

CONSULTATION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

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ACCREDITATION

Jack Scott, the State Chancellor, is making California's concerns about the disproportionate number of actions against community colleges in our state as opposed to the rest of the nation. Scott suggests that as many of us as can, get ourselves directly involved by being put on the commission itself.

Trade, East and City are working hard to remove the warnings and probation. Finally, shared governance seems to be happening at Trade although there is still a lot of friction between the union and the Senate as well as the Senate and the administration. State people have been involved in consultations.

I had asked whether Harbor was going to be reimbursed for accreditation costs which Chancellor Drummond had agreed to verbally. The answer was no.

BOND UPDATE

Harbor asked when the campuses would receive the bond interest money that is accruing. The Chancellor, Tyree Wieder, said that she would bring the issue up with the Cabinet.

The question has been raised as to whether or not the titanium dioxide now being sprayed on Harbor's buildings is toxic. The substance is prohibited on buildings in Europe and Canada but not the United States. Although this is something used in toothpaste, the spray form is more dangerous. Further investigation will be made by the Bond Steering Committee .

BUDGET UPDATE

The District has identified 56 committees at the District level, and the Chancellor has asked for consolidation/elimination of unnecessary or duplicative efforts. Gary Colombo and Adrianna Barrera are working on this.

There may be mid-year cuts, and much of the discussion centered on what sacrifice the full-time faculty should make. Furloughs seem to be a centerpiece for action.

CHANCELLOR SEARCH

The search for a new Chancellor is moving along; plans are to name a new person in early spring so that he or she will be in place no later than April or May. College President search mechanisms will start sometime after the middle of October. Chancellor Wieder wants the new Chancellor to be in place before any new presidents are finally chosen.

SUMMIT

The Summit is fully subscribed: 170 people. The program for the day has been distributed, and we were assured that attendees can park anywhere on campus as long as they have their college sticker.

SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

The District has applied for a federal grant for \$3 million to create a Sustainability Institute. We should be notified about this next month. This grant would be in addition to the federal stimulus money that the District plans to receive.

CORE

PARKING

The solar panel installation in parking lots six and eight is on schedule. The greatest disruption is occurring this week, September 28-October 2, and parking will be coming back several rows at a time as the crews finish work.

NEA/SSA/TECH

The budget for NEA/SSA came in under estimates and will go out to bid soon. The contractor is addressing the problem of locks overheating and thinks he has a workable solution, so new "cooling module" will be installed in those locks that need it.

A discussion of the TECH enhancements, however, showed that some new problems needed to be added to that list. Rick Darling is working on this.

SCIENCE COMPLEX

The CORE group looked at a computerized version of the outside of the buildings. A question has arisen about moving the boiler room out of the middle of the complex. The architectural group will look into the costs and possibilities of doing this.

The question of how trucks will access the site also arose. The suggestion from the faculty is that trucks use Parking Lot One and the Fire Lane in front of PE to accomplish this. The contractor was planning to use "L" Street and the west entrance, but the east approach seems to make more sense.

TV STUDIO

Whether to college should rent or buy equipment for the up and down link was raised. It was pointed out that the college has no ongoing budget to rent the equipment.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL FIELD

A decision is still pending as to how the women's softball field will be renovated. There are three options, and the decision needs to be made soon so that the women's team knows where to practice and where its home games will be held.

DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE (DAS) EXECUTIVE MEETING, 9/24/'09

BUDGET

Furloughs for full time faculty was the main issue under budget. No one knows whether or not there will be mid-year cuts in the state budget, so this is an attempt to think of how further cuts might be met in the spring. Of course, it would have to be an MOU between the Union and the Administration.

DOLORES HUERTA INSTITUTE(DHI)

John Delora from the DHI addressed the group and handed out a handsome brochure explaining just what the Institute is and does. He also is providing each campus with a copy of the curriculum that has been developed for the program. Courses include: History 81 and 82, "Working People in the United States from Reconstruction to the Present"; Sociology: The Sociology of Labor (Pierce and Valley); English 101, contextualized; History: Labor History of the Pacific Coast at Harbor College (Ellen Joiner); and four labor studies elective courses from Trade. Others are also being developed as electives in IGETSY and a distance education course, English 200.

The Coordinating Committee needs more faculty. As of now, David Beaulieu, Carl Friedlander, John McDowell, and Gary Colombo sit on the committee. Any faculty interested should let me know.

DAS REORGANIZATION

David Beaulieu brought up the question about having two vice presidents instead of one at the District level in order to split the work of the current vice president. One VP would chair the District Curriculum Committee; the other would chair the equivalencies processes.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CLUSTER (AAC), September 30, 2009

PROPOSED COMMITTEE TASKS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE FALL

Chair Jim Stanbery distributed a list of tasks that both the AAC and the CPC need to adopt and follow this fall in order to get the educational master plan finished and the planning manuals updated. The proposed schedule will be on the next CPC agenda, October 12.

ON-LINE PROGRAM REVIEW

Dean Humphreys presented the on-line program review being proposed by the District. He also handed out a paper version for members to look at and asked that if there were items that needed to be added, faculty or staff get back to him right away.

PATHWAYS FOR PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Most of the meeting time was devoted to discussing a flannel board rubric designed by Lora Lane in order to do program assessment. The same rubric will be presented to the Academic Senate on October 1 for input before it is finally ready for adoption. The idea is to assess groupings of disciplines, such as under Social Science or CTE, instead of trying to assess approximately 125 individual programs. This would be Harbor College's definition of a program for assessment purposes.

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