SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE
STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL

November 11, 2010
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room D-102

Summary

PRESENT: Rafael Alvarez, Debbie Berg, Dotti Cordell, Leslie Easton, Lou Humphries, Mary Jane Kruse, Cathi Lopez, Kathy McGinnis, Bonnie Peters, Gerald Ramsey, Greg Sanchez, Nesha Savage, Lance Soukhaseum, Megan Soto, Denise Whisenhunt, Peter White, Debra Wright-Howard

STAFF: Lydia Gonzales (for Desiree van Saanen)

A. GENERAL UPDATE

- **SDSU Transfer** – The deadline to apply for spring 2011 transfer to SDSU is November 15; the deadline for fall 2011 is November 30. Peter asked the council members to encourage students to apply. He predicts the number of spring transfers accepted by SDSU will restrict the number of accepted fall 2011 transfers. Students need to be advised that the submission of transcripts will be required within two weeks of acceptance.

- **UCSD Transfer** – UCSD held a transfer event in the Saville Theatre yesterday. UCSD Chancellor Marge Anne Fox answered questions from students. Liz Vargas and Outreach Ambassadors registered over 216 students for the event. Peter complemented Bonnie and Liz on a well organized event.

- **SB 1440** – SB 1440 is the newly approved legislation that will give students who earn an associate degree for transfer a direct route to upper division coursework at CSUs. It is expected that the number of degrees granted will increase and there will be a direct affect on college curriculum. Right now state-wide bodies including the academic senate, student services officers, transfer directors are collaborating as an implementation task force. The academic senate is drafting templates for heavily transferred degrees. Changing college degree requirements are being considered. There is also an option to maintain existing degree requirements and submit an application for SB 1440 status to the State Chancellor’s Office.

- **SB 1143** – This new senate bill is an attempt to allocate funds with some note of student success. State Chancellor Office will form a taskforce to review, research, and decide how funding should link to student learning outcomes. Peter advised council members to read a related article by Nancy Shulock, “Taking the Next Step: The Promise of Intermediate Measures for Meeting Postsecondary Completion Goals”, Jeremy Offenstein and Nancy Shulock, September 2010. http://www.csus.edu/ihelp/PDFs/R_TakingtheNextStep_091410.pdf
A. GENERAL UPDATE (continued)

- **Accelerated Basic Skills Courses** – There is nationwide concern about basic skills retention and success. Rather than a long sequence of classes, City and Mesa faculty are working towards condensing and accelerating the path to transfer level courses. Faculty at City are offering one section of English 265B this fall. English 265B is a locally approved pilot course that prepares students with basic skill level assessment scores for transfer level English courses. City plans to offer two sections in spring 2011. Mesa is offering three English 265B sections this fall and plans to offer 1-3 sections in spring 2011. Peter stated that he and Mary Benard fully support the goal to accelerate the basic skills process for students, but there are implementation problems. Peter mentioned that the Title V grant includes funds for developing accelerated programs and research. Debra Wright-Howard asked whether students were pre-selected to enroll in English 265B. Peter responded that enrollment for 265B was completely open. Students were informed of the course goal by counselors prior to registration and during the first class meeting. Rafael Alvarez expressed his enthusiasm for the accelerated process as he believes it is a win-win for both student and college success.

B. UPDATE ON REPLACEMENT OF DEAN OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT – INTERIM

The interviews for Interim Dean of Student Development and Matriculation have been postponed. President Burgess will conduct interviews as soon as his schedule allows. The search for a permanent replacement will begin in January.

C. UPDATE ON TITLE V COMMITTEE – ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT

The Title V Steering Committee is composed. Others who are not officially on the committee may attend meetings and can be added to a side-list of names to receive mailings and information. Lori Erreca will chair the search committee for the Program Activity Manager position. Elva Salinas is the professional development coordinator. Yesenia Gonzales is the First Year Experience (FYE) coordinator. At this time a front door coordinator has not been named. Lance Soukhaseum will be the structured learning assistance (SLA) coordinator. Peter worked with Mary Granderson to make up the $12,000 difference between the amount the college requested ($649,000) and the amount the college was granted ($637,000).

D. PROGRAM UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Peter shared that the Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation wants to create a consortium to develop strategies, review laws, and jointly plan models to be used by other schools. The district has agreed to be part of the consortium and City will head-up the operation because of the high number of students who qualify for Pell grants. City, Los Rios, Foothill, and De Anza colleges are included in a single proposal. The Gates Foundation requires partner districts obtain approval signatures of the chancellors, academic senates, and labor unions on the proposal. Peter shared that AFT has concerns and is currently reviewing the proposal, but has not signed. The deadline to submit the proposal is next Friday. Peter shared that the good news is City has already proposed or is already doing the things addressed in the proposal. The bad news is that the Gates Foundation grants often come with intrusive technical assistance teams. The first year of the grant will be inter-institutional work between the four colleges.
D. PROGRAM UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

- **Athletics** - Kathy McGinnis shared Men’s Soccer won the conference title and will play their first playoff game on November 20. This is the fourth time in five years that the team has won the conference title. Men’s Basketball season opener is Friday at 7:00pm. Those wearing Knights attire will get in free. Athletics has begun the Food Pantry competition.

  Kathy McGinnis says she needs student participants to run concessions at athletic events. It is an opportunity for clubs or groups to raise money. Denise Whisenhunt will give Kathy names of club advisors.

- **DPS&S** - Debra Wright-Howard announced that the college will soon have an electronic cart intended to transport disabled students in emergency situations. The cart seats six people and wheelchair space. The cart was purchased with DSPS ARRA dollars. At this point it is unclear where the cart will be stored. There are liability issues to be addressed. Kathy McGinnis stated that she can provide a qualified driver. Debra sees irony in the district’s willingness to purchase the cart and yet the college cannot afford pay for interpreters for our students. Peter shared that according to Scott Lay, President of CCLC, the 4-6 year outlook for California community colleges is not good.

- **Admissions/Records** - Lou Humphries shared that Admissions now has an online center that includes eight stations where students can submit an application. She and her staff are developing a traffic direction plan. Peter asked whether a queuing system would make a difference in how we serve our students. Greg Sanchez shared that he has been in communication with Lynn Neault about the need for such a system. Peter believes a ticket/number system similar to the DMV would create a nicer atmosphere for students.

- **Mental Health Counseling** - Leslie Easton announced that Danielle Castillo is leaving at the end of November. She is in the process of hiring another adjunct.

- **Student Affairs** - Denise Whisenhunt announced that the college commencement will take place Friday, May 21, 2011.

- **EOPS/CARE** - Gerald Ramsey shared that EOPS is looking at how the college communicates with students and the pros and cons of social media. John Rivera will develop an awareness and information campaign on the consequences of social media. Leslie Easton agreed to provide contact information for a presenter. Peter suggested the information be a part of student orientation. He said the Title V grant includes a goal of moving away from single-baptism orientation to a model that is ongoing. Cathi Lopez stated that Counseling has already augmented the orientation to include an online component as well as a meeting with a counselor.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2010

SPRING 2011 MEETINGS (Please Calendar):

| January 13 | April 14 |
| February 10 | May 12 |
| March 10 | May 12 |
Note: All meetings will be held 1-2:30 p.m. in room D-102.