



COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, November 13, 2008
Admin #109, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Members: A. Argyriou, C. Castillo, , ~~R. Covington, C. Espinosa-Pieb,~~ B. Fink, ~~R. Griffin,~~ A. Guevara, ~~J. Hawk,~~
~~L. Jeanpierre,~~ L. Jenkins, A. Khanna, ~~C. Lam,~~ A. LaManque, S. Larson, C. Lee-Klawender,
B. Murphy, V. Nguyen, ~~M. Spatafore,~~ T. Sterling, M. Winters

I. Introductions

Newly-elected College Council members were introduced for the academic year '08-'09.

II. The College Council minutes of October 9 were approved by consensus – Handout #1

III. & IV. Budget Updates

B. Murphy provided information regarding the 2008-2009 Budget and Mid-Year reductions. A draft document will be presented to the Board of Trustees on December 1 for review.

The 2008-2009 budget includes an operating deficit of \$7.5M in ongoing expenses which was proposed and adopted by the Board of Trustees. Possible solutions to this deficit include: using ending fun balances of \$3.8M, transfer of \$1.5M from medical benefits savings, tax backfill of \$2M and \$200,000 funds from Foothill, De Anza and Central Services. Total one-time solutions total \$7.5M

We bridged the gap with one-time monies. However, we are looking at a \$20M ending fund balance deficit at the end of June 2009. Counting reserves of \$10M, stability funding and EIS backfill, we will have a \$7.7M operating deficit.

The Governor has called for action to balance the state budget which includes a current year reduction to community colleges funding. FHDA will have apportionment reduced by \$8M in the current year.

A potential solution to address these mid-year cuts would be to redirect carryover designated for 2009/2010 to address the 2008/2009 mid-year cuts. Other solutions include a freeze on hiring and a review of B budgets. 2009/2010 is the real issue with a total deficit range of \$11.5 - \$15.5M. On December 1, we will review possible parameters with the Board of Trustees, and will meet in mid-January for a retreat study session to discuss preliminary next steps. The Board will see if we have engaged in budget/planning review with a balanced budget by 2009/2010.

B. Murphy provided data on certificated faculty, administrative positions, supervisors, and classified staff by each campus and Central Services. Positions must be critical to the mission of the college. The FHDA CCD is also released from our full-time faculty obligation.

Each VP will convene with their management teams; each dean will convene with their faculty to review program mix and different ways to combine services. Categorical programs will be reviewed to see if resources can be shared. The budgets will go through the joint planning and budget team process. Academic and Classified Senates will also review and discuss priorities, with simultaneous discussions with FA, SEIU, and CSEA.

Politics will be led by K-12 with unions and school boards. Increased sales tax, top tax brackets, vehicle license fee increases are on the table. These items have typical 2-3 year cycles and we can grow our way out.

M. Winters made a request for data including ethnicity, gender, age, and declared major areas of study. This might help us prioritize – who we serve?

Discussion topics:

- student fees increase in winter and spring
- reimbursement of “enrichment” classes
- Borrowing against future years’ PELL grants apportionments
- Higher international student fees
- Enrollment over cap
- Natural attrition, interim positions
- Process question of PBTs, Campus Budget Team, College Council, President
- Budget Process Structure
- Next10.org
- Roles & responsibilities of PBTs, Academic Senate and College Council

V. DASB Topics

- College Mascot – T. Sterling shared connotations of our current mascot, the “Don” and a proposed change during Winter Quarter. The DASB will request that students submit mascot ideas with a draft design by mid quarter and will bring to College Council and Board of Trustees for approval in time for elections.
- DASB is preparing for a worst case budget scenario, accounts have been frozen and currently funded programs are being audited. The budget is being protected for next year’s senate. DASB income is being affected by decreases in student fees and flea market revenues.
- The DASB is reaching out to the CSU’s and UC’s for a march on Sacramento.