculum changes.

4. Planning for LCE

Barbara said the college needs to find a way to better plan for LCE bonuses and asked if we are using our large classrooms effectively and efficiently? She said she has asked the deans to provide her with a list of classes, based on past history, that are expected to carry a LCE bonus in the fall and determine any additional classes that could seat additional students and remain educationally sound by being reassigned to a larger classroom.

Chris added that by forecasting the LCE bonuses, and calculating the LED, we can consider if it would be better to add sections instead. The key is to find a ways to serve additional students with little or no cost to the college.

5. Criteria for prioritizing class

Not discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.