

### 3-11-2010 Academic Senate Meeting

#### Present:

Pieter de Haan, Hannah Chauvet, Jenny Lowood, Chuck Wollenberg, Gabriela Pisano, Fabian Banga, Siraj Omar, Katherine Kocel.

#### Agenda:

- 1) Section Cuts for Fall
- 2) Building at 1931-1935 Addison
- 3) Measure A Allocation
- 4) Student Housing
- 5) Student Health Fees
- 6) DAS report
- 7) Other

1) Between Friday and Monday the district sent out a deadline for cuts for Fall. Laney refused to abide by the deadlines; Merritt said their Deans did it for them; Alameda said that they were working on the cuts since the beginning of the semester. We should make sure that the district participates in making as many cuts as the colleges. We need to make sure that student services and instruction are the last things that are cut. However, if we resist making cuts then administrators will make them for us. We might refuse to make the cuts until a specific protocol is followed involving the BCC Roundtable (aka the Budget and Planning Committee), the BCC Faculty Senate, the BCC Department Chairs and the District Budget Committee. We need to have a logical budget discussion at the district level with all 5 fiduciary entities (the district and the 4 colleges) involved. Each college administration reacts differently to the announcement of cuts. Now that Debbie Weintraub and Joe Doyle are co-chairs of the District Budget Committee, we may have a window of opportunity to get the District Office to also cut its budget. The Accreditation folks did stress budget planning processes and these sudden cuts go against their recommendations.

Motion #1 - The Berkeley City College Faculty Senate requests that an emergency meeting of the District Budget Committee be held to discuss the sections cuts for the Fall Term and that those cuts not be finalized until that discussion is held

Motion #2 - The Berkeley City College Faculty Senate requests that the BCC administration restores any sections cut until the above discussion is finished. The vote was unanimous in favor of both Motions.

2) Building at 1931-1935 Addison was discussed at the BCC Roundtable and a recommendation to purchase it was sent to Sadiq Ikhara and the Chancellor; it was on the agenda but was rescheduled till next meeting.

3) Measure Allocation - There is \$ 199 million that is unappropriated or left. We should perhaps invite Helene Lecar who is the Chair of the Measure A oversight Committee and also one BOT member to speak to us about this. Will this surplus be used to cover faculty salaries in the future? Will this money be used to purchase the old Oakland Kaiser Auditorium. We need to get our fair share. People Soft Passport set us back \$ 10.8 millions.

4) The District Academic Senate did not support the Student Housing Project. The Oversight Committee also did not seem favorable to it.

5) Perhaps we could team up with the City of Berkeley Mental Health Center in order to provide Mental Health Services to our students on our Campus. However Berkeley Mental Health is really strapped for funds at this time. We have a lot of Mental Health Issues in our student population and we should say no to the decision that has already been made to allocate all our student health fees for the Laney Student Health Center.