COLLEGE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 1, 2010

PRESENT: Mikki Adams, Dennis Bailey-Fougnier, Janis Blume, Diane Goody, Steve Hodges, Renée Kilmer, Brian King, Victoria Lewis, Dan Rothwell, Barbara Schultz Perez, Letitia Scott-Curtis, and Kathie Welch

ABSENT: Roy Pirchio and Stephanie Stainback

VISITORS: Nancy Brown, Sesario Escoto, Kristin Fabos, Wanda Garner, Ray Kaupp, Graciano Mendoza, Joel Rogers, Georg Romero, Margaret Tam, and Jim Weckler

1.0 Call to Order and Introduction of Substitutes
Brian called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
Substitutes: Janis Blume for Stephanie Stainback

2.0 Review of Agenda
Brian reviewed the agenda. There were no changes or additions.

3.0 Approval of Minutes
None.

4.0 Oral Communications
Sesario reported that Cabrillo received a plaque from the 2010 Census Bureau recognizing Cabrillo as an official host of the census.

Victoria provided an Emergency Preparedness planning update and discussed the recent campus power outages.

- IT is establishing an email address where the campus community can provide input on emergency preparedness processes.
- The Emergency Preparedness Planning Group will continue to work with building managers regarding their roles and duties.

Dan noted that a number of classrooms do not have emergency lighting.

Mikki asked about the status of the text alert program. Victoria responded that the Emergency Preparedness Planning Group is working on protocols for communication and will check on the status of the text alert program.

5.0 Management Dialog
None.
6.0 **Budget**

Victoria provided an update on the budget. Brian noted that he will share the budget presentation with the board and plans to share the budget information as broadly as possible. The budget presentations will be made public on the campus budget web page at: [http://cabrillo.edu/internal/adminservices/budgetcenter/](http://cabrillo.edu/internal/adminservices/budgetcenter/). Brian will provide an email to the campus once the information is posted.

Victoria added that the California League of Community Colleges (League) is doing a survey on cash flow. The League believes the state budget may not pass until after the November elections which could put some districts in dire financial situations.

Victoria informed CPC that a Benefits Town Hall meeting is planned for September 15th, from 2 – 3 p.m. CPC members suggested holding a second Town Hall meeting for those who cannot attend the first one.

Brian stated that the budget is not complicated but the choices are extremely difficult. Renee added 401 sections have been cut over the past two years, resulting in cuts to adjuncts and full time faculty. Cuts to classes are cuts to people.

There was a lengthy discussion on the budget and next steps. A number of CPC members and guests made comments in favor of preserving current wages and health benefits, while others made comments in favor of preserving people.

CPC members also talked about media messaging. Kristin said that in the past week there were a number of media stories about the budget. Some CPC members are concerned the messaging is too much about what Cabrillo is still doing with less funding rather than stating that Cabrillo cannot do everything it used to. Brian commented that while Cabrillo is facing extremes economic challenges, the rest of the county is too and sentiment regarding public employees is not sympathetic. A number of CPC members did not agree with Brian's comment.

CPC members again discussed the hard budget choices. Comments included:

- There should be consideration about whether people can contribute more to health benefits.
- The ability of the common working person to make a decent living is shrinking.
- Some people are just barely hanging on and a benefit co-pay increase is the difference between surviving and not surviving.
- We are here to educate people. We are not here to be a model of good employee practices.
- We should not have to keep services at the same level with shrinking resources.
- People have been absorbing a lot more work that is not theirs.
- We need to consider freezing step and column, sabbatical, and longevity.
- We need to be willing to consider all options.
• Other public entities have done things that we have only begun to consider.

Barbara asked about the possibility of a parcel tax. Brian responded that the Board has made it very clear that they do not think it is the right time for a parcel tax. Brian added that he does not believe a parcel tax would pass in the current economic climate.

9.0 Other/Agenda Building
• Wednesday, September 15th, 1 – 2 p.m. – note change in time due to Curriculum Committee meeting and Benefits Town Hall.

• Renee will provide an accreditation update at the September 15th meeting.

10.0 Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.