

Academic Senate President's Report October 15, 2009

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (AA), October 7, 2009

The Educational Master Plan (EMP) and Planning Manual revisions schedule was the central focus of this meeting. The aim is to adopt the '09-'10 EMP by the end of October this year, and to adopt the new EMP by the middle of April if possible. The Chairs have also laid out a plan for CPC review and approval of processes.

The Committee also began to look at the Achievement Tracking Matrix items, addressing the first three. The report will have to be updated to reflect those items that have been completed, those that need further implementation, and those that are not longer relevant.

CORE, October 6, 2009

- The contractors are pushing to get the Child Care Center ready for a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 17.
- Plans are to tear down the old Tech building in February
- The proposed walk through to spot errors and omissions in the new Tech Building needs to be rescheduled. There are outlets that aren't connected, bare wires hanging out of sockets, and a person can't record from the control box in the Smart Classroom, for beginners.
- There is not yet a contract for the TV studio, but maybe by the second Board meeting in November, there will be a proposal.
- Contractors are still working to repair the door locks in NEA.
- The parking lots are paved and individual rows are being opened in Lot 8. The contractors are starting on Lot 6.
- There will be some revisions to the program for the Science Complex; the final meeting for the users' group is October 23.
- We are still planning occupancy of the PE building in January. Fixtures and furniture are being ordered.
- Where to put the portables is still creating a challenge. The one proposed for the softball field is too close to water lines.
- The Student Services Cluster recommends that we address the issue of a maintenance contract. Someone suggested that this should be done at the District level for at least five years; a ten year contract would be better.
- The Job Placement Center/Data Center will be design-build; criteria documents are being prepared.
- The issue of whether or not titanium oxide is toxic was brought up. This is the coating being sprayed on the outside of the new buildings to keep windows clean, but questions about its safety have been raised at the District level.
- CORE thinks that there needs to be a subcommittee of the Facilities Committee that is devoted to maintenance issues.
- Currently, there is no designated space for a photography classroom. People are looking for a proper space.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) COMMITTEE, October 8, 2009

At this meeting, distribution of VATAE funds was discussed. Also, there have been three proposals for using the \$108,000 innovation VATEA monies set aside by the District. The three are:

1. Film: need an employee in the TV Studio to help develop sustainable green technologies on campus. \$45,000
2. Architecture: need support to prepare and develop a sustainable model for the US decathlon (run by the Department of Defense). \$20,000
3. HAZMAT Certificate: seed money to prepare curriculum for six courses and two resulting certificates. \$53,000

Since the requests are \$10,000 more than available monies, Bobby McNeel proposed meeting with the three applicants to adjust the requests downward by the required amount.

DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE (DAS) SUMMIT, October 2, 2009

Approximately 175 people from across the District attended the DAS Summit at Valley College. Both faculty and administration from Harbor College were well represented, and the day was both fun and informative. The three threads for the meeting were: Sustainable Design and Build; Student Success; and Accreditation Challenges. In addition to exchanges of ideas and discussion of common problems, we all had a good opportunity to network with colleagues and bring back new enthusiasm for curricular changes that will increase student success, better understanding of the differences between bid/build and design/build, and a better understanding of how District decision-making can be changed for our mutual benefit. The best news is that the District has received new CTE funding from state and federal grants and anticipates receiving a sizeable increase from stimulus funding in the new year.

DIVISION COUNCIL, October 7, 2009

1. Division Council appointed four Division Chairs to the College Planning Council: Mark Wood, Nabeel Barakat, and Lauren McKenzie.
2. Clarification about unit plans to support Faculty Hiring Priorities requests were made. Only one hard copy needs to be submitted to the chair who will make that information available during the question and answer period. The unit plans are accessible on the web.
3. Division Chairs will be evaluated this year, and a schedule was proposed for that.
4. Dean Humphreys distributed and RFP for the governor's Career Technical Education (CTE) Initiative. Harbor College has received \$125,000 this year under this grant.
5. Lauren McKenzie announced that the quarterly budget review would be held on October 13, downtown.
6. Joy Fisher announced that transfer day was a success, aided by food contributions from Fresh and Easy and Starbucks.
7. Mark Wood raised the question as to who ordered Vatea Funds frozen. No one could answer his question. He also asked for more time to review spring schedule changes because by the time computers were working, division chairs only had about eight hours to make the review. He also said he was overwhelmed with too long a list of projects

and items and asked how realistic it was to expect division chairs to be able to get everything done on time.

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June Burlingame Smith, President