The meeting began at 2:30 p.m. in SSA 219. President Martinez gave an overview of the next year. At the federal level they are discussing colleges since that is where people turn when the economy is bad. Grants from federal agencies and foundations need to be pursued. The state budget should be voted on in a few days. He thinks it will bring good news for community colleges. Next year’s state deficit will be between $10B and $14B.

President Martinez discussed the function of the budget committee. He believes their role is to ensure a balanced budget and meet our FTE cap. He feels our deficit is due to not making good decisions as a campus. The committee should work with the campus community to set goals to stay within our FTE cap. He proposed a committee to carry out an enrollment management plan. There was a debate about the prior Enrollment Management Committee. Some felt it did not work because its role was not defined. Others questioned appropriate jurisdiction of the committee. There was discussion about Academic Affairs and Student Services making up the Enrollment Management Committee. It was suggested the Budget Committee be a planning committee and the Enrollment Management Committee carry out the plan.

President Martinez discussed the district releasing $10.4M from its $73M reserve. The Chancellor is looking at different ways to distribute the money. He may propose setting aside dollars for a number of initiatives: student success, maintenance and operations, and funded mandates; for example, the sheriff’s contract which has increased by $82,000. Another option is the resource allocation formula. At the next DBC meeting, the Chancellor will announce how the money will be distributed. At the President’s request the district will defer our $2.1M deficit; however, Harbor is still accountable. The President proposed a challenge to the committee: “Can we balance our budget? Can we meet our FTE cap? Other colleges are doing it.”

President Martinez suggested finding more grant opportunities that will give an indirect allowance to help support the campus. If not done, the grants become unfunded mandates. He stressed the need to create a campus that is financially healthy.
L. Rosas recommended we accept a policy that all suggestions brought to the budget committee be data driven.

A summary of Harbor’s current financial status was distributed. A. Tomlinson reviewed the hand-out which showed our expenditures, allocation, and projection.

L. Rosas reviewed Harbor’s FTES plan for 2010-2011. Since we offered summer session, L. Rosas asked the division chairs to cut their spring sections by 10% to limit our FTES. K. Blackburn suggested sending out an email to the chairs giving a deadline to cancel spring sections. We will not have winter session except possibly a few sections.

The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m.