



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING - JUNE 10, 2009
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A special town hall meeting with the Superintendent/President and the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, **June 10, 2009** at Santa Monica College, Theater Arts Main Stage, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order - 3:06 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting - Budget Discussion

The Town Hall Meeting was well-attended with over 300 faculty, classified staff, students, managers and trustees filling the Main Stage to capacity. Superintendent/President Chui Tsang opened with an overview of SMC's budget situation and reviewed the level of reduced funding from the State including proposals for reductions to categorical programs. He stressed that the college wants to continue providing quality programs and services for students while trying to protect the salaries and benefits for staff. In addition, he emphasized that the process for developing and implementing a plan will be transparent and inclusive. An email address has been created for suggestions and comments, at BudgetIdeas@smc.edu.

Jeanine Hawk made a Powerpoint presentation which is posted on the SMC website at:

<http://www.smc.edu/apps/pubs.asp?Q=2&T=District+Planning+and+Advisory+Council+%2D+DPAC&P=31>

Following the presentation, the floor was opened for comments, questions, and/or suggestions. A list of suggestions will be compiled and proposed reductions will be reviewed by the Budget Planning Subcommittee and DPAC and presented to the Board at the July meeting for discussion. The list will also be posted at the above website.

IV. Adjournment 4:21 p.m.