Meeting called to order at 3:05pm

Agenda Items:
1. The Minutes of the December 12, 2017 were reviewed and approved.
2. Updates from the Chairs
   a. Learning Council- No members present
   b. Diversity Council- Byron talked about meetings with Dr. Pedraja in Dec and Jan about hiring, and more campus-wide diversity hiring. He noted the President is seeking recommendations for a Diversity Committee- a separate body to discuss and be a vehicle to move issues forward or address needs. This committee will serve in lieu of a Chief Diversity Officer. He noted it is important to include individuals in positions of power. He shared a model from the University of Kansas: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Group. (IDEA Group ?)
   c. Operations Council – No December meeting. The Green Policy was input into the new template– no changes to policy. It pertains only to new buildings and construction, not existing and all go through DCAM. Other policies still under review – Vehicle Use Policy and Environmental Product Usage Policy. There
were questions about other pending policies on the website that have been updated, which Selina will update and move to correct location.

d. **Student Services Council** – Kristie shared the PCA Policy was approved at last week’s All College Forum. She noted we currently have students on campus who require a PCA. (Add’l note – the Forum voted to allow all students present at the Forum to vote). Kristie shared the Council has 2 new members: Kirsten Patey-Hurd & Nicole Payen. The group is seeking policies to review. The groups discussed a 1998 policy about alcohol and drug policy for students – Juliana will look into it, as she may have an updated version.

e. **Faculty Senate** – No Members Present

f. **Student Senate** – Ed Reitz shared the Senate has added 4 new members. Jose Ortiz, Jason Torrey, Stephanie Teixeira and Nick….
The Senate is working on Diversity Week – April 17 – 23rd. Terry Rodriguez offered the Mindfulness Group if needed. Pride Alliance taking place Wed. 4/20 Wednesday – Rainbow Day. This includes a speaker, poetry reading, a prom and other activities. Tuesday is the block party, and the food trucks/festival is on Friday. Thursday will be a Forum – what makes you diverse (open mike). The budget is still in the works, as they plan to go to the Diversity Caucus with a funding request. Ed noted the Pride alliance is have an Asexual or Aromantic celebration the week after Valentine’s Day – Giving out candy. Education Advocacy Day is March 5th and is taking place in Boston. Looking to get as many senators from campus to attend. This will allow them to bring forward any issues they feel are important to students such as funding, facilities, etc.

3. **Other Business:**

a. **New Statewide Policies:**
Selina shared the recent statewide policies approved by all the Community College Presidents. These include Student Club Recognition; Student Expression; Guest Speakers; Fundraising & Solicitations. A final version is under review by Student Life for correct contacts and campus information. There was discussion about the Student Senate and Student Life sign outside the Fuller Center and Ed and Juliana will work on a sign or moving the sign nearer to Fuller for campus announcements.

b. **Spring 2018 Governance Elections:** The group discussed spring elections, as it has been 2 years since the last governance election. Two years ago, all elected seats were up for re-election and moving forward Selina requested that elections for seats be staggered. Only half the seats on a Council should go through an election one year and the following year, the other half go up for election. This
will allow for better continuity of the work of the Councils and help prevent an entire overhaul or replacement of Council members every 2 years. Selina requested each Council discuss among their group, which seats they want to put forward this year and then the other half will go to election next year. All present members of the Steering Committee agreed to go with a staggered election every year. (Members will still have a 2 year term with the exception of this year, as the members whose seats will go to an election next year, will sit for a 3 year term just this one time).

4. **Next Forum: March 6, 2018, 2pm, HLC109AB**
   a. Selina shared that the March Forum Topic will be the Strategic Plan. She requested future topics- the group suggested another Diversity conversation, such as undoing bias for April. (As a side note, the Equity & Excellence Team requested using time at the April Forum to discuss their campus-wide project to kick-off on Stand Against Racism Day in April, which will carry forward through next year).

5. **Next Meeting:** March 13, 2018 Meeting is Cancelled, Next meeting April 10, 2018, 2pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm