



Governing Council Meeting

Jan. 26, 2010 minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

President Diana Bennett
Vice President Huy Tran
Secretary Lloyd Davis
Treasurer Rosemary Nurre
Business/Technology Ed Seubert
Creative Arts/Social Science Jim Robertson
 Benedict Lim

Language Arts Kate Motoyama
Library Michele Alaniz
Math/Science Tania Beliz
 David Locke
P.E./Athletics Joe Mangan
Student Services Ruth Turner
 Kevin Sinarle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Language Arts Daniel Keller

Business/Technology Lilya Vorobey

OTHERS ATTENDING

AFT Dan Kaplan
COI Laura Demsetz
BPC Rick Ambrose

District CFO Kathy Blackwood
Math/Science Linda Hand
 Kate Deline

SUMMARY

- Kathy Blackwood answered questions about the District **budget**, and announced a parcel tax and a general obligation bond were under consideration. Each would require voter approval.
- The **Edison Project** group has set criteria for decisions about the use of the horticulture area and named a task force to study options meeting those criteria. The resolution from Math/Science on consulting faculty and abiding by shared governance in such decisions was MSU.
- Kate Motoyama encouraged faculty to participate in the Feb. 3 and 4 **teach-ins** on the impact of budget cuts on education, and the March 4 and March 22 marches and rallies.
- Lorena del Mundo announced upcoming **Basic Skills Initiative events**, including a visit by Dr. Vincent Tinto on Feb. 24.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. in 36-109. The agenda, and the minutes of Dec. 8, 2009, were approved.

BUDGET District CFO Kathy Blackwood stated she had responded to several of our requests for information, and asked if we had other questions. Consensus is that the state budget will not get better,

and the projected SMCCCD 2010-11 budget will have to be changed. Student fees are likely to increase to \$32/unit, as recommended by the Community College League of California (CCLC). Those fees do not go to the District, but will be used by the state to offset categorical cuts and for financial aid. These may benefit the District indirectly. The CCLC has proposed a ten unit cap on fees (students would pay fees only on their first ten units each semester.) This would benefit full-time students, who in general are more likely to succeed.

The Board of Trustees agrees we should go with existing assumptions, including the 10% cut to site allocations in 2009-10 and an additional 10% in 2010-11. At this time the 2010-11 budget is about \$1 million out of balance.

The Board is considering a parcel tax to provide unrestricted general fund dollars, and a general obligation bond to fund projects in the construction queue for which we did not get money or which were cut back because of the losses from Lehman Brothers. The District contracted with a consulting firm to survey voters. Support for the parcel tax, which requires a 2/3 majority, is about 70%, and support for a bond issue, which requires 55%, is in the low 60s.

Three California community college districts are in basic aid status, which means they are fully self-supporting: MiraCosta, South Orange County, and Marin. In those districts, local property taxes drive the funding model, and they get more than the standard \$4500/FTES.

Kathy stated that among multi-college districts, SMCCCD is lean, having made an 18% cut from the 55 educational and classified administrators it had in 2008, and that comparisons of administrative costs using CCC Chancellor's Office Data Mart statistics are not valid. District Committee on Budget and Finance documents are accessible through the District portal page.

SMCCCD is 1400 students over cap, translating to \$6 million underfunding. CSM is close to its goal of having its enrollment match its cap, but Skyline and Cañada are well above their caps, with Skyline coming very close to CSM in FTES.

DAS MEETING WITH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP On Jan. 25, DAS met with college presidents and Chancellor Galatolo. Every area will be looked at for possible cuts. Any consolidation will be coordinated. The Senate has primacy over curriculum and should exercise it. We need to look closely at instructional programs in all areas, including transfer, CTE, and Basic Skills. In view of possible program cuts, it is important that faculty apply for equivalence in additional FSAs for which they qualify.

ABCs. Accreditation: CSM submitted a **Substantive Change Proposal** on distance education to ACCJC on Jan. 15. It will be reviewed by ACCJC on Feb. 19. CSM is off warning but we have more work to do to stay off, in particular on **SLOs**. Frederick Gaines has replaced Jeremy Ball as chair of the College Assessment Committee (CAC) for this semester. Jeremy is in Florence, Italy this semester with the Study Abroad program. CAC oversees development and assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs.) To satisfy ACCJC, each program must be at step 5 (making changes based on analysis of an SLO assessment) in some SLO this semester. **Program reviews** will be due March 25. Programs can get data from PRIE.

Budget: This ongoing topic is addressed above.

Construction: Contact Michele Rudovsky about any issues with relocation. Some construction funds are used for technology. Some full-timers are getting laptops, and some adjuncts netbook computers.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS There are no new spring appointments at this time. FSA committees are completing their work from last semester, and new ones are being formed.

BUILDING 20/20A RESOLUTION The **Edison Project** group (formerly the horticulture group) includes concerned CSM faculty and administration, and District construction planning department people. At its first meeting Dec. 11, biology and horticulture faculty led a tour of the grounds and facilities, identifying important plants, how they were used in instruction, and whether they could be transplanted or replaced. The group discussed how to proceed, On Jan. 14 it met again to develop criteria for decision making, and formed a task force to study options meeting those criteria. Instructional needs include a greenhouse and lab for horticulture and floristry and gardens and habitats for horticulture and biology students to care for and study. Plants needing protection range from a dawn redwood tree to mosses. Some plants can be transplanted or replaced, but others cannot. B10N needs parking, and the expansion of the Edison parking lot (now lots 20 and 20A) is part of that mix. Also, a large volume of dirt now in lot 10A needs to be disposed of. The task force – Charlene Frontiera, Tania Beliz, Matt Leddy, and Karen Powell – will report back to the larger group on Feb. 26. The Building 20/20A resolution introduced in December by Math/Science was MSU.

MIN QUALS 2009 DRAFT MSU to approve the proposed updated policy. The policy will be reviewed by DAS and sent back to the college senates.

TEACH-IN Kate Motoyama announced plans for teach-ins on the impact of budget cuts on education and community colleges on Feb. 3 and 4 in the Theater, and at Skyline and Canada. Faculty and students will address various aspects of the history, economics, and politics of the situation, as well as what we can do about it. CSM faculty who worked on the vigil in December are involved in the teach-in, but more help and participation would be welcome. Kate is working on posting teaching materials to Facebook, and on finding speakers.

Another teach-in will coincide with “March Forth” on 3/4/2010 in Sacramento. There will also be a rally at the San Francisco Civic Center on 5 pm that day. The CCC rally in Sacramento will be Monday March 22, and there will probably be buses from CSM. The teach-ins have the support of President Claire. A group from CSM, including Kate and Diana, will meet with assemblyman Jerry Hill on Feb. 12.

BASIC SKILLS INITIATIVE Lorena del Mundo, Basic Skills Co-Coordinator at CSM, announced three events. Dr. Vincent Tinto, Professor of Education at Syracuse University, will be on campus Wed. Feb 24. He will meet with Cabinet and the BSI committee in the morning, give a talk, “Access without Support is not Opportunity”, in the Theater from 12-1:30, and hold a Q&A session 2-4. An all day On Course Workshop Training on empowering students to become active, responsible learners will be held on Wed, Mar 10. On Wed, May 12, the culminating celebration of Interdisciplinary Faculty Inquiry Groups (IFIG) will be held. Participants will present their findings on the results of strategies they implemented.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4 pm. The next meeting will be Feb. 9, 2010.