

President's Report to the Senate
March 5, 2009

ACCREDITATION

Dr. Spink, Luis Rosas and I presented the executive summary of Harbor's Accreditation mid-term report to the Board Committee on Wednesday, February 25. The report was well received; only two edit comments were suggested by Gary Colombo:

1. Put in the percentage of program reviews that have been updated/completed
2. Put in the number of courses where Student Learning Outcomes have been completed.

We said we would make those changes.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Academic Affairs Committee met on March 4 to discuss the shape of the Educational Master Plan meeting scheduled for March 27 with outside facilitators. Dr. Humphreys specifically asked for names of community leaders who should be included in the discussions. So, if any of you have specific people you would like the college to consult about the Educational Master Plan, please send your suggestions to Dr. Humphreys immediately.

DIVISION COUNCIL

Division Council met March 4, and Luis Rosas and Dean Humphreys went over the program review schedule and format. Emphasis is on the vocational education programs that must be reviewed every two years. Dr. Humphreys wants those completed before the March 27 Educational Master Plan meeting.

Concern was raised by some division chairs that they don't have the means or the staff to get this done so quickly, but Dean Humphreys offered to help in any way he could.

CHANCELLOR CONSULTATION

Senate Presidents met with Dr. Drummond on February 23 and discussed a full range of issues. Trade Tech is having difficulty with its shared governance processes; administrative decisions and appointments are being made without due process or consultation. The Chancellor evinced surprised over the allegations because he said a president evaluation had just taken place using focus groups. In the ensuing discussion, the suggestion was made that faculty evaluations used by Dr. Young had not been read or taken into account previously, so the entire system needs to be revisited. Perhaps Dr. Drummond will conclude that using both faculty leadership evaluations and campus focus groups will produce a more accurate appraisal of a campus's climate.

Building issues were also prominent in the two and one half hour discussion. Many campuses are not satisfied with the District control over furniture and consultants or over decisions made by the District for the colleges. We will just have to continue to work on these issues as they arise, but they are district-wide, not only at Harbor.

Dr. Martinez discussed funds that are coming for CTE programs, both state and federal money, and said we will be gearing up to help with a summer youth employment program. Bobby McNeel is working with Vice Chancellor Martinez on these moneys.

CORE

The campus building committee has been dealing with a lot of clean-up issues from the moves into the new buildings. One problem brought to the committee was the redoing of the women's softball field. Another was supervision and maintenance of facilities: who does it and what is needed. A third issue is ADA compliance with door openers to the NEA building (there are no outside or inside buttons for the disabled at the mid-break of the buildings).

Discussion was held about how to renovate the General Classroom building and whether or not it was possible to do what is needed without having to go through the state process of approval. Key issues are the upgrades of the bathrooms and adding an elevator. Mike Bishop said he would have an architect look at what was needed and get back to the committee for a decision. In the meantime, Carla Muldoon needs the building for her summer program.

There have been some rain delays for the Child Care Center and the Physical Education building, but work has resumed fully. The library design is awaiting approval, the design-build for the Physical Sciences and Life Sciences building is going forward, and a user's group will be asked to look at the Tech building needs. The problems of flooding through the upper outside staircase and roof leaks in the new Tech building are of high concern.

CHANCELLOR'S VISIT

Just a reminder:

Chancellor Drummond will be on campus on Tuesday, March 10 from 1-2:30. The meeting will be in the Northeast Academic Classroom building. Check your e-mail for the correct room number.

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