Academic Senate Retreat – October 26, 2017

Table Discussion Topics: “Money, Time, Information, and Preparation”

1. Financial Challenges
* The costs of education, books, and living are going up
1. Necessity of Working
* Many students must work two or more jobs to cover expenses
1. Limited Study Time
* Work, commuting, and family responsibilities limit free time
1. Who can answer my questions?
* Students feel they get the run around when seeking answers about scheduling, resources, etc. Would like to see more of an effective integrated information system across departments, colleges, and administrative units.
1. College Preparedness
* A major faculty response. Are students prepared for the leap from high school to college and the expectations that come with that leap?
1. Maintaining mental and physical health
* Are the resources there to help students maintain their health? Do students know how to access those resources?
1. Commuting Time & Length
* LB is a commuter campus and many students can’t afford to live close to campus
1. Transportation & Parking availability
* Adding more students without more parking or *effective* alternative transportation options is not sustainable
1. Course Availability
* Not offering enough sections of pivotal courses slows student time to graduation
1. Need for additional job experiences/opportunities on or near campus
* Providing more on campus job opportunities would help with finances, campus pride, and time scheduling