SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE
STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL

November 13, 2008
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room D-102

Summary

PRESENT: Margie Aguayo, Rafael Alvarez, Julie Barnes, Heidi Bunkowske, Leslie Easton, Marilyn Harvey, Lou Humphries, Mary Jane Kruse, Bernice Lorenzo, Kathy McGinnis, Christina Monaco, Bonnie Peters, Alyson Ponomarkenko, DeeDee Porter, Gerald Ramsey, Greg Sanchez, Megan Soto, Denise Whisenhunt, Peter White

STAFF: Desiree van Saanen

WELCOME AND ROUNTABLE INTRODUCTIONS:

Council welcomed Adela Powers to the SSC. She is representing Lance Soukhaseum and the Tutoring Center.

A. UPDATE FROM DISTRICT SSC – None

B. UPDATES – CITY COLLEGE

**Categorical Site Visits** – Reports for the Categorical site visits for CalWORKs, Matriculation, DSPS and EOPS/CARE have been completed for submission to District. The reports in turn will be sent to Barbara Kwoka of the California Community Colleges Systems Office in Sacramento. Actual dates for the team visits have not yet been set, and it is anticipated that budgetary constraints may make team visits difficult. VP White indicated that with the significant reduction in allocations to categorical programs this year, it may not be the best time to assess program success. Peter will send an email to Ms. Kwoka for scheduled visitation dates.

Council discussed concerns regarding the uncertain future of categorical programs that face significant funding reductions. Peter will meet with categorical managers in the near future to develop strategies for conservation during the difficult times ahead.

**“L” Building Remodel** – Equipment designation for the L Building is completed. Peter will check with Tom Fine to confirm the March 30 deadline for completion of construction. He further indicated that while most changes will be completed by the deadline, some non-structural amendments to earlier plans will need to wait until after opening day.

**Classified Hourly Hiring (NANCEEs)** – Peter reported that Carol Dexheimer reviewed a list of Classified positions provided by the District and identified several positions that actually fall into the “Professional Expert” category. Those positions remaining in classified status (many of which are less than 1.0 FTE) will become permanent and their cost will be absorbed by funds from classified permanent vacant positions. Council also discussed strategies for dealing with split positions (i.e. positions that are shared between two or more departments) and for contract employees who are working hourly classified assignments on the side.
C. ROUNDTABLE AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Financial Aid** – Greg Sanchez expressed concern over the Governor’s proposal to raise community college tuition to $26 per unit effective January 1. Since students have already started enrolling in Spring courses at $20 per unit, passage of this legislation would require a deferment of costs to students.

Greg indicated he is sitting on two interview committees for Financial Aid: Student Services Assistant and Student Services Supervisor I. Nine candidates will be interviewed for the Student Services Assistant position. The hiring committee for the Supervisor I position is currently screening applications.

**TRIO** – Cathi Lopez reported that TRIO’s is preparing their Annual Performance Report, which is due by the end of November.

**College Bookstore** – DeeDee Porter announced that the deadline for submission of textbook requisitions was yesterday (November 12). To date, less than 40 percent of requisitions have been returned. Books ordered after this date will not be eligible for the 60% buyback opportunity that the Bookstore offers students. Also, students are generally less successful in class when their books are not available in a timely manner. She noted that even though requests and reports are sent out routinely, this problem persists, especially among adjunct faculty.

**Mental Health Counseling** – Leslie Easton reported that SDCC will partner with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and support the California Community College Mental Health & Wellness Association’s SAMHSA Suicide Prevention grant proposal. Over a three-year period, SDCC will contribute approximately $11,000 of staff time used to track evaluations, train staff on suicide prevention, and prepare presentations, research data, and much more.

**Counseling** – Bonnie Peters reported that the lobby in Counseling is full. She urged Council to tell students to sign up for orientations. Unfortunately, orientation registration cannot yet be done online.

**MASTER PLANNING PRIORITIZATION SESSION** – General SDCC Student Services Council adjourned for Master Planning Equipment Prioritization session of key Student Services areas.

**NEXT MEETING DATES (2008-09).** Meetings are scheduled 1-2:30 p.m., Room D-102.

**2008**
December 11

**2009**
January 8
February 12
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11