A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 3 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Drescher Hall Room 300-E (the Loft), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order

II. Members

Randal Lawson, Administration, Chair Designee
Jeff Shimizu, Administration Representative

Kiersten Elliott,, Management Association President
Erica LeBlanc, Management Association Representative

Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Eric Oifer, Academic Senate Representative

Lantz Simpson, Faculty Association President
Kathy Sucher, Faculty Association Representative

Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA President
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative

David Chun, Associated Students President
Jafet Santiago, Associated Students Representative

III. Review of Minutes: April 8, 2009

IV. Reports

A. Superintendent/President – Response to DPAC recommendations, if any.
B. Accreditation Update

V. Agenda

Public Comments

Individuals may address the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) concerning any subject that lies within the jurisdiction of DPAC by submitting an information card with name and topic on which comment is to be made. The Chair reserves the right to limit the time for each speaker.

A. Master Plan for Education 2009-2010 Update: Initial Discussion
B. Resolution in Support of Propositions 1A-1F (attached)
C. Classified Staff Development Funds
D. Update: Planning Organization Chart, Flow Chart, Planning Calendar
VI. Adjournment

Meeting schedule through June, 2009 (second and fourth Wednesdays each month at 3 p.m.)

April 29 (special meeting at 3:30 p.m.)
May 13, 27
June 10, 24

VII. Council of Presidents Meeting

The Council of Presidents will set the agenda for the May 13, 2009 DPAC meeting.
WHEREAS, California’s community colleges have suffered hundreds of millions of dollars in cuts due to recent budget deficits and, this year, suffered from tens of millions of dollars in funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, these cuts are forcing faculty layoffs and cut-backs in vital community college courses and programs that prepare young adults for higher education, and vocational and workforce training; and

WHEREAS, California has to reform its dysfunctional budget system to provide stability and to protect funding for our community colleges; and

WHEREAS, Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F on California’s May 19 Special Election Ballot will generate short-term revenues to help us get out of this unprecedented fiscal crisis, establish long-term budget reforms to stabilize and protect community college funding, and lay out a responsible timeline for repaying community colleges the massive cuts they have incurred; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A will stabilize future state spending and create an enhanced rainy day reserve fund that will help protect funding for vital programs like education, public safety and health care; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B will pay back our community colleges hundreds of millions of dollars that will help preserve and enhance critical programs for students. These payments to community colleges would come out of the newly-created rainy day fund established by Prop. 1A and are dependent on the passage of Prop. 1A; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1C will modernize the State Lottery and allow our state to immediately raise $5 billion in new revenues to help with this year’s budget deficit and billions more in future years. The measure also guarantees that public schools will receive the same amount of funds they currently receive from the lottery; and

WHEREAS, Prop. 1D temporarily redirects a portion of excess funds from the voter-approved tobacco tax to pay for children’s health and social services over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, Prop. 1E would temporarily redirect a portion of the funds from the Mental Health Services Trust Fund, approved by voters in 2004, to fund children’s health and other General Fund programs that are at risk of elimination due to the state budget crisis; and

WHEREAS, Prop. 1F prohibits legislators, the governor and other state politicians from getting pay raises whenever our state budget is running a deficit, saving California millions of dollars and bringing accountability to the Legislature and Governor’s office; and

WHEREAS, If these measures do not pass, California will lose more than $23 billion in revenues over the next four years that will put tremendous pressure to make even more cuts to vital services, including community colleges.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) formally endorses Propositions 1A-1F on the California May 2009 Special Election ballot.