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President Mary Ellen Freeley opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. and reminded everyone of the meeting's tight schedule. She said that she was thrilled to preside over the fifth Leadership Council meeting in three years and that a lot had happened in that short period of time. Freeley welcomed first-timers to the meeting and acknowledged how valuable the cluster group structures have been. Freeley then reviewed the Leadership Council's vision statement and referenced the Position Action and Position Development Teams, which have brought forward a number of critical issues. Freeley said that President-Elect Richard Hanzelka would share information on the work of the Legislative Committee and that ASCD's legislative focus is really elevating ASCD to a much different level. Freeley then introduced Stu Rankin, who was serving as parliamentarian.

1. Adopt Leadership Council meeting minutes from September 20, 2005.
Valerie Truesdale (SC) moved, and Susan Kerns (Germany) seconded, to adopt the September 20, 2005, Leadership Council meeting minutes. The motion carried.
2. Receive the President's Report.
President Freeley said that the goal of this meeting was to give Leadership Council members as much ownership as possible. She noted that Leadership Council members were asked to provide feedback on last year's meeting and that the officers and ASCD staff spent a lot of time reviewing the comments and tried to adjust the meeting to provide opportunities for as much hands-on individual ownership and participation as possible. She said that we are always looking for ways to improve the meeting. Freeley asked that Leadership Council members provide feedback on this year's meeting using the form included in the handouts.
3. Share and discuss influence and advocacy work.
President Freeley introduced President-Elect Hanzelka, who said he felt that this was the most powerful part of the Leadership Council meeting. He said that ASCD now has its first Legislative Agenda, which will provide direction for ASCD advocacy on Capitol Hill and with other worldwide education decision makers for the next year. Hanzelka said he would like to make the Legislative Agenda the hallmark of his presidency and that ASCD is ready to help shape federal education policy; this is an example of moving from success to significance.

Hanzelka referenced a flowchart (included in the handouts) that illustrated the alignment of ASCD's advocacy work from the Strategic Plan to Educator Advocates. He noted that the Legislative Agenda was intended for the U.S. Congress but that other countries could

also look at these agenda items and realize that the same issues exist where they are; ASCD needs to hear all the stories from all parts of the world that focus on these five Legislative Agenda items. Hanzelka then used a PowerPoint presentation to share updates on the five Legislative Agenda items—multiple measures of assessment, professional development for educators, high school reform, school readiness, and effective intervention for school improvement. Hanzelka noted that ASCD has the potential to become the biggest and most effective nonpartisan group in existence, and he reminded Leadership Council members to sign up to be Educator Advocates.

Hanzelka asked Leadership Council members to use the worksheet in their notebook materials to provide as much information as possible on local stories and data. He said that the questions on the worksheet relate to the five Legislative Agenda items, and he highlighted the question at the bottom of the page, “What can I do, as an ASCD leader, to advance the Legislative Agenda using my own professional connections?” He asked Leadership Council members to work in their cluster groups for 30 minutes to answer the questions.

Nancy Gibson, Illinois ASCD president and Position Action Team cochair, briefly reviewed the Legislative Committee’s January 2006 meeting and the development of the Legislative Agenda. Carlos Viera (FL), a cochair of the Position Development Team, said that the teams had met earlier in the morning to address questions and develop recommendations for Legislative Agenda work. Bill Fasano (RI), Position Development Team cochair, said that those questions would be posted on the Leadership Council Web board. He encouraged use of the Web board to facilitate these conversations, saying that the more information the Council has, the better, and this work should be completed by the end of April. Linda Mariotti (UT), cochair of the Position Action Team, said that the Position Action Team wants to be “put out of business”—the entire Council should become the Position Action Team. Mariotti encouraged Leadership Council members to sign up to be Educator Advocates.

Update on the Whole Child Initiative.

Executive Director Gene Carter said ASCD has a responsibility to meet the common good much more broadly. We are now striving to transition from a successful to a significant organization, and our organization is about addressing the needs of the whole child. We need to make a significant change in our work by shifting our focus from schooling to learning. Carter provided information on the members of the Commission. The Commission’s next meeting will take place in July in Washington, D.C, when it will move ahead with framing its report. Each Council member will have an opportunity to support this major Association initiative, which requires an ongoing commitment.

4. Review draft Leadership Council evaluation instrument.

President Freeley introduced Michaelene Meyer (OH), chair of the Leadership Council Evaluation Committee, who presented the draft of the evaluation instrument. Meyer reviewed the process the committee used to develop the document and acknowledged committee members Lavinia Dickerson (VA), RoAnne Elliott (MN), Frank McQuarrie (OK), Mary Nanavati (ON, Canada), Susan Pecinovsky (IA), and Gail Pope (VA).

She then reviewed the committee's charge.

Pecinovsky shared information about the development of the components, defined the descriptors, and reminded Council members that the document was still a draft. Dickerson led Council members in a "share and pair" activity in which they reviewed the nine outcomes, provided feedback on as many developed outcomes and descriptions as possible, recorded information on the last sheet, and returned those sheets to committee members.

Nanavati thanked Council members for their time and invited them to give further feedback by contacting a committee member. She said that the committee will meet again in July and will disseminate a final draft electronically for additional feedback. At its meeting during LEAP in the fall, the Council will move to adopt the final version of the evaluation instrument.

McQuarrie reminded Leadership Council members of the Evaluation Committee's journey. The work of the Evaluation Committee was started by action of this group at its September 2005 meeting. The committee will look closely at information received at this meeting.

President Freeley thanked the Evaluation Committee members for their hard work and said she looks forward to their continued efforts.

5. Appoint 2006–07 Nominations Committee.

President Freeley introduced Leadership Council–elected Board member Truesdale. Truesdale referenced the 2006–07 Nominations Committee proposed slate, included in the handouts, and said the slate was chosen by the Leadership Council Management Team (LCMT). She then asked LCMT members to stand and be recognized. Truesdale commented that the Team had augmented nominations provided by the Leadership Council for diversity. Truesdale (SC) moved, and Bill Fasano (RI) seconded, to adopt the proposed 2006–07 Nominations Committee slate of eight members and three alternates, and the motion carried.

The 2006–07 Nominations Committee members are Hilda Baca (CA), James Gallegos (NM), Susan Kerns (Germany), Al Leonard (SC), Carol Marcotte (ME), Steve Mazingo (NC), Carol Schmooch (MO), and Carlos Viera (FL); the three alternates are Margaret Edwards (OH), Denise Hernandez (Trinidad), and James Warnock (PA). President-Elect Hanzelka will appoint four carryover members (including the chair and cochair) after consulting with the current chair.

Freeley asked members of the 2005–06 Nominations Committee to stand and be recognized.

6. Conduct any other Leadership Council business and recognize outgoing Leadership Council members.

President Freeley asked for any additional items of business; there were none. She then recognized the outgoing Leadership Council members and thanked them for their faithful and courageous service.

7. Adopt strategies for Leadership Council follow-up.

Immediate Past President Martha Bruckner commented on her meeting with the 2005–06 Nominations Committee members at their training session last fall. She reviewed items that the Board had discussed at the request of the Nominations Committee, including a request to change ASCD policy to reflect Council members' responsibility to vote in the ASCD elections. She then mentioned a conversation that a Board member had with a new Council representative and said that the work of the Council is much more powerful now. Bruckner also referenced Mariotti's request that Council members "put the Position Action Team out of a job"—the entire Leadership Council should be the Position Action Team.

Martha Bruckner (NE) moved, and Bob Bruckner (NE) seconded, that Council members adopt the following three-part strategy:

- every Leadership Council participant who is here today will respond to a request about local successes or needs;
- every U.S. Leadership Council participant will be an ASCD Educator Advocate by April 15; and
- every U.S. Leadership Council participant will influence at least one other person to become an Educator Advocate by April 15.

The motion carried.

President Freeley reminded Council members that it is important to leave this meeting with a sense of purpose.

Thelma Spencer (MD) moved, and Doris Matthews (ID) seconded, to adjourn the meeting, and President Freeley declared the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

GRC/bdr