PRESIDENT’S ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – February 6, 2008

Attendance:

√ John S. Nixon, Chair √ Diana Casteel √ Deb Distante □ Bill Eastham
□ Michelle Grimes-Hillman √ Cheryl Jamison √ Yesenia Leon √ Sue Long
√ Terri Long √ Jay Martinez □ David McLaughlin □ Odette Richardson
√ Raul Rodriguez □ John Vitullo

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Guests: Barbara McNeice-Stallard
        Debbie Boroch
        Ginny Burley
        Mike Gregoryk

1. January 2, 2008 Meeting Notes

Meeting notes were approved as presented.

2. Budget Update

Vice President Gregoryk presented highlights of the Governor’s 2008-09 budget proposal. He noted that the Governor has declared a fiscal emergency in order to address the current budget crisis. The Administration is estimating the state’s fiscal imbalance at $14.5 billion. He also cited $40 million in proposed midyear reductions for community colleges, which would be applied as a one-time reduction to apportionments. He also noted that the Governor proposes working with community college stakeholders during the upcoming special budget session to find alternative one-time current year reductions to substitute for the proposed reduction in apportionments. Mr. Gregoryk said we will know more when the May Revise comes out.

3. College Facilities Master Plan

As a follow-up to last month’s presentation to PAC on the College’s Facilities Master Plan, Vice President Gregoryk reviewed the projects listing to complete the 2008 Master Plan. To complete all projects, a bond measure of $353 million would be needed. Mr. Gregoryk said that a bond measure in that amount would represent no increases in taxes to property owners; however, it would extend the years of bond repayment.

4. Basic Skills Steering Committee Update

Debbie Boroch and Ginny Burley shared information on the Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) at Mt. SAC. The BSI is a systemwide effort to improve outcomes for students in key foundation
areas such as reading, writing, mathematics, study skills, and English as a Second Language. Mt. SAC received substantial allocations of one-time basic skills augmentations based on 2005-06 and 2006-07 FTES. As of June 2007, the College carried over approximately $650,000, and acquired an additional allocation estimated at $1.1 million. With this funding, projects are currently operating across the campus in areas including academic departments, Professional & Organizational Development, student services, and non-credit basic skills/ESL.

The Basic Skills Steering Committee is a task team of stakeholders representing a wide variety of programs and services that serve basic skills students. The main charge of the committee this year is the development of a five-year action plan to be submitted to the Chancellor’s Office by May 1, 2008. The committee is building on the campus assessment activities conducted in Spring 2007 when Mt. SAC was part of a group of colleges that piloted the assessment tool.

Revenue allocation is based on qualified attendance that is dependent on how you code or flag courses. Dr. Nixon said Mt. SAC has done a good job of having a number of popular courses flagged as basic skills. He said Mt. SAC’s allocation is the fourth largest in the state – about $1.5 million in ongoing funds.

5. **EAS Update**

Professor Grimes-Hillman was not present to give a report. Dr. Nixon said that training continues to occur across campus, but, other than that, there’s not a lot to report.

6. **College Mission, Vision and Core Values**

At the last meeting, Council members Diana Casteel, Barbara McNeice-Stallard, Terri Long, Cheryl Jamison, and John Nixon volunteered to serve on the sub-committee to review the College’s Mission, Vision and Core Values, and come back to the Council with a recommendation. That sub-committee met earlier in the week and discussed the Mission, Vision and Values statements in great detail trying to determine what we are really looking for in these statements. What is the purpose? How should they be used? The sub-committee concluded that the College should have a Mission Statement that is concise and that people could easily remember. While there was no criticism of the former statements, the sub-committee focused on a single statement.

The suggested wording is: *The mission of Mt. San Antonio College is to welcome all students and to assist them in achieving their personal, educational, and career goals in an environment of academic excellence.*

While the Board of Trustees ultimately will be asked to approve a revised Mission Statement, PAC members were asked to share it with their constituency groups and provide feedback to PAC at its April 2 meeting.

**Action taken:** PAC members are asked to share the proposed Mission Statement across campus and come back with feedback at the April PAC meeting.
6. **Other**

- Dr. Nixon distributed copies of a letter from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. The Commission took action at its January 9-11, 2008 meeting to accept the College’s Midterm Report and commended the College for the thorough analysis provided of its success in addressing the Commission’s recommendations as well as for providing links to additional evidence in support of the report. Jemma Blake Judd and Barbara McNeice-Stallard were commended for their work. The College is due for another comprehensive evaluation in fall 2010.

- Dr. Nixon distributed the Insurance Committee’s goals for 2007-08.

7. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held March 12, 3:00-4:30 p.m., in Founders Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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