

Senate President's Report  
December 3, 2009

## **ACCREDITATION**

Harbor College has received a letter from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges reminding us that we will have to submit a Follow-Up Report on March 15, 2010. The one item we need to report on is a District issue: District Plan for Retiree Health Benefit Liability.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (AA)**

The Academic Affairs Committee met on Wednesday, 12/2, to continue to work on the Planning Procedures Manual. Jim Stanbery has conducted two other meetings (11/30 and 12/1) to guide the process. The schedule calls for completing this manual by the end of the fall semester.

## **DIVISION COUNCIL**

- Division Council met on December 2 and went over block grant requests.
- Dr. Humphreys announced that he would be sending out a notice for hiring someone to staff the Teaching/Learning Center part-time.
- Lauren McKenzie reminded Division Chairs that only degrees and certificates (18 units or more) can be notated on transcripts (new Title 5 regulations).
- Carmen Carrillo and Mark Wood announced FLEX activities centered on Program Assessment will be held February 2, 3, and 4.
- Hard copies of the schedule of courses are not being mailed out this semester, but the schedules are free and available on-campus, on-line and in libraries.

## **CORE**

The November 30 meeting is Mike Bishop's next to last meeting with us. Tom Johns will take over as Project Manager next week.

- The committee reviewed the latest design elements for the marquee replacement. We should be able to see this new sign within the first half of next year.
- The question was raised as to whether or not we should/could retain the old gym instead of tearing it down. LAUSD would like to use it for its program, and Harbor could use a second gym. We were informed that the new gym was built by state money as a replacement for the old gym, so we'd have to pay for the new building out of proposition monies if we kept the old one.
- The Child Development Center opening is still scheduled for December 17, so put it on your calendars. Questions arose about the colors of the tiles for the children's hand prints (part of the ceremony) but that should be resolved in time for the opening.
- Mark Wood again raised the issue of new sound equipment for the Speech rooms in the Theater Building. CORE will consider this next week.
- Demolition will be done in stages: Business Building and old PE in March; old Technology Building soon after abatement is done; the Physics Building after the Science Complex is completed.
- The Request for Proposals (RFP) is out for the Humanities and Fine Arts Scope Issues. Rick Darling anticipates that Harbor should be able to get a contract to the Board for approval no later than April.
- The new chiller should be on-site in mid-December. Installation will take another month.
- Enhancements in the Tech Building are going forward
- Enhancement Project for NEA and SSA hit a snag: the State Architects (DSA) sent it back to us (long story of deception on the state's part because we had worked with them to submit the proposal in the format they said was OK and then rejected it) so Rick Darling is looking to see

what might be done (non-heavy construction) without DSA approval while restructuring the package that needs DSA approval.

- Eleven copiers have been ordered under FF&E. White boards are on order for NEW/SSA, and computers for the Assessment Center will be ordered when Ivan Clarke makes the selection.
- The District is still researching the best security camera system; they are trying to co-ordinate recommendation and all orders have been stopped in the meantime.
- Contamination in the new Science Complex area will start very soon.
- The campus is ready to turn the switch on for the first megawatt as soon as we get the proper switch from DWP.
- A sustainable water system has been installed on campus and will be hooked up to the DWP main system as soon as DWP completes its piping in the area. This will allow the campus to use gray water on plants, saving us a great deal of money and conserving a lot of water.
- The design to redo the softball field is being finished.
- The criteria package for the Job Placement/Data Center is well along. The One Stop Center still is not occupied.
- We have insufficient storage on campus; new buildings do not have planned storage capacity, and this will have to be addressed. The question is how and where. The buildings being currently designed will remedy this situation for those buildings.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSUDH has received a million dollar grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation. The Institute is open to students who are sixty or older, and if CSUDH builds the enrollment to 1,000 from its current 600, it will receive another \$1,000,000. This is an exciting opportunity for public/private education at the university level and is something we at Harbor might study to try to replicate with other funding sources. Our demographics in the future point towards this need.

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