

## **2-10/2010 Academic Senate Meeting**

### **Present:**

Pieter de Haan, Hannah Chauvet, Stephanie Sanders-Badt, Shirley Fogarino, Dale Bartlett, Jenny Lowood, Barbara des Rochers, Josh Boatwright, Chuck Wollenberg, Fabian Banga, Gabriela Pisano, Scott Hoshida,.

### **Agenda:**

- 1.) Library Hours
- 2.) Teaching/Learning Center
- 3.) 2020 Milvia
- 4.) SLO Proposal
- 5.) Who are our students
- 6.) DAS report
- 7.) Other

**1.) Library** has only \$5,000 to spend this term. Josh want to restore Library evening hours on Monday and Tuesday and close one hour earlier on Friday and close on Saturday. This summer there may not be any money for Library hours. For this semester we are shifting 5 hours. None of the other Peralta Colleges have their Libraries open on Saturday. We often have only one person running the Library, no other Library in the district does this. Josh brought this up with Krista and she wants the Library to stay open on Saturdays. We need money to open the Library for more hours, maybe we can get it from the international student “pot” or from the Peralta Foundation. Josh says that Saturday and Friday are our least used days and Monday and Tuesday evenings are the most used time. Student surveys show that students want the Library open later on the evenings and on Sunday. The real use of the Library should be done by counting students each day. Building closure and lack of access to the Library is related. The Facilities Committee reports that Sadiq has been working on getting a card access system so that individual portions of the building can be closed off as was originally intended.

**MOTION # 1** - In principle, we support the Library being open more hours and we need to know how much it would cost to keep the Library open both on Monday and Tuesday evenings and on Saturdays. The vote was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

**2.) Teaching/Learning Center** - Scott Hoshida presents a \$300 mini-grant proposal for 25 faculty members to form groups of 3-5 members who meet at least 4 times over the semester, develop a research question, develop a plan to investigate it, review the data and report on their findings. We already do this but now it is formalized - please include Student Services as well.

**3.) 2020 Milvia** is seismically unsafe. In the statewide emergency plan, hospitals, schools are designated as emergency centers and must be brought up to the highest seismic standards. By state law, the district cannot pay more than the assessed value for a building. The Harold Way building sale did not go through because owner wanted more than the assessed value of \$5.2 million. 1931-1934 Addison St. (14,000 sq. ft.) is available for \$2 million. It will have to be demolished before the new BCC building is built. We pay about \$270,000 per year for parking. We also had to put \$3.6 million in escrow for the city of Berkeley because we do not have our own parking. Measure A money is \$390 Million.

District wants to buy 2020 Milvia (11,000 sq. ft.) for \$6.5 million so that it can be used as classrooms until the other building is built but this would mean using seismically unsafe space. This is not acceptable - unless we immediately raze 2020 Milvia and build a new building. UCB is also competing for available real estate in downtown Berkeley. Any parking purchased or built will generate an income stream for BCC.

**MOTION #2** - MOTION #2 - that we pursue and expedite the purchase of 1931-1935 Addison St. exclusively (not 2020 Milvia). That we use existing money available to BCC to fund the purchase, demolition, design and construction of classroom expansion on this site and not wait for bond money that may or may not be approved by the voters. The vote was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

**4.) SLO Proposal** - Jenny will e-mail us about SLO team leaders training.

**5.)** We need to discuss **who are our students**, let's move this the next BCC-AS meeting.

**6.) DAS Report** - Tom Henry is the new district fiscal advisor. 2005-2006 is the last year of clean data. 2007-2008 is about 60% accurate. It will take 2 years to get 80% accuracy and much longer to get 100% accurate. In the PeopleSoft system, International student fees are missing and also revenue from Peralta TV renting out their extra frequencies is missing. The district's financial situation is "stable": Deficit spending is not increasing and the reserve is 5%. We can expect some reorganization in the district's finances and in the staffing.

**MOTION # 3** - that we use some of the student health fee money obtained from BCC students to hire a mental health professional onsite at BCC.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the Motion.