Senate President’s Report
September 2, 2010

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
September 1, 2010

- Juan Baez introduced himself and asked for ideas and feedback from Division Chairs about putting a theater skit together that emphasizes modern or 20th century authors. He talked about perhaps doing short versions for the classroom. He asked for ideas.
- Luis Rosas talked about the possible reorganization by placing job placement and CALWORKS under Student Services. Bob Richards mentioned his requests for input for a new grant but that he hasn’t gotten feedback from most faculty. Richards emphasized that the faculty needs to understand time constraints and deadlines. If the experts in the field don’t get the information back to the grant writers, then the grant writers will have to fill in as best they can. Existing grants are posted on the Economic Development website.
- Mr. Rosas discussed that the President wants to assure staff development funding. Approximately $6700 is immediately available through the bequest from Charles Cramer, and the President also asked Vice President Rosas and Dean Humphreys to look at the CTE Collaborative Fund of $130,000 from ‘09-‘10 and $125,000 from ‘10-‘11 for staff development. Lauren McKenzie cautioned that this was CTE money and needed to follow the guidelines stipulating areas of usage: staff development; curriculum development; externships for faculty; and K-12 outreach for areas like STEM.
- Academic Affairs Cluster Prioritization list was reviewed, but Dean Humphreys wasn’t present to answer questions. For instance, no one seemed to know just what the numbers in the “meet all timelines for accreditation,” but the suggestion was made that a column was missing. Since Dean Humphreys was still at the dentist, the prioritization process was postponed until the next joint meeting.

CORE
August 31, 2010

- CORE will continue to meet every other week for the foreseeable future.
- The contractors for the Student Union building and other attendant projects have been selected and approved by the Board.
- Security enhancements for the Child Development Center schematic drawings are being created; plans should allow work to begin by the end of the year.
- Plans for the theater reconstruction will go to the Board September 1.
- Brad Young suggested that the rusted mesh outside the TECH should have been “metalized,” a process that would have prevented such rust. Arcadis is investigating why stainless steel wasn’t used as originally planned.
- The punch-list for the NEA/SSA buildings will be developed shortly.
- The parking structure should be back on schedule; an April 2011 completion is still expected.
- The old FMO building is scheduled to be demolished September 1.
• We still have not been advised of a renewable energy agreement. We are running the first mg but we have no way of monitoring it, and the energy is not fed back to the campus.
• The gymnasium is very loud; it needs acoustical baffling. Concern was raised about the noise level for an impending fair in October.
• The contractor to demolish the old gym will be chosen next week.
• The Library and Learning Resource Center ran into some pipe and asbestos problems, so they are currently 3-4 weeks behind schedule.
• ARCADIS is working on comments from DSA re the electronic sign.
• The TV Studio final design should be completed by 9/11.
• The girls’ softball field grading is not yet complete, so the sod can’t be placed yet.
• Nina Malone asked that a gate be built on the north side of the field to provide easier and faster access. It would have to be ADA compliant.
• The users’ group still has space issues to resolve for the Job Placement/Data Center.
• The SPS renovation project is complete.
• About $800,000 is needed for ADA accessibility upgrades.

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MARTINEZ

President Martinez and I met on August 31 and mainly discussed the need for staff development funds. There is some money from the Cramer bequest, approximately $6700 that can be used for faculty, and the President feels certain that the CTE Collaborative money, approximately $255,000, can be a source for further funding. He asked that this avenue be explored by Dean Humphreys, Luis Rosas, and the faculty.

We also touched upon the need for new policies in the areas of administrative hiring grant application/writing. Further, we talked briefly about the Faculty Obligation Number (FON) that makes up the District obligation to hire full time faculty, and President Martinez expects that Harbor will be asked to hire new faculty this year. How many Harbor can hire is not yet determined and our FHPC process for the year is just beginning.

The President also mentioned the $73 million District balance. He expects that Harbor’s share of the funds the District will turn back to campuses will be approximately $1 million. There may be more funds made available, and if so, the campus needs to have a plan to apply for those monies. This will not erase the deficit, but it would be a big help in the coming year.

The President also wants to meet with the heads of the unions and the Senate on a regular basis, so we are working on that kind of scheduling. I have asked the Vice President of the Senate to be available for these meetings.

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