SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE PLANNING COUNCIL
December 18, 2006
10:00 a.m. to Noon
A218C
MINUTES


ABSENT: S. Broderick (Molloy proxy), S. Ehrlich, B. Partee

GUESTS: P. English (for S. Ehrlich), H. Arrington, E. Borlaug (for K. Russell)

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Approval of the minutes of the October 31st and December 12th CPC meetings.

M/S/C [Molloy/Guillen] to approve the minutes of the October 31st CPC meeting.

M/S/C [Guillen/Molloy] to approve the minutes of the December 12th CPC meeting.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Jack Friedlander said that from his perspective, it has been a fantastic semester. Although the data will not be available until mid-January to substantiate the following observation, he believes more students stayed beyond the first census week this semester than in past years.

3.0 Information Items

3.1 Jack Friedlander informed the Council that Jane Craven has announced that she will retire at the end of the academic year.

4.0 Action Items

4.1 CPC's recommendation on the projects to include in the District's Long-Range Capital Construction Plan (LRCCP)

Jack Friedlander said that in addition to the recommendation presented by President Romo and EC for projects to be included in the LRCCP, he has received two additional requests for consideration. One is to add a project to modernize the Student Services Building and to locate a suitable facility to accommodate staff that will not be
able to fit within this facility. Dr. Friedlander said that Keith McLellan made the point that this was something that he had requested, however, since there was no plan, he was told to “hold off”. Jack Friedlander said he forwarded the statement based on this project being considered with the ones listed in the “priority projects with no funding identified” as a placeholder.

The second request came from the PE/Athletics Division (distributed at meeting). The Division indicated in its request that when their projects were listed in the category of “immediate and priority projects with no funding identified” for a PE/Athletics renovation, the number one is $100,000 to renovate the softball field at Pershing Park. Although this is a facility maintenance project because of its scope they requested that it be on the list.

M/S [Molloy/Garey] to accept John Romo’s and EC’s recommendations for the LRCCP with the following recommendations/changes/revisions: (1) that the general classroom building be giving equal priority with the Humanities Building renovation/replacement (moving the general classroom building, West Campus from low to a higher priority); (2) add the softball park renovation to the PE/Athletics projects (listed under immediate priorities); and (3) recommend that Drama/Music Phase II receive the same priority for local funding as SoMA.

Discussion: Dr. Friedlander indicated that there is no one attending CPC today to represent Dean Ben Partee in his absence. Tom Garey said this motion is in line with the Academic Senate and the Planning and Resources Committee recommendations. Mr. Garey said the question raised is about the way Drama/Music is described versus the way SoMA is described since essentially they are very similar in terms of their status. He questioned why the distinction is made given the priority given to fundraising for the balance that is needed to complete the project.

Jack Friedlander said that although he may be over-stepping his role as chair, had Ben Partee or Keith McLellan (representing Dr. Partee) been in attendance, either would most likely have asked the Council to consider as part of the priorities to add the Student Services Building proposal on the list of projects. Kathy Molloy said she debated this suggestion but since it hasn’t been through the same kind of consultation process she would feel uncomfortable making that recommendation as a Senate representative although she would personally make the recommendation. Jack Friedlander said that this proposal was made to him and he took it to John Romo. There was no study done on it and it was decided to wait to see what the enrollment patterns would be when we are using Banner. It was decided that at some time it would be added to the list of projects submitted to the Board but at this late date in the process it is not included in the draft of the LRDP. Liz Auchincloss suggested it be added to the list under “more distant future possibilities”. Kathy Molloy said she would be comfortable with that option.
Liz Auchincloss amended the motion to add this project to the “more distant future possibilities” category. Kathy Molloy and Tom Garey accepted the amendment to the original motion.

The amended motion was carried unanimously.

Geoff Thielst asked what are the practical implications of moving the Drama/Music Phase II to the status of SoMA. Tom Garey responded that it would be to receive funds to finish the job, period. Joe Sullivan added that CPC makes the recommendations to the President and the Foundation then sets priorities insofar as fundraising.

5.0 Other Items

5.1 The next meeting of CPC will be January 23rd.

5.2 Kathy Molloy inquired whether it would be appropriate to make a motion that the college go through a similar process in the future that has been done for developing the Long Range Capital Construction Priorities. Jack Friedlander said that the Academic Senate appreciated being involved in this process. Jack Friedlander and Kathy Molloy agreed that as projects are being formulated to engage CPC and the Academic Senate and to leave an adequate amount of time for a full discussion. At Geoff Thielst's suggestion, the discussion was tabled for another time. John Romo will be informed that the Council applauds his efforts for engaging the college community in this process of developing the Long Range Capital Construction Priorities.

5.3 Tom Garey asked whether CPC wanted to take a position on encouraging the Board to positively consider a bond issue.

M/S/C [Garey/Molloy] that considering the number of projects that are needed as well as the need for new and/or improved facilities, that the college president and the Board of Trustees give serious consideration to undertaking a local bond measure to support some of these projects.

5.4 Jack Friedlander announced that last Friday was the graduation ceremony for the Marine Diving Technology program of which Council member Geoff Thielst is a faculty member. He said all of the graduates spoke about how much the program has contributed to their acquiring the skills and knowledge that have made it possible for them to be hired in excellent high-paying jobs. Dr. Friedlander said it was very gratifying to hear the accolades Mr. Thielst received from his students. He said the faculty members’ rapport with the students and the impact of the successful completion of this program on their lives was incredible. He congratulated Geoff on his contribution to this successful program.

6.0 Adjournment