The College Council meeting was postponed due to an insufficient quorum to approve any action items. The action items will be discussed at the May 24, 2007 meeting.

VI. Burning Issues, Quick News & Wrap Up

- Hearn provided an Academic Senate update with regards to emergency preparedness. In addition to Opening Day presentations, training manuals and email messages, there is a need for division meetings afterwards due to specific needs and issues within respective divisions. This would provide an opportunity for part-time faculty to participate.

- Hawk briefly described the Measure C adjustment which was approved by the Campus Budget Team and scheduled to be reviewed at the Board meeting. The original budget for the Auto Tech Measure E project was augmented by $400K with another request for $260K. As an cost-saving alternate, the program agreed to remove the covered structure if the project is over budget, while fire protection may only apply to the new building vs. the entire facility.

  A discussion followed as to how budgets are developed. Estimates are made based on cost per square foot and then amended per specific programs, ADA, finishing, upgrades, etc. A decision is made whether to fully fund a project or transfer monies between projects. Measure E had escalating costs resulting from increases in concrete, labor, materials, while Measure C has 6% escalation factors built in. There was consensus to bring this item to the board and to review at the next college council meeting.

- From IPBT and Campus Budget Teams there is an issues of “sweeping” budgets at year-end. There is a recommendation not to sweep the B budgets – the strategic planning B budgets.

- Patlan shared that 100 classified staff have signed up for the May 18 retreat.