

College Council Minutes

May 29, 2012

2:30 pm

Karas Room, LTC

College Council Members: Doug Garrison, Carsbia Anderson, Celine Pinet, Steve Ma, Michael Gilmartin, Julie Bailey, Gary Bolen, Mark Clements, Jonathan Osburg, Stephanie Perkins, Fred Hochstaedter, Adria Gerard, Alan Haffa, Lyndon Schutzler, Loren Walsh, Amelia Hellam, Kali Viker, Suzanne Ammons, ASMP Rep. Steve Alavi (Pres. position vacant), ASMP Rep. Samantha Baldwin)

Absent: Jonathan Osburg, Stephanie Perkins, Alan Haffa, Kali Viker, ASMP Rep. Steve Alavi, ASMP Re. Samantha Baldwin.

Guests: Sharon Colton, Laura Franklin, Vicki Nakamura, Elizabeth Bishop, Rosaleen Ryan, Judee Timm.

Mark Clements chaired the meeting in Alan Haffa's absence.

Campus Community Comments:

- Carsbia reminded all of the various commencement ceremonies upcoming this week including the Latino Commencement, Kente Commencement, the regular Commencement and the Nursing pinning ceremonies. Also scheduled is the faculty retirement breakfast this Saturday at the Marriott.
- Nick Pfeiffer won 2nd in the state for the State Championship in the decathlon at Cerritos College. He will go on to the University of Washington to study within the School of Engineering.
- Fred attended the EOPS Trio CalWorks ceremony last Thursday.

- 1) **Minutes – May 15, 2012:** The minutes were reviewed/approved as amended to strike statement in item 2a. *“At this time, should this policy as written be approved, determination of the locations for the previously discussed “huts” will be brought back to College Council.”*

The recommended policy #2240 as put forth in the minutes (and as per handout of May 15) remain as recorded for recommendation to the board.

Carsbia reiterated that the subcommittee is still reviewing options for consideration to help with enforcement of smoking in restricted areas, huts or otherwise.

2) Action Items (see available handouts):

- a) **Tentative Budget 2012-13** (1st reading- Steve Ma): Steve attended the Governor's May revise workshop in Sacramento last week where the Chancellor's Office and various experts offered their interpretation of the budgetary impacts on community colleges. Steve presented a ppt presentation outlining the building blocks and following key points:
- The May Revise is very similar to the January budget, however, the best case scenario remains the same with the worst case reflects deeper cuts; the deficit has increased from \$9.2B to \$15.7M, primarily due to revenues not materializing.
 - Prop. 98 projected to increase from \$52.4B to \$54B, assuming the tax initiative passes, however, no new funding is anticipated because (1) new funds will be used to pay down the deferral and, (2) the GO Bond debt service would be added to Prop 98 as an obligation.
 - The May Revise is based on the best case scenario--the passage of the tax initiative. If it passes there would be a \$313M deferral buy-down, and mandate block grant of \$28/FTES, which would be in lieu of the current State Mandate Reimbursement process.
 - If tax initiative doesn't pass, there would be a \$5.5B trigger cut to K-14; community colleges would lose \$313M in a deferral buy down, and \$300M in workload reduction--- these are midyear. MPC would be hit with a \$2.0M mid-year cut in apportionment which is equivalent to a workload reduction of 430 FTES (6.2%).
 - The November 6 ballot will also have the Molly Munger tax initiative which supports K-12 only, with no relief to community colleges. The Governor's tax plan would raise sales tax by .25% from Jan 2013 through Dec. 31, 2016, raise personal income tax to individuals

- who earn more than \$250,000 from 2012 through 2018. It is important to note that both tax initiatives cannot be enacted rather, whichever one garners the most votes will pass.
- Categorical flexibility- 15 of the 18 Categorical programs which would be made flexible to be used for any student service purpose (categorical). Some additional legislation is being proposed regarding mandates (relief from) with regard to Categoricals.
 - Governor is expecting \$116M in RDA property tax backfill in 2011-12 for community colleges---however these are not likely to come forward. A \$341.2M in RDA backfill is expected in 2012-13. RDA funds will likely be held up for years and cannot be counted on in the short term.
 - Budget development must occur amidst numerous uncertainties for which more will be known by mid-year. This compels the district to form a measured approach by formulating a budget with built in flexibility that allows us to revisit and defer final action for when more is known.
 - If the tax initiative passes, it will take 3 years to reach 07-08 Prop. 98 levels, meanwhile, MPC still has a structural imbalance between ongoing revenues and expenses.
 - Steve explained RDAs (Redevelopment Agencies) as agencies for which laws were created to allow local cities to keep property tax increments as a means of combating urban blight (improving depressed, abandoned and rundown urban areas). RDAs work with a developer to renovate these depressed urban areas through funds captured from property taxes. The Governor recently signed new legislation calling for the dismantling of RDAs and reverting of funds back to the state. The Governor is expecting that the state would get \$116M in RDA property tax backfill in 11-12 for community colleges and \$341M in 2012-13. This money would allow the state to divert money to schools that would otherwise stay in the local redevelopment agencies, however it is apparent that these agencies will not readily or in the near future at least, relinquish their hold on the RDA funds.
 - Steve further explained that summarized the apportionment revenue estimate and in using the “hybrid” approach, he explained that it is reasonable to anticipate some or all cuts (trigger cuts, deficit coefficient, RDA revenue shortfall) will materialize, and thus a \$750,000 estimated cut is being used. This “measured” approach is deemed a more logical one than adopting a worst case scenario of a \$4.2M deficit given that some unknowns will become known by mid-year.
 - Expenses were reviewed with a deficit total of \$446,188 before any information from collective bargaining discussions is known. The carry forward deficit from 2011-12 (\$1.1M --using one time monies) represents the structured imbalance which must be dealt with. In total the deficit for 2012-13 before any Budget Responses is \$1.546M.
 - Regardless of state budget developments and delays therein, the District is required to adopt a Tentative Budget by June 30th. College Council returns June 12th for the 2nd reading. More information along with developments from the collective bargaining units are expected by then. The final budget is planned for review/approval in August.

Dr. Garrison reviewed the logic behind the “hybrid” approach used given the enormity of the budget challenge and variable unknowns for which some will be revealed mid-year. A town hall meeting will be hosted by Dr. Garrison this Thursday, May 30th relative to the state’s budget dilemma.

- b) Technology Committee Bylaws** (1st reading – Steve Ma): Sharon presented a recap of last year’s progress of the Technology Committee, reminding the group that College Council had reviewed the bylaws in May 2011 and felt the membership component was too large. Considerable discussion took place at AAAG, ASAG and SSAG on the draft version followed by review from the Technology Committee with the current membership as the results of that

committee's review. Comments shared included whether the committee met regularly last year, and for more in depth language within the "Suggested list of function" of the bylaws.

This will be presented June 12 for action.

Mark called for a motion to move for approval on the following three action items:

- c) **Distance Ed. Follow up Report #2 to Rec #4 from ACCJC**, (2nd reading-Judee Timm):

College Council recommends that the Distance Ed. Follow up Report #2 to Recommendation #4 from the ACCJC be forwarded to the Board for its approval. The motion was made, seconded, and approved with none opposed and no abstentions.

- d) **SLO Response to ACCJC Recs #1-3** (2nd reading-Fred Hochstaedter):

*(see also handout "Program Review and Reflections Summary)

College Council recommends that the SLO Response to the ACCJC Recommendations 1 through 3 be forwarded to the Board for its approval. The motion was made, seconded, and approved with none opposed and no abstentions.

- e) **Education Master Plan** – (2nd reading Celine Pinet):

College Council recommends that the Education Master Plan be forwarded to the Board for its approval. The motion was made, seconded, and approved with none opposed and no abstentions.

- f) **Math Learning Ctr. –Instructional Spec.** (p/time – 1st Reading, Celine): Laura Franklin and Elizabeth Bishop presented this position as a recommendation from AAAG. The position is a 27 hr/week permanent classified and non-benefitted other than roll-up. This position is funded through Basic Skills for the first two years, after which, expenses would require funding from the General Fund. Lengthy discussions at AAAG demonstrate there is a need for this instructional specialist position, citing that when the MLC was first established, it was staffed with one full time coordinator and some funding for instructional support.

Comments were shared as to creation of a process for reviewing all vacant classified positions for the purpose of establishing prioritization, and perhaps this could be agendized for future discussion. Consideration could be given to the FTES generated by the position similar to the process used to fill faculty positions.

- g) **Resolution: Ft. Ord Reuse Plan Reassessment** (1st Reading, Dr. Garrison): The current FORA (Ft. Ord Reuse Authority) Plan is undergoing a reassessment as required. FORA provides oversight for the implementation of the reuse of land belonging to the former Ft. Ord. Education remains a large piece of the reuse plane. This Resolution expresses support for the College's role in the reuse plan, specifically our plans for Parker Flats and MOUT. The Resolution is from College Council to FORA as a restatement of MPC's commitment to its plans. A separate Resolution will also come forward from the Board. The reassessment would extend the current FORA end date of 2014 to 2024.

3) Information Items (see available handouts):

- a) **Ft. Ord Center Needs Study (Dr. Garrison):** Dr. Garrison reminded the group of the update on the development of the Ft. Ord Education Centers given to College Council in December. The presentation gave a historical perspective and was designed to inform College Council of

the district's intent to submit the necessary Needs Study to the Chancellor's office by June 30th in order to be eligible for Full Center Status. This document is near completion and will be posted shortly. The content of the forty page document includes physical descriptions, description of service areas, demographics, enrollment projections, academic planning and program, examples of alternatives to the Ft. Ord Center, all intended to validate need. This will go to the Board on June 27th; it is a fulfillment of the Strategic Plan. The Needs Study is a collective authorship from Michael Gilmartin, Vicki Nakamura, Rosaleen Ryan, Laura Franklin and Larry Walker.

Dr. Garrison reminded the group of the District's goal

b) Faculty Role in Instructional Technology Decision Making

Whereas, Faculty are responsible for instructing and providing services to students;

Whereas, Faculty decide the pedagogical strategies best suited to student learning;

Whereas, Faculty manage their instructional environments;

Resolved that the MPC faculty insist on direct input in decision making on technology-related issues that impact instruction and delivery of curriculum in our classes (e.g. online course management systems, such as iLearn).

Fred indicated that a member from the last Academic Senate meeting submitted a statement which the Academic Senate wished to have forwarded through advisory groups and College Council.

- 4) Discussion items for *future* meeting:** Mark asked if there were additional items to be agendaized for upcoming meetings.
- a) MPC Technology Vision/Challenges:**
 - b) Board Policy Revisions:** <http://mympc.mpc.edu/Committees/PACC/default.aspx>.
 - i) BP 3040 – Community Service** (2nd reading— pending Community Ed Task Force).
 - c) Action Plans (late spring?)**
 - d) SIS – How well is it working (input from DOMS, end users, A&R etc.**
 - e) CC bylaws- esp. membership (added today).**
- 5) Other:**
- a) Committee Reports-**