

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO

College Council Meeting Summary

College Council meetings are open to all members of the campus community

February 3, 2010

Members Present: Diana Bennett, Mike Claire, Susan Estes, Jose Gomez, Patrick Hop, Jennifer Hughes, David Locke, Michael Mitchell, Eileen O'Brien, Alex Quintana, Annie Theodos, Huy Tran, Andreas Wolf

Members Absent: Dean Drumheller, Steffi Santana

Review Meeting Agenda: Moved the item, Art on Campus" to the Feb. 17 meeting.

Review Meeting Summary of 12/2/2009: No changes were made.

Accreditation Update

Susan Estes reported that ACCJC has accepted the college's Follow-Up Report that was submitted in fall 2009. In addition, the college has prepared a substantive Change Report on distance education that is due to the Commission by Feb. 19. Work is currently underway on the Midterm Report that will be submitted in October 2010.

Budget Update

Mike Claire indicated that there is little change in the budget since the all-college email in December. The Governor's projected budget for 2010-11 was very supportive of higher education, however, the general feeling is that the proposal is unrealistic. Mike reported that the teach in, designed to increase awareness about state budget reductions, began today; it was well attended and he acknowledged the effort of the faculty and staff. The Board recently held a retreat to discuss the budget, and specifically the results of the poll taken to determine the voting public's support for either a third construction bond or a parcel tax. The polling company reported that there appears to be ample support for both measures. Mike explained that the Board is leaning toward the parcel tax in June as it would help alleviate budget reductions and considering a construction bond at a later date. The parcel tax would generate \$6-7 million toward the \$10 million deficit the district faces.

The Budget Planning Committee is in the process of building the budget for next year. While we are one of the few colleges with no major reduction to summer school offerings, we still need to identify \$1.5 million in permanent cuts for 2011-12.

IPC Update

Jennifer Hughes reported that institutional plans have been submitted to an ad hoc group. This group is reviewing plans and meeting with the committee chairs to provide feedback and recommend modifications. The plans represent the first effort in implementation of the new planning model. The next step is for the IPC to conduct formal assessments of planning efforts which is a requirement for accreditation.

Process to Reshape the College

Mike reported that a steering committee, chaired by Laura Demsetz and Huy Tran, has been formed to begin discussion about reshaping the College. The committee is examining the identity of the college in order to determine how to operate within the confines of a smaller budget. The group will establish broad criteria, include the percentage of the budget that should be devoted to transfer, career and technical curriculum, basic skills and lifelong learning. Other factors that will be considered include the role and future of KCSM and the Coastside operations, both of which will soon be decided by Board. The committee will be gathering information from the college community about what the college should look like in the future.

Announcements

**A task force is examining the possibility of reconfiguring the horticulture area; a recommendation will be forthcoming at the end of February.

**Today's Teach-in was a well attended event; it continues tomorrow.

**ASCSM held a Winter Retreat which included a visit to the Museum of Tolerance.

**English and PE faculty received an honorable mention award from the State Academic Senate for *Writing in the End Zone*.

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