



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING - MARCH 29, 2006
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, **March 29, 2006**, at Santa Monica College, Drescher Hall Room 300-E (the Loft), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order: 3:09 p.m.

II. Members Present

Randy Lawson, Administration, Chair Designee
Jeff Shimizu, Administration
Lesley Kawaguchi, Academic Senate Representative
Christine Schultz, Academic Senate Representative
Katharine Muller, Management Association President
Georgia Bauman, Management Association Representative
Lantz Simpson, Faculty Association President
Dennis Frisch, Faculty Association Representative
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA President
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative
Sadia Afolabi, Associated Students President
Jonathan Michaeli, Associated Students Representative

Others Present

Dianne Berman
Patricia Burson
Jocelyn Chong
John Gonzalez
Mitra Moassessi
Jackqueline Nagatsuka
Lee Peterson
Esau Tovar
David Zehr

DPAC Staff Support

Lisa Rose

III. Announcements:

- The meeting on April 12th has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26, 2006
- The recommendations approved by DPAC at the last meeting regarding FTE restoration and convening a cost benefit analysis task force have been forwarded to Superintendent/President Chui Tsang. He will respond either prior to or at the next DPAC meeting (April 26th)

IV. Reviewed and accepted minutes of DPAC meeting March 22, 2006.

V. Reports

A. Planning Subcommittees

Budget Planning: Mitra Moassessi, Co-Chair reported:

- A budget workshop open to the college community will be held on Friday, March 31, 2006, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- A recommendation regarding the filling of classified positions was approved and will be presented and discussed at the next DPAC meeting.

College Services Planning: No report

Facilities Planning: Dianne Berman, Co-Chair reported that it is anticipated that a proposal regarding a temporary location for the Superintendent/President on campus will be made to DPAC at the next meeting.

Human Resources Planning: No report

Technology Planning: Jocelyn Chong, Co-chair reported that a project to upgrade various systems will take place during spring break

B. Academic Senate Joint Committees

- Curriculum: David Zehr, Chair, reported that the Curriculum Committee approved nine new courses, six distance education courses, revised one certificate program and approved a new certificate program in robotics.
- Program Review: Patricia Burson, Chair, reported that The Program Review Committee is preparing for program reviews in 2006-07
- Student Affairs: Esau Tovar, Chair, reported that The Student Affairs committee is working on an administrative regulation on graduation adjustments for students with disabilities, developing an honor code and revisions to three other administrative regulations.

V. Agenda

Public Comments - None

A. 2005-06 Master Plan for Education: Status of Institutional Objectives #14-#17:

Updates were provided on the transformation of individual courses to incorporate student learning outcomes, the exploration of programs in emerging transportation and energy technologies, consideration of changing the English requirement for the AA degree, and the augmentation of noncredit course offerings.

B. Budget Scenarios: Postponed until April 26th meeting.

C. Student Activity Hour Discussion

- The consensus reached at the DPAC meeting of May 11, 2005 to schedule up to 70 classes during the activity hour was reviewed. This was a compromise to provide students with a choice of enrolling in a class or participating in campus activities and has a sunset of Spring 2007.

- It was reported that there are 142 on-campus classrooms available for Spring 2006 and 44 high demand classes are scheduled during activity hour. The number of classes is limited by the number of faculty available and most are part-time faculty.
- The use of the activity hour is used as a safety valve as it allows high demand classes to be added as needed.
- Approximately 1,000 students are involved in student activities and clubs. Participation in student activities promotes retention.
- It is important to recognize that the District is in a difficult financial situation and it is necessary to find a balance between student activities and increase enrollment where possible.
- In preparation for a future discussion to plan for the spring 2007, the following information will be provided: the number of students participating in student activities and clubs; consideration of alternative time for activity hour; the number of classes and enrollment offered during the activity hour; other special events/readings/enrichment programs offered during the activity hour.

VI. Adjournment: 5:35 p.m.
 DPAC Meetings schedule, through June 2006:
 April 26
 May 10, 24
 June 14, 28

VII. Council of Presidents Meeting
 The Council of Presidents set the agenda for the April 26 2006 DPAC meeting.

- Planning Subcommittee and Academic Senate Joint Committee Reports
- 2005-06 Master Plan for Education: Status of Institutional Objectives
 Budget Scenarios
- Recommendation from Budget Planning Subcommittee regarding filling of classified positions