

President's Report to the Senate  
May 21, 2009

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AAC)**

Question of just what a strategic plan entails and how all the various planning elements (unit plans, program review, efficiency, accreditation standards, Cluster priorities, District Board Rules, costs and non-cost elements) are incorporated into the master plan came up. The AAC members agreed that the Educational Master Plan (EMP) should reflect all of these individual components. Co-chair Stanbery reminded the Committee that budgetary cuts should be based on the plans and not made arbitrarily.

Consensus was that the strategic plan should support the EMP and that budgetary decisions should also be derived from it, not the other way around. Dean Humphreys suggested that the strategic plan consisted of all the sub-category plans such as: facilities, budget, staffing, enrollment management, marketing etc.

The AAC very briefly discussed the Speech Department request to be moved from the Communications Division to the Humanities Division; it was brief because all but one person had already discussed the issue in the Division Council meeting.

June Smith handed out a budget projection that the Chancellor distributed to Senate Presidents on May 14 showing the District's probable reductions for this and next years' budgets.

### **CONSULTATION WITH THE CHANCELLOR, May 14**

- **Budget**

The projected cut to the District is \$21 million for 2008-09 and \$58 million for 09-10. The Chancellor stated that he expected that all nine campuses will be in deficit mode next year, but that he is looking for \$30 million in cuts/reductions. The only good news is that the District will be applying for a green CTE grant of \$20 million from the federal government Labor Department, and that the application will have to be written and submitted in June. Vice-Chancellor Martinez also stated that each campus will once again be given \$108,000 in CTE innovation funds in next year's budget.

- **Accreditation Update**

The reports on colleges aren't expected until the beginning part of July. The ACCJC Board meets in June to decide our fates. The District expects several recommendations for the three city-side colleges.

- **Facilities/Energy Issues**

The DAS and Union have set up a Bond Oversight Committee that meets to address the collective concerns of the nine campuses trying to deal with the District mandates and controls. Chancellor Drummond expressed his dismay at the energy contracts and consultant fees and says that he is working to make all the services more transparent. He says "we aren't there yet," but he is making progress. Dr. Drummond has met with David Freeman, the new deputy mayor in charge of energy, to work on a contract with DWP that will be more favorable to the District.

- **DAS Summit**

David Beaulieu, President of the DAS, announced that he is planning to make the fall DAS Summit concentrate on green technologies. The conference may be held at the Metropolitan Water District Building downtown again this year, but the date and place have not yet been finalized.

- **CTE Planning**

Vice Chancellor Martinez announced that the District will be making an application to the Labor Department for a \$20 million grant for CTE. He has asked for faculty input and help, so any of you who are willing or can be involved in this effort need to attend the CTE meetings at the District.

- **Basic Skills and Student Success Initiatives**

David Beaulieu announced that the District intends to continue to work with the state system as the regional lead for the Basic Skills Initiative, but the District may not continue after the end of 2009. Funding may or may not be available, and the State Academic Senate (ASCCC) has objected to the system running the grant instead of the Senate. The fiscal problem is that state monies cannot be granted to the Senate and so the program has had to be managed by the system office.

Both Gary Colombo and Deborah Harrington met with state and academic leaders on May 11 to discuss the District's future in the project. They will use Mark Wade Lieu, retiring ASCCC President, as a liaison for future discussion.

## **CORE**

Part of the discussion on May 19 centered on the impending budget problems: the state Department of Finance isn't approving any orders; state funds for the library may be delayed; and the District is hiring a new specialist in furniture and equipment.

The Child Development Center is 60 days behind schedule, but Mike Bishop, our Project Manager, still expects the building to be ready in September. He said that the contractor is working hard to meet that deadline. Furniture for the building has been approved and will be going to the District shortly.

The lawn in front of the Tech Building will be planted.

Floor vibrations in NEA 218/19 are annoying enough to disrupt student concentration.

Humanities and Fine Arts renovations haven't gone out to bid, yet.

The question of what kind of master keys for the Tech Building is still being discussed.

The enhancements lists for NEA and SSA should be ordered before the Tech Building list is finished.

The Parking Structure design should be finished by May 27.

Old bungalows should be demolished by the early fall.

Design for the Science Center is moving forward and should be finished and sent to the Board for approval in early June.

A bungalow will be moved to the baseball field to be used as a dressing room; another may be used for book storage if space can be found.

The library structural sign-off was to occur on May 19. Then, it will be sent to DSA (state architects) for approval.

No agreement has been made with Recreation and Parks over the golf course land.

The lights are still constantly on in Tech and SSA.

Plans have been made for north-side bleachers in the football stadium. Funding is still a problem.

Old Administration Building renovations should start in October or November.

## **DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE (DAS)**

- **Approved Motions:**

- Repetition of Activity Courses (E- 103)

- Curriculum and Course Approval (E-65, Title 5 changes)

- Alignment of Subject with Minimum Qualification Areas (E-XX)

- Competency Requirement (E-55)

- Student Grievance Procedures (E-55)

- **Elections**

- President: David Beaulieu

- Vice President: Kathleen Bimber

- Secretary: Angela Echeverri

- Treasurer: Alex Immerblum

- **ESL Appeal by Valley**

- This appeal about course naming was sent to the DAS Executive Committee for discussion. Their recommendation then will come back to the DAS.

- **Proposed Board Resolution**

- “That the Student Affairs Committee and the District Academic Senate hereby urge the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District to encourage administrators, faculty, and staff to take steps to boost our financial aid applications and award totals.

## **DIVISION COUNCIL (DC)**

The Division Council met on May 20, 2009 to continue to address the formulation of the Educational Master Plan (EMP) and to report on completions of unit plans and program reviews. Since this year’s process is truncated (the campus changed its schedule so that two unit plans/program reviews have to be done this spring) Division Chairs are still in the process of completing these documents.

Dean Humphreys asked that departments review courses being currently offered or to be offered next year and remove those that are no longer active by archiving them or deleting them from the course program. Accreditation is asking that every course taught be assessed. if a course isn’t being taught, it can’t be assessed and our completion rate will suffer.

The DC also discussed the requested move by the Speech Department from the Communications Division to Humanities. The issue was raised that all departments and divisions probably need to be realigned and departments not moved piecemeal. Questions were raised about the academic impact of the requested move.

June Burlingame Smith, President

