I. The College Council minutes of November 13 were approved.

II. Mediated Learning Center Design Presentation
Hawk provided a powerpoint presentation of the proposed Mediated Learning Center. This design proposal is a culmination of 1-1/2 years of work on behalf of the design committee, FA, classified professionals and administrators. Her presentation included the general footprint of the building, including the 40 and 100 seat classrooms, study areas, and program space. Anthropology and World History will occupy the first floor while Distance Learning, Staff Development and Technology Resources Group will occupy the second floor.

The building will be LEED platinum incorporating lots of natural light, functional windows, a floating skylight roof with transparent solar panels and airflow with columns and chilled water to ventilate the building. A terra cotta finished is proposed.

Hawk provided a directional orientation of the building with regard to vehicular roadways, quad, proximity to the learning center, California History Center, and Flint parking structure.

Discussion included the juxtaposition of building styles of Kirsch, VPAC and MLC with the rest of the campus. The new buildings are sustainable yet also dynamic and evolutionary. A comment was made that the eclectic styles of the campus is leading edge.

College Council approved the Mediated Learning Center design and this item will be brought to the January 20 Board meeting.

III. '09 – ‘10 Budget Strategies
Hawk presented information from the December 8 Town Hall meeting regarding the 2009-2010 Budget Outlook. Two district shortfall scenarios ($11.5 and $15M) were presented of which the De Anza College contribution would be 50% or $5.750M or $7.5M. Discussion followed regarding potential one-time strategies for the ’09-’09 ending balance of $1.525M from a portion of Strategic Planning Balances, 20% B Budget Augmentation Balances and Strategic Planning Initiative dollars. College Council members discussed these items in depth and raised many concerns around the impact and implications of using these dollars.
College Council agreed in principle to the recommendation by the Campus Budget Team to submit a budget strategy to the Board of Trustees on January 20. However, the group would like to adopt an approach that allows for some flexibility, with regards to reductions.

Agreements:

1. Budget office to generate current dollars available
2. Each area to develop contingency plans and consequences of proposed reductions
3. Strategic Initiatives

College Council agrees to sweep:

1. $800K Strategic Planning Set-Aside
2. $600K Strategic Planning Balances

We will have information on January 15 regarding proposed mid-year cuts from the Governor's office. At the next meeting we will schedule time to review budget adjustments.

IV. Measure E&C Updates

Hawk agreed to provide updates at a future meeting.

V. Burning Issues, Quick News, Wrap up

➢ VPAC Update: The VPAC is scheduled to be open full-time beginning Winter Quarter. The building will include a Performance Hall for instruction and performances, an Art History classroom, and Euphrat Museum. The building includes $2M in state-of-the-art technology equipment – more than any community college.

➢ Financial Aid – C. Castillo reported that in the ’07-’08 year there were 9,300 applications while in ’08-’09 there are 9,200 applications (with six months to go).