

Dean of Learning Support Services Proposal for Discussion

Goal:

To better align, coordinate, support, assess, and improve learning support services that enhance Glendale Community College's high quality instruction.

Background:

Presently GCC has a number of valuable and important programs and services designed to help students be successful in achieving their informed educational goals. These programs and services are disparate and function separately but have similar goals and support the entirety of the college. Recognizing this situation, discussion within the college began in the fall semester of 2012 to consider options "to create a stronger organizational structure for instructional support services and provide more efficient access to services for students and faculty as well as more effective mechanisms for the development and delivery of services."

The first action based on these extensive discussions was to place oversight and support of the GCC Learning Center within the Instructional Area rather than the Student Services Area. The next step has been discussion related to the value of aligning Library Services with Instruction as well. With the vacancy of the college's Associate Dean of Library Services position an opportunity has arisen to continue the discussion.

Proposal for Discussion:

It is recommended the Associate Dean of the Library position be replaced with a Dean of Learning Support Services (see attached draft position description). The Dean of Learning Support Services would provide leadership, support, and assistance to faculty and staff members serving in the areas of the library, learning center, distance education, and professional development (see attached draft organization chart).

Next Steps:

The general proposal for discussion has been presented to the leaders of the Academic Senate, Guild, and CSEA and the issue will be on the agenda for the December 5, 2013 Academic Senate meeting. Please provide your thoughts concerning the values and challenges presented by this proposal to your constituent leaders and to me by December 4. Your perspectives are valued and important as I work with college leaders to address appropriately this important goal.

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Superintendent/President

Date