SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE PLANNING COUNCIL
April 8, 2008
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
A218C

MINUTES


ABSENT: D. Cooper

GUEST: J. Romo

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Jack Friedlander called the meeting to order.

1.1 Approval of the minutes of the March 4th CPC meeting.

M/S/C [Guillen/Molloy] to approve the minutes of the March 4th meeting. Liz Auchincloss and Carlos Ramirez abstained.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Yasmine Eskandari has been selected to the Phi Theta Kappa All-California First Team and has also been selected for Second Team All-USA. SBCC student Patrick Bakony made second team All-California Phi Theta Kappa. They received their awards last week in Sacramento.

2.2 Ralph Black has left the Chancellor's Office to take a job as the Legislative Director for the Department of Rehabilitation.

2.3 Mark Ferrer attended a statewide Academic Senate sponsored workshop on SLOs and Ignacio Alarcon went to an Area “C” Senate meeting. Mr. Alarcon said that since January, 14 colleges have been put on probation by WASC. The list of colleges on warning is even longer. The rubric for evaluating institutional effectiveness – Part I: Program Review was distributed and briefly discussed as to what WASC will expect at the time of its site visit to the college.

3.0 Information Items

3.1 Bond measure update: John Romo (Addressed first on agenda)
President John Romo provided the Council with an educational status report on the efforts that have and that he would like to take place to educate the community about Measure V; the projects in the bond, the process for identifying these projects, and the importance of these projects. Sue Ehrlich offered that the college already has some well-developed educational materials including some FAQs and some visual, easy to understand, explanations of the projects. She asked how best to disseminate this information. President Romo said to notify his office and he will put anyone in touch with the appropriate person. Liz Auchincloss confirmed that CSEA does have the right to send out newsletters, to endorse Measure V if they choose to do so, and to disseminate information with the CSEA label. John Romo said the IA and CSEA do have this flexibility to move into the campaign area. He said the campaign has resources to help them in this regard as well. There is educational information on our website as well as FAQs. If anyone needs clarification on the “educational” vs. “advocacy” aspects of the campaign, please contact Sue Ehrlich. Jack Friedlander thanked John Romo for the exceptional job he is doing in enlisting community support for Measure V.

John Romo said he is distributing to the community a document entitled, “Economic Impact Report”, which is a statement to the community that focuses on the positive impact of SBCC. SBCC is one of the largest employers in the South Coast area and is a major contributor to the vitality of the South Coast; it is a major provider of training and education for people who are here or come here to work in the community; and its employees and students purchase a significant amount of goods and services in the community.

3.2 Director of Facilities and Maintenance for Continuing Education Centers

Joe Sullivan said the position “Director – Wake and Schott Facilities” is a full-time position that Alex Pittman is going to be filling and will report to the Vice President of Continuing Education effective May 1. He will be responsible for addressing facilities needs at the Wake and Schott Centers and supervising custodians, maintenance workers and groundskeepers. Mr. Sullivan said that Julie Hendricks will handle campus development and facilities projects for the Mesa campus for which her current job description covers. An assistant Director of Facilities to be hired pending funding will support Ms. Hendricks. He said we will be advertising for that position but we will not hire anyone unless the bond passes. The money for that position will come from funds that we now use for consultants who have been used in the past but who we will no longer employ. This money will go to pay an assistant director’s salary. This will be from existing money. He said that the Continuing Education VP will have a lot of responsibility for supervising Mr. Pitman’s position. He said if the bond passes, then we will accelerate the planned facilities projects at the Wake and Schott Centers.

3.3 State budget update

Joe Sullivan gave an update on the projected state budget. He said advocacy taking place is to temper the size of the Governor’s proposed budget reductions for community colleges. The primary issue Mr. Sullivan sees is that of a deficit factor of
over 1.5 percent which translates to $1,243,000 from the college’s 2007-08 budget. The most disturbing news is the deficit number is going to climb and we don’t know what it is going to be. Every percent of the deficit factor results in a reduction of $740,000. The other issue is that the state funds have not been identified to backfill the deficit factor. This loss of revenue would carry forward to the college’s base budget for 2008-09. If we end up with a three-percent deficit factor of $2.5m, our base budget would be reduced by this amount for this year and next year. Joe Sullivan said this will be discussed at the next Board study session.

3.4 Revised timeline for the Drama-Music modernization project and the revised plan for locating some of the modular buildings

Joe Sullivan detailed the process of trying to put the modular “swing space” buildings off Loma Alta St. However, there was an issue with a 50-foot retaining wall. Because of the nature of the ground and the hillside, plus new regulations that went into effect on January 1st, the retaining wall would need to have borings 32 feet deep and 14 feet above the ground in places. The estimated cost of installing the retaining wall was $900,000. He said the reality is that we can’t put those building there because of cost and the time needed to have new plans approved. An alternative site is the turn-around on West Campus. Joe presented a drawing for the proposed site to locate the temporary buildings and the plan for enhancing the esthetics of the buildings. The plan is to have the buildings removed after the seven years needed for “swing” space on the campus. We will not lose any parking but it is the area where parking is planned for the SoMA building.

3.5 Update on hiring new/replacement faculty

Jack Friedlander said the hiring is going well. As of now, we have hired the most diverse group of faculty that we have had in recent memory. There are still a few positions for which final interviews have not taken place.

4.0 Discussion items

4.1 Review of proposed changes to the College’s Mission Statement

Jack Friedlander informed the Council that EC and Deans Council have made suggested changes to the draft of the mission statement. The Council discussed and made its changes to the statement. The changes will be again brought before the consultation bodies.

4.2 Review of the proposed changes to the goals and objectives to be included in the College Plan: 2008-2011

The Council reviewed suggested changes by Deans Council and EC [up to Goal 4] and discussed and made additional changes to the document which will be reviewed again by the consultation bodies.

5.0 Other Items
6.0 Adjournment

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.