

**SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE PLANNING COUNCIL**

October 31, 2006

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

PRESENT: J. Friedlander, P. Buckelew, J. Sullivan, B. Partee, I. Alarcon, S. Broderick,
T. Garey, K. Molloy, G. Thielst, L. Auchincloss, M. Guillen, C. Ramirez

ABSENT: S. Ehrlich, P. Bishop

GUESTS: Homer Arrington, Keith Russell, Alexandra Wilcox (*Channels*)

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Chairperson Jack Friedlander called the meeting to order.

1.2 Approval of the minutes of the October 17th CPC meeting.

**M/S/C [Guillen/Garey] to approve the minutes of the October 17th meeting.
Pablo Buckelew, Geoff Thielst and Susan Broderick abstained.**

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Darla Cooper, the new Sr. Director Research/Evaluation, Planning & Institutional Assessment, will begin on December 1st.

2.2 Jack Friedlander announced that next Thursday is Trustee Joyce Powell's last Board meeting prior to her retirement. There will be a reception for her immediately after the Board meeting is called to order. Her replacement, Sally Green, officially starts on December 1st as a Board member.

2.3 Joe Sullivan said the remodeled Sports Pavilion building has passed safety inspections. He said we will be able to take possession of the classrooms and Life Fitness Center (LFC) next Monday. The LFC will be moved in December and the four new classrooms in the Sports Pavilion building can be used at any time.

3.0 Information Items

3.1 MESA coordinator position (externally funded)

Jack Friedlander discussed the plans start a MESA Program (Math, Engineering, Science and Applied Technologies) at the college. The purpose of this program is to get more students in general and those from underrepresented groups in particular into these

fields. He said just over 90% of the students that participate in community college MESA programs complete their lower division degree requirements and then transfer. We have been promised over the past two years that we would receive state funds to help support a MESA program at SBCC. However, because of miscommunications between the MESA staff in the Chancellor's Office and those in the UC system-wide office that administers this program, the funds promised to us did not materialize. Our Foundation has raised over \$200,000 for matching funds required if state money is allocated to establish a MESA program at the college. These matching funds would be sufficient to meet the college's obligation for each of the next three years. Dr. Friedlander said that the Community College System's proposed budget 2007-2008 included funds to establish 12 additional MESA programs. Establishing a MESA program this year with our own resources, will place the college in an excellent position to be selected for state funding if the expansion of this program is included in the state budget for next year. He said it was decided that we would take the Foundation dollars and hire a MESA coordinator for one year and use the extra money to get the program off the ground. If the funding request to increase the number of community college MESA programs is included in next year's state budget, we would submit a grant application to become a MESA site. Since we are the only community college that is an affiliated site, our application would be given 25 additional points which would all but insure that it will be rated the top project for funding. We will not know for certain if the funding is in the final state budget until July.

If funded, the state will contribute \$118,000 per year to support our MESA program for as long as it exists. The college's responsibility is to use hard dollars to pay for the Director's salary and benefits beyond year three. The match beyond that can be in kind in on a dollar-for-dollar match. For example, anything we provide to support that program could be considered in kind. The Foundation has been raising money to give us funds to meet our dollar match for at least three years. If the MESA funds are not included in the state budget to support the expansion of this program, we will have to make a decision on whether or not to continue operating it using external dollars. There are numerous advantages to being a MESA affiliated site in terms of opportunities for grants, resources for donations, networking for students as well as scholarships. The idea is to serve over 120 students a year. This program would be open to students who meet a certain level of math requirement and are pursuing a transfer program in any one of these areas.

3.2 EOPS categorically funded Counselor position

Jack Friedlander reported that EOPS received an augmentation in their categorical funds. They want to use those funds to bring the college into compliance by hiring a counselor position. John room will be meeting with the Academic senate to discuss whether or not this categorically funded counseling position should be applied toward the college's AB1725 full-time faculty obligation.

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Formation of a Professional Development Advisory Committee

Jack Friedlander reported that the college received notification that the Governor approved funding for a one-time allocation to the System for professional development. The college's allocation of these funds is \$69,000. The money is available for faculty and staff and it is up to the college to decide how it wants to allocate these funds. Dr. Friedlander said that it was his intent to come to CPC with a recommendation. The initial thinking for distributing these funds is to base the allocation on FT headcount of employees (i.e., administrative, faculty and staff) and then allocate a percentage of the \$69,000 to each VP based on that formula. It would be up to each vice president within their unit to determine how they want to use these funds to support professional development for faculty and staff in their respective areas.

Joe Sullivan added that we need to have an Advisory Committee to approve the district's plan for using these funds and that President Romo suggested that that CPC serve as this committee. Kathy Molloy said that the Faculty Development Committee should take a look at those resources for faculty with input from Marilyn Spaventa who is the administrative liaison to this committee. Jack responded that all CPC would do in its role as the Advisory Committee would be to look at the overall plan. Because of the small amount of the funds, we would not be doing resource rankings.

Tom Garey offered an alternative approach of possibly using a portion of these funds for Banner training. Pablo Buckelew felt this suggestion has merit. Jack Friedlander said that because the funds need to be spent this fiscal year, it would be advantageous to have a simple process for allocating these funds so they may be utilized within the timeframe. Joe Sullivan said that money has been set aside within Banner for training. Liz Auchincloss said there is also a need to adequately fund classified in-service days because at best, it is once a year.

4.2 Review of proposed changes in state and federal legislation

Jack Friedlander said that each year organizations in the community college system are invited to submit proposals for legislation for the following year. The Council was provided a compilation of what has been requested for consideration. There are two statewide committees that screen the proposals and then make recommendations for the Consultation Council to consider. Dr. Friedlander said that he is on each of these committees. In looking at these proposals, we should determine which ones we want to support and/or which ones could present a problem for the system and/or college. He asked Council members to take a look at the ones in their areas of interest and give him any feedback. He said that CPC has not in the past been involved in this process but he is asking the Council to "weigh in" on which ones should go forward.

5.0 Action Items

5.1 Long-Range Capital Construction Priorities Plan (LRCCP)

John Friedlander said that John Romo would like CPC to: (1) have a recommendation to him before December as to our priorities on the Long-Range Capital Construction

Priorities Plan; and (2) in December, have EC review CPC's input and come back with its recommendations prior to the end of the semester. In January, President Romo plans to take the recommendations to a Board study session and for it to give a recommendation on its support to move forward with the first phase of a bond campaign which is to assess the degree of support likely voters have for: (1) approving a bond measure; (2) the amount of money they would be comfortable paying for in new property taxes; and (3) each of the projects on our list of priorities.

A. Recommendation from Planning & Resource Committee (P&R) and action by Academic Senate

Jack Friedlander said he shared with the Academic Senate last week the concerns that the P&R Committee identified. Geoff Thielst, Chair of the P & R Committee, said the committee addressed the Long-Range Capital Construction Priorities as presented to them by John Romo and reviewed by the Academic Senate. Dr. Friedlander said that the feedback from John Romo and EC on the information provided by P& R was very helpful to make a case for what a well-thought out and assessed presentation for the Board. He told Mr. Thielst and the other members of the P&R Committee that everyone is tremendously appreciative of the work they put into their response. Joe Sullivan echoed Dr. Friedlander's appreciation and expressed that it is a valuable piece of information which identifies the low and high priorities. Kathy Molloy said the Academic Senate is also appreciative of the work that was done by P&R and this document represents their perspective of what the priorities are but the Academic Senate will still look at it again and perhaps make some other recommendations. She said the P&R is speaking for the Academic Senate at this point.

Jack Friedlander said the report raises questions and asks for more specifications on the Loma Alta parking structure. Joe Sullivan informed the Council of the frustration of working with the Coastal Commission in addressing our parking issues and needs. Geoff Thielst also discussed other issues raised by P&R, specifically whether there is a need for the SoMA Building in lieu of other general classrooms. Joe Sullivan said that if there is an expansion of any square footage on campus, the Coastal Commission has a formula they apply that says that if you expand your square footage then you must provide parking for that square footage because hypothetically there will be an increase in demand. The Coastal Commission questioned how we can address our need for buildings without a parking structure. Mr. Sullivan acknowledged that we do not have anything in writing from the Coastal Commission other than they can and will continue to reject our plans for expansion partly based on the parking need. Jack Friedlander said that there "is" a belief that there was some document from the Coastal Commission that said the college must meet a formula to determine the parking space requirements associated with adding the SoMA and any other additional buildings. The college has a letter from the Coastal Commission dated year 2000 which says we need to address our parking needs by constructing a parking structure. Mr. Sullivan says he doesn't necessarily interpret the letter that way but the Coastal Commission office in Ventura will tell you "that is what it says". Jack Friedlander asked Mr. Sullivan if he could provide a document explaining, based on feedback from the Coastal Commission, why there is a need for a parking structure. He said that a segment of the college community believe

there is no need to build the structure without this mandate. Jack Friedlander said the frustration is that one would expect a clear delineation of what the rules are to which we must adhere in determining our requirements for parking. Dr. Friedlander asked Joe Sullivan, what, if anything, can we provide that would give a sense that we are being responsive within the limitations and the peculiarities of the Coastal Commission which is accountable to no one. Mr. Sullivan asked that as we take part in the process we identify the priorities of the faculty insofar as the needs of the college going forth. Ben Partee said we also need to address the concerns of the students.

6.0 Other Items

6.1 CPC meeting schedule for the remainder of the semester:

CPC November 7th – canceled

CPC November 21st - canceled

CPC December 5th – canceled

CPC December 12th – added (EC's recommendations on LRCCP)

CPC December 19th - regular meeting date

7.0 Adjournment

Upon motion, Chairperson Jack Friedlander adjourned the meeting.