President’s Report to the Senate  
June 4, 2009

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Dean Humphreys distributed the six priority visions compiled from the World Café and subsequent meetings to address the master plan. Those visions are:

1. Develop community awareness that Harbor is the place to go if you are out of work and need retraining.
2. Develop Harbor as a “technology destination” for students who are increasingly tech savvy.
3. Each Division should develop a set of principles to guide budgetary restrictions.
4. Each Division should be exploring ways to attract the large number of people in our service area who are above 45 years old.
5. Rebrand the College: invite RPV counselors to the College for a show and tell re the new buildings and programs.
6. Embed Essential Skills throughout the curriculum.

These adopted priorities will now be used by all clusters to ascertain priorities for the coming year(s).

CORE

CORE issues/discussion include:

- Child Development Center should be completed and ready for occupancy by the end of August. Question has arisen about getting the furniture ordered and delivered in time for the fall semester. Delay on the order may cause problems.
- Humanities/Theater Renovations are stalled again and may have to start over. Getting the right architect seems to be a very large problem.
- Vibrations in NEA 217, 218 and 219 “were determined to be caused by outside air volume control” and will be fixed.
- Tech Building: the compressor doesn’t work
- PE: Athletic Director George Swade presented CORE with architectural drawings showing fan stands on the north side of the athletic track with two team rooms underneath to accommodate both home and visiting teams. CORE discussed how these could be paid for, what the cost would actually be, and whether or not this is a priority that should go forward immediately. Mike Bishop was asked to bring back cost estimates so that a final decision could be made.
- NEA podium problem; there are three options:
  1. Move the podium and the electronics to the side of the classroom
  2. Move the electronics to the desk
  3. Move the electronics and podium into the closet

  Consensus was to opt for the second option
- Designs for benches outside of financial aid and lighting for the display case were looked at and approved
- The Parking garage design should be finished in time to submit to the Board in late June
- Old bungalow removal has been delayed because of the utility lines underneath that need to be addressed.
- The two “new trailers” will be placed as team rooms for baseball and softball.
• The Science Center Complex user group reviewed three design submissions and raised questions to be answered by each architectural firm by June 9. The final scoring will be done on June 18.
• The parking lot striping and paving will be done on the south lot in time for graduation
• The library can be started as soon as we get state approval
• TV Studio: we’re still looking for designers

CPC

At its June 1 meeting, the CPC heard public comment from the Physical Education instructors who are concerned about the state’s recommendation that all Physical Education classes be moved from credit to non-credit status.
CPC also discussed three items:
• Dr. Humphreys emphasized that we need to complete the Academic Cluster plan so that the other Clusters can draw up their plans in support of the academic plans. We hope to have some kind of draft for CPC to see on June 22.
• During the Budget update, several items of information shared:
  1. Our ending budget deficit (HC) will be approximately $2 million, down from $3.2 million because the District has allowed us to use our growth FTES to help reduce our payments back to the District
  2. The Board has eliminated all summer schools in the District (except PACE) that begin after July 1. Vice President Rosas said that we still should be able to make base FTES next year unless there are unforeseen changes in student enrollments.
• A long discussion was held after Tony Michaelman, from the District, once again presented a plan to buy two lots on Pacific Coast Highway and conduct a land swap for 82 acres with Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department. The estimated cost of this venture is $39.4 million ($17 of it for land purchase) but the CPC could not reach consensus on advising Dr. Spink to proceed with the purchase. Questions of toxicity, maintenance, usage, and the questionability of the land swap were the main concerns in addition to questions about enough money being available in Measure J. Dr. Spink wants to make a determination on this project now.

DIVISION COUNCIL

At the June 3 DC meeting, Luis Rosas announced that Marymount College has asked to lease our buildings and hold summer classes. They have also asked for a list of faculty who were to teach these courses with the intent of offering about 25 classes with the highest enrollments. Discussions are not yet complete, but there is a good possibility that our students will have SOME options this summer. PACE classes have been restored because of the AFT contract.

Dean Blackburn suggested that the College could save money by offering the outreach classes now taught at high schools on the Harbor College campus and by consolidating sections.

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