

President's Report to the Senate
March 19, 2009

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (AA)

The AA Committee met on March 18 to go over the final preparations for the Educational Master Plan retreat to be held on Friday, March 27 in the cafeteria. Discussion centered on what are the core topics we'd like everyone to address and the length of time we are planning for. The Committee agreed that this will be a plan for five years and that some of the core issues are:

DIVISION COUNCIL (DC)

The DC met on March 18 and heard reports on the impending educational master plan meeting 3/27, addressing department/division changes policies and procedures, and new grant proposals for nursing and workforce preparation. Vice President Bobby McNeel announced that Harbor has been chosen to run a pilot program with Kaiser to train hospital personnel (not nurses). The pilot will train ten students who will be given employment after successful completion of the program.

Brad Young brought up the issues of locking/unlocking doors in the NEA building. He says it is a critical safety issue and that plans to have the Sheriff able to lock down a building by pulling a master switch are not in place and won't be for at least another year. In the meantime, faculty is unable to open/lock doors as needs arise, and this could lead to a serious problem with an out of control student or intruder. This is a work place, work environment issue that affects all segments of the College.

CORE

One of the new issues that has surfaced in CORE is how much the College agreed to pay to have its parking lots resurfaced. A District representative came down to address questions about the contract but didn't supply the answers. Also, the President announced that the District is almost ready to approach the college council with a draft proposal to purchase land on Pacific Coast Highway and do a land swap with Los Angeles Recreation and Parks. That proposal should be ready by the end of March.

District Academic Senate (DAS)

There was a DAS meeting on March 12 that Susan McMurray, Pamela Watkins and Beverly Shue attended. See their report.

PROJECT MATCH

Beverly Shue and I read applications for Project Match. The District has over 658 applicants for 50 slots, and the DAS is trying to get the administration to sponsor 75. We'll keep you posted. Several Project Match interns are now teaching at Harbor, among them Angie Crum.

