



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING – APRIL 25, 2012
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, **April 25, 2012** at Santa Monica College, Business Building Room 111, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order - 3:02 p.m.

II. Members Present

Randy Lawson, Administration Representative, Chair
Janet Harclerode, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Erica LeBlanc, Management Association Representative
Georgia Lorenz, Administrative Representative

Eric Oifer, Academic Senate Representative
Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association President
Sandra Burnett, Faculty Association President
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA President
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative
Harrison Wills, Associated Students President
Jasmine Delgado, Associated Students Representative

Others Present

Cameron Espinoza
Guido Davis del Piccolo
Lee Johnston
Jennifer Merlic
Lee Peterson
Michael Price
Howard Stahl
Luis Gomez

DPAC Coordinator

Lisa Rose

III. The minutes of the DPAC meeting on April 11, 2012 were accepted as amended.

IV. Agenda

- A. It was reported that the Budget Committee reviewed and discussed the Third Quarter Financial Report.
- B. Master Plan for Education Update: A schedule for the Master Plan for Education Update process was distributed. The process will start with the review of the Program Review Annual Report at the May 9th meeting and will be completed in September. The MPE update will be presented to the Board of Trustees in October.

C. Self-Funded Courses: At the last DPAC meeting, it was agreed that the questions that need to be answered are: (1) Should the college offer courses that are not supported by the state, and, if so (2) what should be done, and (3) how should we do it? It was agreed that the representatives on DPAC would pose the question to their respective constituencies and report back to DPAC. Following are updates from the representative groups:

- The Management Association is meeting on Friday to discuss the topic.
- CSEA Chapter #36 passed the following resolution at its meeting on April 19th.

To President Chui Tsang and SMC Board of Trustees:

At the April 19th chapter meeting of CSEA Chapter 36, the members voted unanimously to direct the Executive Board to respond to the SMC Board directive concerning the winter 2013 session by going on record stating the following positions.

If the only choice is between contract education and shutting the doors on students with the subsequent layoff or furlough of Classified employees, we support the consideration of any viable legal option which would keep the college open. We are and have been these students, or they are our sons and daughters, or our relatives and our neighbors as well as being the real answer to solving every problem facing the state and the nation. There is no solution without education.

Since the District is gearing up for the layoff process, we call for the termination of the following, prior to the layoff of any permanent Classified employee:

- all temporary employees
- all provisional employees,
- all outside contractors
- all outside consultants
- We ask that the District terminate all of the above immediately.

There are other measures that would serve to keep the doors open:

- elimination of all travel funded by the District
- immediate cessation of all marketing and rebranding activity
- cessation of all overtime in all departments
- true implementation of an immediate across-the-board hiring freeze on all permanent positions
- call back into the general fund any unspent money from departmental budgets.
- return of \$3.3 million of designated reserves to the general fund.
- modification of the academic calendar moving the beginning of spring semester back to January
- reconsideration of all money-saving suggestions which have previously been rejected

If after all of the above steps have been taken, and the winter session is eliminated we expect the Board to stand by its stated position that calls for the "pain" to be shared equally by **all** permanent District employees (not implemented on the backs of Classified alone). We expect to see proportionate reductions made to **all** permanent District employees.

For the membership,
The Executive Board of CSEA Chapter 36

- The Associated Students is having a special meeting next week focusing on how to gather input from students about self-funded courses. Harrison Wills read the following statement

I am writing you to clarify that the presentation made by Cameron Espinoza and Jasmine Delgado to the District and Planning Advisory Committee on Wednesday April 11th (during the students spring break) was not presented on behalf of the Associated Students as it was never approved by the Associated Students board. In fact, the first time the Associated Students have even heard of this proposal was during Cameron Espinoza's Director and Committee Reports during the Associated Students Board of Directors meeting on Monday April 16th. This was the first time our collective board had ever seen or heard of her proposed two-tier frontier idea. I would like to encourage both Dr. Tsang and the entire D-PAC board to share this email with everyone who may have been informed otherwise. I would like everyone to know that this was never meant to be presented as a proposal from the A.S or even presented on behalf of the A.S. as it never went through our democratic process. Thank you!

- The Faculty Association has been discussing the topic for two months. Its major concern is the legality of the program based on the 2008 opinion of the Chancellor's Office.
- The Academic Senate has been discussing the topic. At last Friday's Department Chairs meeting, chairs were asked to solicit input from their individual departments.

DPAC will be making a recommendation to the Superintendent/President by September.

It was also agreed at the last meeting that a fact sheet be prepared by DPAC for college-wide distribution. Suggested topics include:

- Explanation of the fiscal situation - the state budget and where the college is in terms of funding, unfunded FTEs, workload reduction, etc.
- A timeline that shows budget cuts and corresponding cuts to classes
- Budget glossary
- Cost of education
- Percentage of resident, non-resident and international students
- What happens if the tax initiatives pass or fail
- How many students are redirecting to for-profit or extension classes
- Average time to degree or transfer
- Percentage of financial aid and student loans
- Impact on students if nothing is done

Additional comments:

- Board policies and administrative regulations such as those related to course repetition and priority enrollment will need to be reviewed.
- Associated Student membership for students in self-funded courses will need to be considered.
- It was requested that a comparison of projected budget and actual budget over the last 5-10 years be prepared (referred to Budget Committee).

- It was suggested that the college investigate ways to address the fiscal problem by generating new revenue (develop alternatives), cutting expenditures (develop alternatives) or a combination of the two.
- It was suggested that two fact sheets be developed - one for the constituencies to consider when answering the questions and another one once a proposal is developed.

V. Adjournment- 5:00 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June, 2012 (second and fourth Wednesdays each month at 3 p.m.)

May 9, 23
June 13, 27

VI. Council of Presidents Meeting

The Council of Presidents set the agenda for the May 9, 2012 DPAC meeting.

Agenda

A. Reports

- Planning Subcommittees
- Academic Senate Joint Committees
- Associated Students
- ACUPCC
- Associated Students

B. Program Review Annual Report

C. Institutional Effectiveness Process

D. Self-Funded Courses

Recommendations from DPAC Planning Subcommittees to be included on agenda for consideration by DPAC need to be submitted to Lisa Rose one week before the meeting.