Hot Topics

President Moore informed Council that the Governor has signed a $600 million emergency education aid bill. Additionally, community colleges will receive $16.1 million MAP allocation. There is no clarification yet of how it will be disbursed. While this is a stop-gap measure, it is a step in a positive direction.

Operational Assembly

Shelley Tiwari, Chairperson of the Operational Assembly, reported highlights from Assembly including SEM, Action Champion updates, and the Diversity Committee. SEM is focusing on short term enrollment strategies, with the Register Here! Register Now! campaign starting today, and is also discussing long term strategies. The Diversity Committee needs someone to step up as chair; it was suggested that the committee revisit or develop a new mission statement and specific goals as inspiration to potential leadership.

Academic Senate

Dr. Michael Flaherty, Chairperson of the Academic Senate, informed Council that the Curriculum Committee is working on developing pathways for more guidance for students to achieve their academic goals. The Academic & Scholastic Standards Committee is working on a final exam schedule that works for all students. The Professional Development Committee is developing sessions for the Fall Workshop to include retaining students from at-risk populations, and TK-20 assessment. Lastly, nominations were taken for Senate President, and Dr. Flaherty is the only nominee.

Old Business

Assessment of Business Practices and Policies – Kevin Kennedy reported that the group is making progress in this project to automate from paper to electronic forms with electronic signatures. They are working on the Budget Transfer, Expense Reimbursement, and Grant Budget Creation forms as well as Travel and Claim for Reimbursement. Forms are currently being tested by a small group.

Shared Governance Committees Assessment – Pamela Perry informed Council that very few responses were received, so the deadline has been extended for a week and reminders have been sent out. Ms. Perry suggested that people may not feel like their feedback is considered, and that College Council should reflect on that.

College Council Annual Survey – Pamela Perry reported that 295 responses have now been received. She highlighted that there is a greater number (but lower percentage) of people who have seen the shared governance model, and a split of where people saw it (website, dept mtg, etc.), emphasizing that it’s important to showcase the model in multiple places. Ms. Perry has asked Research to produce a full report which she will bring to the June College Council meeting.

New Business

FY 17 Budget – Garry Abezetian presented a snapshot of the FY 17 Budget situation, showing $6.274 million in reserves on June 30. With a $9 million deficit for FY 17, it is planned that $6 million of bond work will be reduced or delayed, and non-essential spending and salary increases will also be delayed in order to balance. Details still have to be worked out.

ICCB Recognition Visit – Pamela Perry informed Council that this will be a desk review, using the same process as in the past. The college has ninety days to complete a self-audit against certain standards, and write a self-study.

Strategic Plan Update – Pamela Perry reported that the changes sent out last Friday are minor changes; goals are the same but there is less convoluted language. Council approved the changes.

HLC Standard Pathway Visit – Pamela Perry gave a trial presentation highlighting how the HLC Standard Pathway visit will be different from past visits, the college’s accreditation history, and how to possibly correct problems of the past. Council suggested that broad details about the changes should be shared now, with more specifics later. Ms. Perry will be happy to collect anyone’s feedback on this after the meeting.

Meetings

President Moore asked Council to check their schedules for a College Council Retreat – either July 11 or 18.

President Moore asked Council to get back to her about changing the June meeting to the 20th because she has a scheduling conflict.