PRESIDENT’S ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – May 5, 2010

Attendance:

- John S. Nixon, Chair
- Kristina Allende
- Melinda Bowen
- Diana Casteel
- Deb Distante
- Bill Eastham
- Michelle Grimes-Hillman
- Rene Kouassi
- Heidi Lockhart
- Patrick Martinez
- Bill Rawlings
- Ralph Spaulding
- Dale Vickers

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

Guests: Barbara McNeice-Stallard

1. **Member Terms Ending**

President Nixon announced that this would be the last meeting for Patrick Martinez and Michelle Grimes-Hillman. Patrick was elected to the Board of Trustees as the student member. He will assume that position June 1. Professor Grimes-Hillman’s term as President of the Academic Senate ends with the Commencement ceremony.

Professor Spaulding announced that he is unable to attend the June meeting, so this is also his last meeting.

Dr. Nixon thanked Michelle, Patrick, and Ralph for their service and good work as members of PAC. Dr. Nixon also noted that PAC has been short a classified member for almost a year. He said that he hopes as members are appointed this next year that the classified will appoint someone to fill Jay Martinez’s term.

2. **April 7, 2010 Meeting Notes**

With the recommendation that a comma be removed from the Budget Committee report, the meeting notes were approved.

3. **Budget Committee Update**

No report.

Dr. Nixon spoke about financing in general, noting that he doesn’t expect to hear anything from the State until the Governor’s May Revise next week. Governor Schwarzenegger recently commented that there would be no further reductions to higher education beyond what is already proposed. However, weak collections in the month of April will completely wipe out the $2.6 billion in extra revenue collected in the first three months of the year,
dashing hopes of a multi-billion reduction in the state's current year budget deficit and improved outlook for next year. Dr. Nixon said the number changes daily, but it appears that the State will be facing a deficit of approximately $18 billion.

4. **Institutional Effectiveness Committee Update**

Ms. McNeice-Stallard said IEC members are waiting for the Vice Presidents to complete their summaries of PIE. Those should be received before the end of the academic year, and then IEC will work with that information this summer.

At the last IEC meeting, members received hard copies of the self study. IEC members reviewed sample questions that they might be asked by Accreditation visiting team members.

Ms. McNeice-Stallard said the next IEC meeting is actually a joint meeting with the Budget Committee.

5. **PAC Annual Review**

Dr. Nixon conducted the annual review of the President’s Advisory Council. The only recommended revision was to indicate on the membership that the two classified staff are appointed by the CSEA units (one each).

6. **Completion of Goal and Progress Report**

A sub-committee consisting of John Nixon, Dale Vickers, Kristina Allende, and Diana Casteel prepared the outcomes/accomplishments to the PAC goals established earlier in the year. PAC members were asked to review the document and send suggested revisions to Diana by the end of the week.

7. **Other**

- Barbara McNeice-Stallard reported that the self study is in production. The final draft is also on the web. Another accreditation newsletter should be distributed next week. She reminded everyone that the site visit is October 25-28, 2010.

- Michelle Grimes-Hillman said she found the sample questions discussed in IEC regarding the accreditation visit to be very helpful and suggested that PAC have a similar discussion.

- Professor Grimes-Hillman reminded everyone that the Banner upgrade will occur over Memorial Day weekend. As a result, faculty/staff may not have access to email or Blackboard during the weekend.

- Professor Grimes-Hillman commented on the form sent to College committees to obtain their goals and year-end progress report. She said the Senate also asks committees for an annual report and asked if the forms could be revised so that one form will serve both purposes. Since PAC sends out the form on behalf of the IEC, Ms. Grimes-Hillman will take this issue to IEC.

- Rene Kouassi thanked Barbara McNeice-Stallard for her assistance in conducting the student smoking survey. According to Mr. Kouassi, 2,400 students completed the
survey with 997 wanting a smoke-free campus and 867 wanting smoking in designated areas only. President Nixon said he looks forward to the students bringing a recommendation to President's Advisory Council. Any proposed change to the Board policy will require discussion by several groups on campus, including employee union groups, before a recommendation is made to the Board of Trustees.

- Bill Rawlings announced that a coalition of groups has started the California Advocacy Unit for Safe Education (CAUSE). The idea is to make people more aware of the importance of education. Many believe that, during these budget cuts, people are not hearing educators' point of view.

- Mr. Rawlings said he shared with his executive board that the accreditation self study is in the production stage and they promptly passed a motion that their CSEA unit would not sign the certification page. Apparently the concern is that the self study should have been more reflective of classified staff concerns. Mr. Rawlings said he would continue to work with his executive board.

- Heidi Lockhart announced that 84 Mt. SAC students have been accepted for admittance to Cal State Berkeley, which is a 21% increase over last year. Of special note, too, is that four students will be admitted to the Haas School of Business.

8. **Next Meeting**

   The next meeting will be held June 14, 2010, 3:00-4:30 p.m., in Founders Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

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