SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE
STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL

December 11, 2008
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room D-102

Summary

PRESENT:  Margie Aguayo, Rafael Alvarez, Julie Barnes, Dotti Cordell, Leslie Easton, Denise Hollis, Lou Humphries, Mary Jane Kruse, Bernice Lorenzo, Larry Maxey, Cathi Lopez, Christina Monaco, Alyson Ponomarkenko, DeeDee Porter, Gerald Ramsey, Greg Sanchez, Megan Soto, Lance Soukhaesem, Denise Whisenhunt, Peter White

STAFF:  Desiree van Saanen

WELCOME AND ROUNTABLE INTRODUCTIONS:

The SDCC Student Services Council meeting was convened at 1:30 to allow members to attend this year’s Holiday Luncheon.

A. BUDGET UPDATE

Vice President White distributed copies of a summary of the State’s budget deficit that was presented by President Burgess at President’s Council. The summary provides an update on the State’s budget situation and how anticipated cutbacks will manifest within the District and locally at City College. It also outlines and contrasts the Governor’s proposal in comparison to the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) proposal. The 5.1% statewide reduction to general apportionment offered by the governor would mean a reduction of at least $10 million for SDCCD. The LAO’s proposal is much more lenient and includes the elimination of the .68% COLA, increasing fees to $26/unit, and decreasing funding of certain physical education courses from the “credit Rate” ($4565) to the “Regular Noncredit Rate” ($2745). The District is projecting reductions of approximately $5 million, a midpoint between the Governor’s and LAO’s proposals.

Peter explained that colleges/sites will experience reductions in direct proportion to their percentage of SDCCD general budget apportionment. City College’s portion (16.90 percent) of mid-year reductions would amount to $607,399. The sum is based on a projected reduction of $5 million, less $1.4 in district-wide academic salary savings, totaling $3,595,628.

Council discussed President Burgess’s strategies for reducing expenditures through salary savings on academic vacancies and vacant classified positions, utilizing the ending balance reserve, reducing hourly temporary workers, possible reductions in reassigned time, cancelling June short-term summer session, and by utilizing categorical funds to offset or absorb general fund expenditures where appropriate. We will further look into a 10-percent “set aside” within categorical programs and grants to cover general fund expenses where allowable per program restrictions. However, the SDCCD community remains diligent in its commitment to maintaining core programs, avoiding layoffs of permanent staff, avoiding reductions in compensation, and maintaining comprehensive health/Welfare package. President Burgess is especially committed to protecting City’s schedule of classes.
A. BUDGET UPDATE (continued)

President Burgess will present a budget update and provide a questions/answer period during a SDCC Town Hall on Monday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the Staff Lounge.

Peter asked Department deans/managers to work with staff in planning for service reductions in office hours, staff, services, etc. He also asked categorical directors to provide to him a definition of their program’s restrictions regarding “supplanting” and related interpretations.

Strategies to help staff and students deal with the changes occurring as a result of the economic downturn were discussed. It was noted that staff may need training on how to defuse tension when students become irritated due to reduced services. Peter will contact June Cressy to see if a component can be incorporated into the Staff Retreat exercises on January 7 and 8. He will also look into sending a “blast” to students apprising them of the economic situation and what they may do to help mitigate problems.

B. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT SSC

The Districtwide Basic Skills Symposium scheduled for February 20 has been cancelled, although one may be scheduled for latter spring depending on the readiness of the campuses.

No dates have been set for state categorical site visits.

C. CITY UPDATE – MASTER PLANNING / PROGRAM REVIEW

Peter White reported that the VPs and Salley Deaton met to discuss allocation of IELM monies and agreed to an apportionment pending the Board meeting in January. Distribution was tentatively agreed as follows:

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It was agreed that a sum of $50,000 would be reserved off the top for SLO software and installation. Mesa and Miramar Colleges will also contribute equal shares for the same software. It is anticipated that grant money may be obtained to cover library equipment, computers and other big-ticket items.

D. ROUNDTABLE

*Rafael Alvarez* – encouraged Council to review the 2008 SDCCD Fact Book, which is currently on the SDCCD website. This resource composes and analyzes five years of enrollment trends within the District. Statistics specific to City College include an increase in Latino enrollment of 151 percent over five years (from 535 to 1,343), and a 90 percent increase in African American enrollment (from 235 to 447).
D. ROUNDTABLE (continued)

_Debra Wright Howard_ noted that as of January 1, ADA will amend the legal interpretation of “service animals” on campus. In the future, exotic and/or “comfort” animals will be excluded from the service category and will no longer be allowed on campus. Those that are allowed on campus must first be approved through the DSPS office.

NEXT MEETING DATES (2009). Meetings are scheduled 1-2:30 p.m., Room D-102.

2009
(January meeting to be determined)
February 12
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11