I. Call to Order
Al Alt called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

II. Action Items
a. Approval of Minutes

A quorum of the Council was not met so action was not taken to approve the minutes from 12/05/14.

III. Statewide Budget
Al Alt, Brenda Thames and others attended the Governor’s Budget Workshop on January 14, 2015.

- The governor’s overall proposal to community colleges is favorable with the best budget we’ve seen in two decades but cautionary.
• According to economists, the recession and recovery is over and expansion is at its peak so plan strategically for pending contraction of economy.
• 2015-2016 and into 2016-2017 are expected to be favorable or flat with 2017-2018 cycling back into a possible recession period based on historical trends.
• The message delivered at the workshop was to make strategic investments now. Invest in socio-economically challenged areas and to produce outcomes in SSSP. No outcomes in the first year may cause a shift in funding.

IV. IELM Allocation
Prior to winter break a memo was sent out to the deans including the conditions to spend IELM funding. The deadline for submitting the prioritized lists was January 9, 2015.

• All requests were received and reviewed utilizing RAC’s Guiding Principles.
• Unqualified requests were removed leaving a remaining request amount of $721,360.
• Jenni Abbott advised she would be able to fund the following requests through the STEM grant:
  ▪ Laptops for Ag
  ▪ 4 out of the 5 requests presented by Science, Math and Engineering.

Based on general consensus, $436,360 was approved. Some of the requests were based on estimates. Once actual quotes are received, this may reduce the final funding to $425,000.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

Next meeting: February 6, 2015, 10:00am – 12:00pm, Student Services, Room 203