

**SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE PLANNING COUNCIL
November 2, 2004
3:00 - 4:30 PM
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MINUTES

PRESENT: J. Friedlander, S. Ehrlich, L. Fairly, J. Sullivan, K. McLellan, A. Serban, T. Garey, E. Frankel, K. Molloy, J. Schultz, L. Auchincloss, R. Ladanyi

ABSENT: B. Hamre, P. Haslund, J. Jackson

GUEST: L. Griffin

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Jack Friedlander called the meeting to order.

2.0 Announcements

Jack Friedlander reported that John Romo has sent out the announcement that he and the Board of Trustees have concluded that it is no longer in the best interests of SBCC students and staff to continue in the Oracle Student System (OSS) development process. Dr. Friedlander said what is important to communicate is that if anyone is contacted by a person outside of the campus, that individual needs to be directed to the communication in the press release and/or referred to Kay Bruce. The college will proceed with looking at proposals for alternatives to the Oracle Student System, and will look at the best way to evaluate these proposals. Jack also cautioned that we will have to rely on our Legacy system for another year and one-half and, if essential, invest in upgrading this system while we wait to install a new SIS.

Sue Ehrlich informed the Council that the AFT election ballots would be tallied in Sacramento on December 17th.

3.0 Information Items

3.1 Policy-related items discussed at the last week's Chief Business Officers (CBO) conference, including the proposed changes in the model used to fund community colleges

Vice President Joe Sullivan, who attended the CBO conference, distributed information from a presentation at the conference on the status of the State General Fund and also how Proposition 57 and Proposition 98 impact it. He said that the State General Fund is recovering but slowly.

3.2 Policy-related items discussed at last week's Chief Instructional Officers conference.

Jack Friedlander reported on the Chief Instructional Officers' conference he attended last week. He said the Chancellor's Office in their presentation put out its top agenda items. He said that one of the challenges the Chancellor will face in implementing his agenda is that the system office lacks the staff, in both numbers and expertise, to do so. Chancellor Drummond said that neither he nor his staff has been able to meet with the Governor or his staff and, consequently, this weakens his capacity at that level to lobby.

Jack Friedlander said a fundamental change in the method for funding community colleges he asked the Chancellor and his staff to consider is to not use growth as the primary means for colleges to acquire additional state funding. As a greater number of colleges become more mature in terms of their population base, it will become increasingly difficult for them to increase their FTES. This will result in their needing to reduce their budgets each year since increases in ongoing costs of doing business are likely to be greater than the amount of new state money they receive for a COLA. The proposed new funding formula will provide each college a base level of funding, regardless of its fluctuations in FTES. Then, if funds are still available to do so, they will be distributed to colleges on an FTES basis. The formula that is proposed to determine how much a college can grow each year doesn't take into account students that reside outside of a district's service area or relocate to the district's service area. This method of calculating FTES growth limits per year would penalize colleges such as SBCC that reside in low to no growth population areas. The proposed model doesn't take into account the new realities of how fluid the population base is in terms of where people relocate and attend college.

Jack Friedlander said that in response to his question of the Chancellor in respect to the full-time faculty obligation (FTFO), the Chancellor said he would be asking the Board of Governors to make the following changes: (1) give colleges more flexibility in how they achieve their FTES targets; (2) have the size of the penalty for not achieving the established FTFO take into account the progress the institution has made in reaching its FTFO; and (3) grant colleges some relief in meeting their FTFO at times they are experiencing budget difficulties. The Chancellor said his preference is to allow colleges to use their professional judgment in determining how many new and replacement full time faculty to hire. Dr Friedlander said that until a final decision is made by the BOG to change the method for calculating a college's FTFO, we will move forward with the ranking of requested new positions by the Academic Senate.

Dr. Friedlander stated another issue he wants to bring to the Academic Senate is the Chancellor's Office proposal for approving new programs and stand-alone courses. He will first discuss the proposed model with the Steering Committee and then present it to the full Academic Senate.

Jack Friedlander said there are a number of recommendations in the CPR report that major implications for the college. These include the funding formula and rules for concurrent courses (our Dual Enrollment program). The proposed method for funding concurrent enrollment would provide a disincentive for community colleges and high

schools to make this important opportunity available to their students. Dr. Friedlander was told that the Chancellor's Office and CCLC have been so focused on saving the Chancellor's Office they never got around to writing a rebuttal to the CPR on this item which translates into an endorsement of that document. If the CPR recommendation is approved by the Legislature, it would result in the loss of FTES generated from the college's Dual Enrollment program. This proposed change in funding has serious implications for community colleges and for the thousands of students throughout California that benefit from taking a community college course while they are still in high school. Dr. Friedlander said he is taking the lead for the Chief Instructional Officers Association to prepare a position paper on this matter to advance to the Chancellor's Office and CCLC. Another recommendation in the CPR report that CLCC and the Chancellor's Office have not adequately addressed is the proposed increase in out-of-state fees.

Andrea Serban reviewed some of the items discussed at the RP Group meeting she attended. The Chancellor's Office reported that the fee increase did not have an impact on the system's FTES. Another topic discussed was the fact that AB1417 was passed. This legislation requires that a new model of district accountability for annual evaluation of district performance be created. This legislation says that the Chancellor's Office is free to contract knowledgeable people in higher education across the state to develop models. Dr. Serban said the Chancellor's Office is contracting with the RP Group to develop a proposed accountability model and that she will be one of six people who will be working to develop this proposed new method for assessing district and system performance. Dr. Friedlander asked that this model be brought back to CPC for its input.

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Consultative Planning Process (CPP)

The final CPP document was distributed to the Council. There were no further revisions to the document.

4.2 Review of the evaluation of the status of the College Plan 2002-2005 progress report of 2003-04

The review was provided to the Council by Andreea Serban. Before the Council takes any action on this document, time will be allowed for review by Council members and for Dr. Serban to make some edits to the language. Jack Friedlander said that the areas we need to look at are those where we are not making satisfactory progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the College Plan and those not being achieved because of the absence of adequate resources. He recommended that these discussions take place when CPC reviews the CPP unit/department plans. This would enable CPC to link the CPP, College Plan and budget review/development processes. Andreea Serban said John Romo would like to take the assessment of achieving the goals and objectives in the College Plan that she distributed to CPC to the Board study session in December. Therefore, anything that needs to be changed or revised in the document should be done prior to that time. In response to a question from Liz Auchincloss, Dr. Friedlander said the

CPP will not replace the development of our College Plan but will determine our priorities as we develop the College Plan for 2005-2008.

5.0 Adjournment

Chairperson Jack Friedlander adjourned the meeting.