

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AA)

The AAC has been meeting weekly to devise a template for program assessment . Lora Lane has worked tirelessly with Dean Humphreys to produce a pilot for the campus to use this year that uses pathways, groupings of disciplines, as a coherent way of addressing this measurement. The draft is going to the Academic Senate November 5 for approval.

AREA C

Harbor College hosted the State Senate's Area C meeting (all the local campuses) to read and rewrite resolutions being suggested for the fall plenary session beginning November 12. All were impressed with out new facilities, and the lunch was delicious, too. Thanks to Susan McMurray and Pamela Watkins for their help in getting everything set up and cleaned up.

BUDGET

October 23

The latest iteration of the budget projects a deficit of approximately \$3.8 million this year. Clusters s were once again asked to submit areas where savings can occur to report back at the next meeting.

No one yet knows if there will be a January revise and further budget cuts from the state. Federal stimulus funds to backfill some of the categorical cuts amount to approximately 1/3 of the original estimates, and discussion is ongoing as to whether these funds will simply be listed at Program 100 giving colleges flexibility to use the money as they see fit.

Discussion about suspending the 50% law is ongoing. This is state law that mandates 50% of Program 100 funds be used IN THE CLASSROOM.

Lauren McKenzie passed out a list of all the grants now being administered on campus.
Stay tuned.

CONSULTATION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

Senate Presidents met with Chancellor Wieder and discussed:

- DAS Summit Review.: mostly positive comments and a request for powerpoints from the presentations. Larry Eisenberg is to visit each campus as a follow-up.
- Budget Update: Both East and Pierce expressed strong objection to the District's freeze on their surplus balances. They argue that they should be allowed to invest the money for future growth of programs. The Chancellor stated that the Allocation Model will once again be reviewed, and in that context the issues of 75/25 imbalances at the various colleges, the lack of funding for step increases, and the lack of concern about quality of instruction because of the pressures for constant class size increases were raised.

Chancellor Wieder stated: "Cutting hourly rate classes is the chicken way to balance the budget."

- A schedule for the Chancellor search was passed out. The District Academic Senate will appoint two faculty (David Beaulieu and Angela Echeverri from Mission) to the committee. The Board expects to appoint a new Chancellor in late spring.

- Progress reports from the AS Presidents of Trade and City were made. Both seemed confident that their schools will be taken off warning and probation.
- Articulation: a permanent IT position in the District Office has been approved. This person will help guide campuses on the use of DegreeWorks which is designed to facilitate audits of student programs. West has run a pilot program using DegreeWorks and has given the District positive feedback on using it.
- CTE Stimulus funds: The District has applied for and received a "Pathway out of Poverty Grant" for \$4 million (West received \$65,000 for hotel management and collaboration with LAX); other grants center on green technologies, and the American Graduation Initiative for \$9 billion will be addressed by Congress after the health care debate.

CORE

October 20

- The campus was given a presentation re installing wind turbines on either the Tech building or the Theater building. These would be more for instructional and promotional purposes than for energy production because the scope would be too small. Expect to see a demonstration of these turbines in the near future.
- Child Center ribbon cutting has been set for December 17
- The Portables opposite the bookstore will be moved after the Winter break.
- Dr. Spink wanted to know when we were going to resolve the computer type issue for the assessment center. She asked Ivan Clarke to report back to her right away about the best equipment to purchase.
- All other projects are "chugging along."
- June Pena from Pinner Construction is working on getting the copier list together.

October 27

- A list of departments needing copiers has been compiled by Pinner Construction. The list needs to be finalized before the contract is let, but the idea is to purchase the same equipment throughout campus so that parts replacement and maintenance can be coordinated. There will be a service agreement with this purchase that will cover not only maintenance but toner and paper as well, and the cost of copying will be reduced to .04 per copy.
- The question of just where Community Services will be permanently housed arose again. Consensus of CORE was that the General Classroom Building needs to be removed and new pre-fabs (possibly) be erected in place of the bungalows to the east of Nursing. No final decision on this has been made as yet.
- Tom Johns will replace Mike Bishop.
- Mark Wood informed CORE that a cracked window in TECH is in line with cracks in the stucco immediately above it. At first, maintenance thought the window cracks came from someone throwing stones.
- Rick Darling from Pinner Construction is almost ready with the final list of repairs in SSA, NEA and TECH. The sewer gas smells in TECH has been eliminated.
- The Request for Qualifications to do the Theater and Fine Arts repairs is nearing completion.

DIVISION COUNCIL

Division Council met on November 4 to discuss the allocations of block grant monies. Each Division Chair will submit a list at the next meeting to jointly allocate and distribute the funds.