SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE
STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL

January 12, 2012
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room B-104

Summary

PRESENT: Heidi Bunkowski, Dotti Cordell, Maria Elena Delgado, Helen Elias, Denise Hollis, Mary Jane Kruse, Lou Humphries, Cathi Lopez, Bonnie Peters, Gerald Ramsey, Greg Sanchez, Denise Whisenhunt, Peter White, Debra Wright-Howard, Xi Zhang

STAFF: Desiree van Saanen

I. REPORT FROM DISTRICT SSC

Student Success Task Force Recommendations Update - On Monday, January 10 the Board of Governors approved the recommendations presented by the Student Success Task Force. Council members discussed implications and cost of implementation, and how some of the recommendations (i.e., caps on BOG fee waivers, prescriptive Basic Skills requirements, and emphasis in full-time student status) may further restrict many disadvantaged students. The plan goes next to the state Legislature for approval. Several recommendations require funding; however, Gov. Jerry Brown's 2012-13 budget proposal does not include money for the plan. It was explained that the original recommendations called for several cost-cutting measures, which if approved, could have provided a source of funding for overall implementation. However, the final report did not include many of the “cost saving” recommendations. It was agreed that while some recommendations will ultimately improve services and programs, it is clear that others are simply strategies for rationing services for the purpose of saving money. To review the final report, go to:
To view changes made to the original report, go to:
http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/StudentSuccessTaskForce/SSTF_taskforce_ememo_111411.pdf

Peter and the CSSOs are collaborating on a grid that identifies steps needed to be taken for the implementation of each recommendation. He will share the grid with Council once it is completed.

Council discussed the need to have an inclusive meeting to discuss these recommendations and implications to programs and Basic Skills. Mary Jane suggested, and Council agreed, to advocate for scheduling more Basic Skills courses over the summer. They also discussed the possibility of bringing back to campus the Basic Skills courses that City provides at SDSU.
I. REPORT FROM DISTRICT SSC (continued)

Budget – Peter cautioned Council members that the 2012-13 fiscal year will likely duplicate last year’s budget. Although next year’s budget was built around anticipated tax increases providing more revenue, the new monies do not come close to closing the gap. At District, a conversation has begun to look at faculty and classified vacancies to identify where the most critical needs exist. We may need to implement the strategy of moving positions around districtwide to accommodate these critical needs. At City College, the most critical needs are in DSPS and the Transfer/Career Center.

II. PLANS FOR A AND M-BUILDING REMODELS

Peter indicated that since plans were finalized for the M-Bldg remodel, it was discovered that an earthquake fault runs directly under M. While we do not need to tear the building down, its use and remodeling options are limited. The plans to turn the downstairs into the bookstore and upstairs into the new Student Affairs/Student Club facility are now on hold. We are now looking at possibly utilizing part of the T-bldg as an A/T-building remodel. Peter added that we will also want to consider space for temporary offices (for “swing” programs) and a Veterans Resource Center. Peter will convene departmental work groups to review program space and function needs.

III. PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Peter will forward the Priority Registration procedure to managers and supervisors once groupings have been finalized at the district level. The revised format will be effective Fall 2012.

IV. APPLICATION DEADLINE AND INFORMATION TENT

The Information Tent has received very little traffic this week. Next spring, we will plan to schedule the information tent for the week following the MLK Parade. Council members discussed the July 1 application deadline for Fall 2012; however, concern was expressed that July 1 falls on a Sunday. July 9 was also discussed as a possible application deadline.

V. RUMOR CONTROL

No news regarding Summer 2012.

VI. PROGRAMS & SERVICES UPDATES

Student Development (Student Success Initiative/Title 5) – Bonnie reported the Career Center is currently working on SDSU supplemental applications. However, a leak in the Career Center’s ceiling has forced staff to be moved to the Counseling area. If problems persist and Career Center staff Joe and Tandy need to move locations, they will post a note on the door that directs students to Counseling for assistance.

Bonnie is working with Xi, Phyllis Sensenig and Mary Granderson to complete the Title 5 Year End Report, which is due next week.
VI. PROGRAMS & SERVICES UPDATES (continued)

**Student Health Services** – Dotti distributed copies of the procedures and forms for reporting student accidents and injuries. Dotti praised the District’s new Risk Manager, Kandra Olsen for her work in streamlining and improving the accident/injury procedures. While most such cases should continue to be referred to Student Health Services or 911/dispatch depending on the severity of the injury/illness, each department should have the new procedures and forms on hand. She emphasized that having the proper procedures and forms in place in our departments will help to ensure that uninsured students are not billed for ambulance and other medical services. Council discussed strategies for distributing the procedural information to everyone. Athletics employees, deans, and evening personnel need to be in the know.

Dotti further reported that SHS is almost back to normal working hours. Current hours are 8am-4:30pm, M-R; 8am-12noon, Fridays. Peter suggested SHS offer evening services one day per week (i.e., 10am – 6pm). Dotti thanked Peter for his help in restoring needed funds/hours to the program.

**New Horizons** – The New Horizons program has been relocated to A-113C, within the Financial Aid area. Office hours are 8:30am-4:00pm, TWR. Mary Jane distributed a program flier and indicated she will send program information via a DL.

**DSPS** – The new District Service Animal policy (AP 3105.2) is now online at http://sdcdd.edu/public/district/policies/ The updated policy is in compliance with ADA Title III (4.2300). DSPS will soon have the updated policy posted on the City College website.

**Student Affairs** – Denise Whisenhunt reminded Council members to attend this year’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. This year’s event will be held Sunday, January 15. City representatives should plan to arrive around 12noon. The parade will begin at 2pm. The theme will be the same as last year’s: “Education Not Incarceration.” T-shirts will be available.

**Financial Aid** – Greg alerted Council of several changes—and challenges for students and staff alike—to expect in the 2012-13 academic year.

- Tuition increase to $46/unit
- BOGFW Section C Change – In the past showing $1 of need could qualify for the full BOGFW. Effective Fall 2012, this “minimum need” will be raised to $1,104.
- BOGFW eligibility – (1) Students who have earned more than 110 units will not be eligible to receive the waiver based on the Student Success Task Force’s recommendation. However, legislation must be passed for this to become effective. (2) All new students will need to have a high school diploma or GED in order to qualify for federal and state financial aid. This does not apply to the BOG Fee Waiver.
- Lifetime limit on PELL – Chanced from 9 years to 6 years full-time equivalent.
- Student Loans – The interest rate for subsidized federal loans will jump to 6.8% unless congress moves the debt ceiling. The interest rate for the same loan today is at 3.4%.
VII. PROGRAMS & SERVICES UPDATES (Financial Aid - continued)

Greg further reported that a new IRS data retrieval system will allow FAFSA applicants to imbed tax information directly into their application. The new option will be available February 1 for students and/or their parents who have already filed their 2011 taxes. The system will no longer allow copies to be attached. However, students can request tax transcripts be sent directly, for which there is generally a three-day turnaround.

**EOPS** – Gerald announced that the Chancellor’s Office will award the statewide EOPS program with a one-time $1 million budget augmentation from the California State Assembly to provide textbook assistance to EOPS students in the 2011-12 academic year. After equitable distribution, SDCC will receive approximately $8,000.

**In Remembrance** – Council members paused to remember Jerry Davis and reflect upon his contributions to SDCCD and his remarkable character. It was noted City College was well represented at Jerry’s memorial and funeral services. He will be missed by all.

**SPRING 2012 SSC REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE:** All meetings—except where noted otherwise—are held 1:00-2:30 p.m., Conference Room D-102.

- January 26 (1/26 meeting in D-121A)
- February 9, 23
- March 8, 22
- April 26 (1:00-3:00 p.m.)
- May 10, 24
- June 7, 28 (1st & 4th Thursdays)