

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Room 1407 / Fremont Campus
and
Video Conference Room (Room 1219) / Newark Campus

College Council Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2009

ADOPTED

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gari Browning	Stephanie Ramos
Jim Wright	Dave Schurtz
Mike Calegari	Linda Evers
Ron Travenick	Bill Duke
Tim Roberts	Gino Paula
Mikelyn Stacey	Kevin Feliciano
Tina Dodson	Zuhal Bahaduri
Bill Parks	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Leta Stagnaro	Peggy Kauffman
Joanne Schultz	Kim Stiles
Bob Bradshaw	Kurt Nordquist

OPEN MEETING:

1. College Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the May 18, 2009 College Council minutes:

MOTION: Moved/Stacey; Seconded/Dodson: Passed to approve the May 18 College Council minutes.

2. Budget and Facilities Master Plan Update

- Budget Update
- E-mails and notices are being sent from CCCCCO and CCLC daily about the status of the budget negotiations. There are several proposals on the table right now – Governor’s May revise, also an alternate proposal from community college leaders.
- Some of the Governor’s May revise provisions:
 - For 2008-2009 - \$120 million in funding deferrals, \$85 million cuts to categorical programs (except CalWorks, Foster care and several others). Property tax shortfall of \$117 million.
 - For 2009-2010 - \$345 million cut to categorical programs, elimination of 3% growth.
- Chancellor Scott has advocated that Community College cuts should be proportional to cuts in other education segments – for instance, K-12 get a property tax backfill.
- Governor’s proposal to offer PE courses at the non-credit level should be rejected. The UC and CSU systems are not seeing the same proposal for the PE courses.
- Nothing is certain yet, and eventually the legislature will have to vote on these proposals.
- There has been talk of fee raises for students, as well as a proposed drop fee.
- CCLC’s web page has a blog reporting on updates from the budget meetings. Advocate Scott Lay goes to the meetings and then gives brief updates as they’re happening.
- Mike Calegari will be meeting with reps from several firms to talk about a retirement incentive plan. This could possibly be advertised at the beginning of the Fall semester.
- Question: Are schools trying to help each other with ideas, etc.?

- Yes, for instance – the Northern CA CBOs are having a meeting this Thursday.
- The students are having meetings. We're meeting with Scott Lay next week to think of out-of-the-box ideas at the student level. We're also doing e-mailing and phone banking.
- Question: The Governor is talking about how the state is going to run out of money in the next few weeks. What does that mean? Every funding stream that they're responsible for dries up. We have to be responsible for our cash in the bank. We're in a pretty strong position for the first half of this fiscal year. Whether the problem is real or just projected, it's hard to say.
- If there's one thing to take away from today's meeting on this topic – if you're going to incur a request, purchase, etc., only submit this if it's an absolute necessary. Don't spend just because the money is there. Especially on clerical items or office supplies.
- Facilities Master Plan Update
- A number of themes have been developed to test for community support of a new bond measure:
 - Academic Excellence
 - Sustainability
 - Accessibility and Safety
 - Infrastructure
 - Community Value
- There is also a list of identified projects, including improving disabled access, renovating and modernizing buildings on campus, and creating a new science center building.
- Question: How big a bond are we thinking about? The bond is actually tied to the tax rate. The past bond was \$150 million and we're thinking about something at least that much, maybe \$200 or \$250 million. We would have to come up with the dollar amounts on the list of future possibilities.
- Question: If the voters rejected the bond in 2010, could we go back out in 2011, or another time? If we miss in 2010, the next opportunity will be 2012. You'd have to assess whether or not the voters would vote yes. We will be conducting a survey of 400 voters in the district, after July 4th. Bond size will also be a part of that survey.
- Question (about budget update): How do you go about reducing the student population by 10%? You reduce the number of classes offered. For instance, for this summer –w e have 6,828 enrollments in summer classes. Now, some students take more than one class. It's about average for what we're offering. We have 22% less classes offered this summer, 2272 waitlist spots.
 - Students sign up and then don't commit; they leave a space unavailable to someone who could really be there.
 - Now we drop after 7 days of not committing to the payment plan, and open the waitlist. Having students pay up front will hopefully decrease that problem. The waitlist has also helped students get into classes.
 - In Fall, we're about 35-40% full already, there are 1000 students on waiting lists. We could have well over 3000 students on waiting lists. We may be doing significant section cutting for Fall that students are already enrolled in and more for spring.
 - Question: What will be the criteria for adding sections in the Fall? Fall is already set, doubtful that we will add any sections. We will be reducing a significant number, but haven't determined it yet. When we build Spring semester it will be significantly smaller. It's quite likely that next summer will be very much smaller.
 - When the economy is good, the unemployment rate is low and the demand for instruction tends to go down a bit. When the economy is down, that tends to be when a lot of people want to go to school.
 - We have a fall schedule based on 3% growth, now the state is taking it back, they're not going to fund the 3%. This affects the 50% law. You're trying to plan within an environment that's not planning.
 - Question: Is there a method of priority for registering? The closer a student is getting a degree, the earlier registration time. Continuing, then new students, then high school students.
 - Many requests come in for students wanting to take classes a third or fourth time. You can only take classes three times, the fourth time you'll have to take it elsewhere. Students are not

taking classes seriously because they don't have to pay as much, they'll drop without seeing a class through.

- Question: Do we set fees (i.e., drop fee)? No. There are a lot of strict parameters set by the state.
- Question: Do we set dates for students to drop? There are parameters for that too. There's a lot in Title V about this.
- The LAO (Legislative Analyst's Office) is going through every school's schedule with a fine tooth comb to determine if there are "bad" schools.

3. Parking Citation Fees

- Right now we charge \$35 per parking citation. \$5 goes to the county and state as their processing fees. As of January 1, the state is taking \$4.50 more, and Ohlone is only getting \$25.00 of the parking citation fee. We would like to increase the parking citation fee to \$40 as of July 1st, to help make up for the increase in fees that are paid to the state.
- The 2007-08 revenue from parking citation fees was \$172,000.00. This year so far (2008-09) is \$127,000.00. This may be lower partially due to the increase in state processing fees.

4. Welcome to New Council Members

- No new members to welcome this year.
- Do we have a second SEIU member? Kurt is trying to be there, otherwise SEIU is looking at two other members.

5. Student Services Building Opening

- In seven days, we take possession of the building. Taking possession is different from moving in. On June 16th, the furniture will start to be moved in. Then the technology will go in. On July 9th, the 3rd floor will move in. On July 16th, the 2nd floor will move in. The 1st floor will move in on July 23rd. We needed to be available to students for the start of summer session, so no services will be moved until the 2nd week of summer session.
- Question: Is the furniture new? Yes, it was ordered through Steelcase.
- Question: What are we doing with Building 1? Is I.T. moving to Building 1? The secondary effects

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- Potential identified topics:
 - Facilities Master Plan
 - Results of Feedback survey for Council members
 - Update on all the campus plans
 - Secondary effects
 - PIOs
 - Question: The council has approved the goals, are we working on the objectives during the retreat? There will be language worked on during the summer, and then council will review them at the retreat.
 - Comment on the student survey: Students were given 25 minutes, many got tired by the end – the document was several pages long, with two part questions. The survey should be shorter to get more accurate results.

- Any other ideas for the retreat – budget items? There will be a budget update at that meeting. There may also be a topic on how the budget committee will function.

7. Brief Updates

- Dr. Browning will be at the Accreditation Commission's meeting on Thursday, June 11th. We won't know the results until July.
- Question: Any response to the AVP of HR position? Don't know yet, but the position closes July 1st, and most applications come in at the end of the time.
- One of the suggestions at the last meeting was to have feedback from constituent groups, we'll continue it in the future as a regular item. This will be focused feedback, on new agenda items or items being discussed at the meeting.

8. Suggestions for Future Topics

- E-mail any suggestions for future topics to Tim or Gari.

ADJOURNED: 2:20 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS / 2009: Summer Schedule

(3:00 - 4:30 / 1407 & SSB):

- Summer/Fall Schedule: 2009
Mondays, except as noted*
Room 1407 & SSB (3:00 – 4:30 p.m.) as follows:

August 12 (Summer Wed.)*, Room 1407
August 26, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Council Retreat, SSB
September 8 (Tuesday due to Labor Day Holiday), SSB
September 21, SSB
October 12, SSB
October 26, SSB
November 9, SSB
December 7, SSB