



Governing Council Meeting

Nov. 3, 2009 minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

President Diana Bennett
Vice President Huy Tran
Secretary Lloyd Davis
**Creative Arts/
 Social Science** Jim Robertson

Language Arts Kate Motoyama
Library Michele Alaniz
Math/Science Tania Beliz
 Carlene Tonini
Student Services Ruth Turner
P.E./Athletics Joe Mangan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Treasurer Rosemary Nurre
**Business/
 Technology** Suzanne Russell
 Lilya Vorobey

**Creative Arts/
 Social Science** Benedict Lim
Language Arts Daniel Keller
Student Services Kevin Sinarle

OTHERS ATTENDING

AFT Dan Kaplan
Language Arts Jing Wu
Math/Science Kate Deline

COI Laura Demsetz
Social Science Robert Schwartz
Social Science Jesus Moya

SUMMARY

- The Ad Hoc Committee sent a revised budget list to Cabinet, which will get its own revised list back to the Committee by Nov. 6. Submissions and the revised list are posted on the Senate website. The Ad Hoc Committee was impressed with the quality and thoughtfulness of the submissions.
- The Ad Hoc Committee told Cabinet discussion of any future cuts should begin with district-wide evaluation of educational priorities, and with models for determining curricular offerings based on the educational goals of our students.
- Governing Council discussed having a study session with or making a presentation to the Board of Trustees, or inviting them to informational meetings on campus.
- Last week's budget resolution went to BPC and will be delivered to the District Budget Committee.
- Attend the all college meeting on Nov. 5 at 1:30 pm in the Theater, with President Claire, Chancellor Galatolo, and CFO Kathy Blackwood, and the students' forum Nov. 17 at 1 pm in the Theater.
- A teach-in on community college budget cuts will be held at Berkeley Community College on Nov. 7.

CALL TO ORDER This emergency meeting to deal with budget issues was called to order at 2:19 p.m in 36-109. The agenda, and the minutes of Oct. 27, were approved.

REVISED BUDGET LIST TO CABINET The Ad Hoc Committee met Saturday to review, collate and organize submissions responding to the preliminary list of cuts. Diana delivered these to Cabinet on Monday 11/2. Cabinet and Deans are meeting this week, and cross talk between divisions is already taking place. Cabinet will get its revised list to the Ad Hoc Committee by Friday 11/6, and discussions within and across divisions will continue. Diana said there were some great ideas and recommendations. All submissions were

very thoughtful. The only submission not sent on to Cabinet was budget suggestions, and was forwarded to BPC.

Diana distributed to Governing Council the list of submissions, with a summary of the actions the submissions recommended. Cabinet and division deans have this list. Links to every submission and this list are on the Senate website, <http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/academicenate/> under the heading 10/30/09 Faculty/Division Budget Reductions. Diana expects Cabinet will be conscientious and will not produce anything earth shattering. The list of submissions shows, for each submission, the individual, group, or division who submitted it, the name of the program or course, and whether part A (comments or rationale about items on the preliminary list) or part B (new recommendations) was used. Recommendations can be to retain, reduce, reconfigure, or eliminate. Dollar information will be obtained later. The cover letter to Cabinet said future discussion should begin with 1) District-wide evaluation of educational priorities, and 2) a district-wide or campus model for determining curricular offerings, based on requirements dictated by our students' educational goals.

Questions and comments. Jim said in addition to the new grid, all Part A and Part B documents were submitted to Cabinet. The Ad Hoc Committee looked at everything. The grid is the bottom line.

Dan Kaplan said he knew Math/Science, Creative Arts/Social Science, and Language Arts have, as divisions, looked at the list for alternatives. What about the others? Diana said P. E. has done so. Business/Technology did not do a division submission but did four individual or group submissions. Cosmetology is regulated by the state. The Media Group and the Welding/Drafting group each went through PIV recently.

Dan asked whether possible future cuts are related to the \$1.5 million needed to reach our \$6 million goal, or to the May revise and the next budget cycle. Diana replied the administration says January and May state budget numbers are unknown.

Kate Deline said prior to this year Math/Science had cut a lot of classes already. Would it be good to submit a comment about that? Diana said we could get reports from the deans on past cuts. Business/Technology cut about 50 courses prior to this, which is the most cuts of any division.

Tania Beliz asked what Skyline and Canada are doing. Diana has talked to President Claire, Chancellor Galatolo, DAS President Patty Dilko, and Cabinet, and has made clear that on Thursday 11/5 at the all campus meeting we don't want to hear "I don't know" or "We'll just have to see." We have shown our cards; Canada and Skyline have not shown theirs. A next round would include district-wide consolidation or cuts, and should not be done in crisis mode.

Dan reported a budget forum was held at Skyline on Friday 10/30. It was the last of three AFT forums on the budget, with one held at each of the colleges. An informal faculty group which emerged from those forums is scheduling other meetings. Skyline's administration has been saying their administration is already lean, but by criteria on the State Chancellor's Office website, Skyline's administration is not lean. The informal faculty group is strongly urging reducing administrative positions at Skyline. There is spontaneous energy at Skyline among concerned faculty.

Diana said it is time for the other two campuses to show their cards. VPI Susan Estes has showed them our list and is asking to see theirs. Diana asked members to attend the all college meeting on Thursday 11/5. Those who cannot attend can email Diana with their questions and to whom they are addressed. Chancellor Galatolo, CFO Kathy Blackwood, and CSM President Claire will be there. Dan said if Canada's faculty does not do something like what we are doing at CSM to identify cuts, Canada will have to shrink by some percentage, which is a meat cleaver approach. Diana said all three campuses are having to shrink.

At the Oct. 28 Board of Trustees meeting, Patty Dilko looked at the college presidents and , on the record, encouraged them to share lists and look at what could be consolidated.

Carlene asked about KCSM reductions. On Oct. 21 the Chancellor sent out a summary of district level reductions, but they did not include KCSM. KCSM positions, including programming manager and operations manager, are being eliminated but the people are still there. Who is paying them, and how long will they stay? This question could be asked at the Nov. 5 meeting. Kate Deline said KCSM will restructure. Diana said they are employed until the end of December, but are then losing their jobs. They are working with Harry Joel to be placed outside the district. Marilyn Lawrence is bringing revenue ideas to the Board. Only TV is affected. The radio side is fine. .

Dan said there was an interesting discussion at the end of the Board meeting, after many people had left. After Angela Stocker's presentation on her Alcohol and Other Drug Studies program, Board members said we have to make so many decisions on things we know very little about. One said maybe we should start attending campus meetings. Another said we do not want to micromanage, or participate in those discussions. Some wanted to go and listen, others to remain hands off. They acknowledged feedback on fundraising efforts by programs in our communities, and noted they did not have policies on that, including on what could and could not be accepted.

Points in discussion: The Board is concerned. They ask what campuses and faculties are doing, and how morale is. They have been invited to and are welcome come and talk, as public comment, at meetings on campus. Faculty have spoken at Board meetings. The senate could invite them to hear Laura's presentation, including what we offer and why, and accreditation and Title 5 requirements. Invite them to an informational meeting. Laura said we need to look forward beyond this, to say we cannot just nibble, we must look at really changing things. Here are the CTE majors, the transfer programs, the general education we provide serving both, the developmental courses feeding people into both – the big picture of what the campus is.

More points in discussion: We should do a presentation at the Board meeting. They want to be educated. It has to be the big picture. A difficulty with cross talk across campuses is each campus views itself differently. Somebody will have to make those decisions across campuses. Presentations need input from lots of people.

Kate Motoyama asked about scheduling a study session with the Board. Public comments are incidental if not agendized. It would take some time to educate the Board to understand faculty and student viewpoints. Laura said to present a coherent picture of the campus, December is too soon. Let us get through the current round with campuses working separately. By January and February heads will be cooler. The presentation has to be really good. Kate said the study session should educate the board on the campus point of view. Laura said first we have to come together on that point of view.

Diana said submissions were thoughtful, thorough, and made sense. Cabinet is looking for dollar amounts and the deans have crunched the numbers. Once we get to \$771,000, we are good. Diana does not expect surprises from Cabinet.

Member packets also include VPI Susan Estes' response on the eight PIV programs from last May. She will come to Governing Council next week to explain her role in the PIV process.

BUDGET RESOLUTION The budget resolution Governing Council passed last Tuesday was presented at BPC. Daniel Keller and Kate Motoyama were present. BPC was very understanding. Diana said we are fortunate to have faculty representation on BPC: chair Rick Ambrose, Jackie Gamelin, and Diana. BPC talked about what faculty need now. The next step is to take the resolution to District Planning Committee.

Kate said the resolution needs to be transmitted to the District Office and to Facilities. BPC had a good discussion and follow-up on interrelationships of budgets. They understand we cannot work on college budgets without considering district and facilities budgets. Diana said it is helpful to have them informed. Kate said the resolution could be sent to the Board of Trustees as an information item.

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS There will be an all college meeting Thursday Nov. 5 at 1:30 pm in the Theater. A second meeting will be scheduled during the evening sometime soon. All are invited. President Claire will attend along with Chancellor Galatolo and CFO Kathy Blackwood.

ASCSM is having a forum for students with President Claire on Nov. 17 at 1 pm in the theater. All are invited.

Dan Kaplan announced a teach in on the budget cuts affecting California Community Colleges, Saturday Nov. 7 at Berkeley Community College (formerly Vista College,) all day from 10 a.m. It is being organized by Mike Noonan, an adjunct who teaches history at Canada and at Berkeley City College. He also organized a speakout at Canada, Thursday Nov. 5 at 12:30 pm in Building 13.

There will be flex days Wednesday and Thursday of next week, Nov. 11 and 12, Diana will be at ASCCC Fall plenary at Ontario in Southern California. She extended compliments to the faculty who prepared submissions. The Ad Hoc Committee was impressed with their quality.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be Nov. 10, 2009.