COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, December 8, 2005  
Don Bautista Room  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
DRAFT


Absent:  R. Covington, C. Espinosa-Pieb, L. Jenkins, A. Khanna, B. Kline, J. Rueda, B. Seabra

I. Burning Issues (Work To Contract & Enrollment)

New College Council members for 2006:  T. Walton will be representing Student Services when K. Kyne retires in June 2006.  In addition, Paul Setziol as Academic Senate VP will represent the Instructional PBT as one of its co-chairs while Bill Baldwin will represent SEIU.

Discussion followed regarding “work-to-contract” which will commence Winter Quarter and implications for committee representation.  J. Miner and S. Heffner will meet to discuss how to proceed with regard to the Curriculum Committee with articulation deadlines.  A creative solution is needed regarding appropriation of funds to avoid a labor dispute.

As of December 6, enrollment was 40% down for priority students (athletes, international, DSS, EOPS students and staff); 1,000 of 2,700 hadn’t registered.  There are several possibilities for the enrollment decline: combination of holidays/extra week due to January 9 start date and “pay-to-stay”.  J. Miner will work with the deans to review wait lists, number of class sections, and dropped classes.  A proposal was made to extend “drop date” to December 31.  The first week in January will be key to enrollment.  In summary, enrollment patterns may need to be reviewed each quarter.

II. The College Council minutes of October 27, 2005 were approved by consensus.

III. Measure E Updates

The Board approved the Admin Building and California History Center renovation projects.  The Admin Building bid is on target while the CHC bid was two times original due to concrete costs.  The bid on the Performance Hall will be going to the Board on January 15; and design team meetings have been re-initiated.  We must demonstrate that we can pay the entire cost ($3 million+) of the Performance and Visual Arts Center in order to receive state matching funds.

A public hearing of the Environmental Impact Report for the west cottage removal and entries project was scheduled for the Dec 5 Board meeting with a final report due in February.

IV. Strategic Planning

This agenda item has been postponed til the first meeting in January.

V. Bond Update

J. Hawk shared information regarding a random survey taken of 600 voters.  The most notable findings included:
6A. If the election were held today on this measure, would you vote “yes,” in favor of it or “no,” to oppose it? 67% responded “yes”.

6B. If you knew that the bond would add $16 per $100,000 of assessed value, not market value, to property tax bills each year, would you vote “yes” or “no” on this bond? 72% responded “yes”.

6C. If you knew that the bond would add $8 per $100,000 of assessed value, not market value, to property tax bills each year, would you vote “yes” or “no” on this bond? 75% responded “yes”.

The threshold for a bond is 55% so this is a very positive indication

#10 with regard to possible problems that would be addressed if a bond measure were to pass. Less than 55% felt parking facilities, heating/ventilation/air or inadequate classrooms for health, fitness, and P.E. were serious.

#11 For those in favor of a measure to issue a bond, positive comments were made with regard to money being spent properly, providing student access to classrooms, labs, equipment and technology, earthquake safety standards, and additional “green” buildings.

In summary, there was a strong indication of support for a bond measure and for the campus and district. The Board will need to decide by March whether to proceed for a June 2006 election.

VI. Technology

B. Murphy distributed a proposed Technology Reorganization document providing background, current organization and proposed organization and requested feedback from the College Council. Board approval has been received for a Director of Technology Resources and Faculty Coordinator Instructional Design.

VII. Quick News

A. Callahan reported the DASB Katrina fundraiser raised a total of $1,600.