

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO

College Council Meeting Summary

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Meeting of October 3, 2007

Members Present: Jeremy Ball, Mike Claire, Tom Diskin, Susan Estes, Jennifer Hughes, Matt Kaidor, Bev Madden, Kathy McEachron, Olena Mykhaylichenko, Roger Nishimoto, Eileen O'Brien, Annie Theodos, Andreas Wolf

Members Absent: Amber Bruce, Fauzi Hamadeh, Daniel Keller

Review Meeting Agenda: Moved Budget Subcommittee Report to Item #3; tabled the Book Rental Program to the 11/7 meeting.

Budget Subcommittee: Virgil Stanford reported that the state budget which was adopted two months late, included the full 4.35% cola that had been recommended and 2% for growth, although our district is not a beneficiary of growth funds. The state also provided additional funds to offset the reduction in tuition but removed \$80 million out of the base for community colleges (after giving the system \$80 million the previous year).

Designated Smoking Area Policy: The members shared comments received by constituents that were both pro and con with regard to the designated smoking area policy. The students were not ready to agree to the proposal; Jennifer offered to speak with the Student Senate and clarify issues and discuss concerns with the students. Following much discussion, Council agreed that the subcommittee will continue to move forward by further refining the policy based on the condition that the Student Senate give consent so that it could be implemented in the coming months.

Educational Master Plan: Susan Estes described the charge of the committee; its composition, how the plan will relate to other existing college plans and the themes, issues and areas of concern that the educational master plan will address. She also explained that the plan will reflect a significant body of research. The co-chairs of the committee are Wolf and Jeremy Ball.

Parking Permits for ASB Leaders: the student proposal was discussed at length and included comments and concerns from constituent groups. Since the proposal may not be in compliance with district practices, Jennifer Hughes will discuss the matter with Harry Joel and college security staff. The decision on this issue was tabled until the November 7 meeting.

District Ethical Behavior Policy: Jeremy Ball reported that the district has convened a group to develop an ethical behavior policy. The committee's discussions have led to the realization that each constituency group has a separate set of issues and therefore, each group will articulate its own policy; the policies will be consolidated into one document.

Proposed Calendar Changes: Jeremy Ball reported that the district is revisiting the concept of a compressed calendar. In a compressed calendar, the academic year would begin after Labor Day, provide for a winter interim session, and shorten the duration of each semester to 15 weeks. He also explained that there are a number of benefits with the compressed calendar that other schools have experienced, including increased enrollment. Discussions on this matter will continue.

Submitted by V. Anderson