

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

COLLEGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 29, 1984

M I N U T E S

Present: P. MacDougall/P. Huglin, Co-Chairs; M. Bobgan, N. Cretser, L. Fairly, P. Freeman, G. Gaston, C. Hanson, E. Jardine, J. Kay, M. Mallen, D. Oroz; Resource: J. Romo, R. Sanchez

Absent: A. Bailon

Guest: E. Hodes

STATE-OF-THE-BUDGET

Dr. MacDougall was present, by request, to discuss the fiscal situation of the College with CPC and division chairs in an effort to maintain a direct line of communication with faculty. He expressed disappointment that more division chairs were not in attendance.

Dr. MacDougall reviewed the past three years highlighting the financial difficulties faced by community colleges. In 1981-82 the State discontinued open-ended funding for the non-credit program resulting in a reduction in a.d.a. and a loss of approximately \$300,000 to the College. In 1982-83 the State experienced a substantial deficit in the budget and consequently reduced funding to community colleges by \$30 million (about 2%). SBCC was able to insure funding of credit courses because of its strict adherence to criteria establishing academic rigor. In 1983-84 the issue of fees delayed the adoption of a State budget, and SBCC started the fall semester with a \$1.2 million shortfall. It wasn't until January, 1984, that community colleges were informed that their budget would be at the same level as 1982-83, and they could plan with any certainty.

Dr. MacDougall sees a brighter year for 1984-85. Legislative leaders in both the Senate and Assembly are working on identical language bills for \$106.5 million that will fully fund SB 851 but exclude "growth" funding. Because of a healthier economy in the State, the bill stands a good chance of passing and will contain a "hold harmless" clause preventing the loss of revenue to community colleges until 1985-86. Also to be considered as an indicator is the projected increase of 5.3 percent from student fees. (The figure is estimated to be closer to 3-4 percent net, since permissive fees have been folded in to the general fee.) Community colleges are anticipating a 3-4 percent increase in funding, possibly as much as 6 percent beyond the Governor's proposal depending on the surplus. The surplus is projected as between \$400-\$700 million, and the College should know with more certainty by July 1 what the budget will be.

Dr. MacDougall emphasized the need for representatives from community colleges to write the Governor and legislative leaders in an effort to effect a positive outcome for the funding bill. He added that he has formed an ad hoc committee formed to contact representatives of industry and campaign contributors, two groups reportedly influential with the Governor, and urge mitigation of the fiscal problems in community colleges.

Dr. MacDougall reiterated the Board of Trustees' commitment to the maintenance of staff, and added that the number one priority at this time is to "try and correct the deterioration of salaries." There is a projection of 4 percent in new monies for 1984-85, and 100 percent of that money will be placed toward salary increases. An additional 2 percent (approximately 6 percent total) will be available for salaries.

A discussion followed regarding the following concerns:

Salaries: The anticipated salary increase would be at least 4-6 percent as reflected on the basic salary and benefits schedule.

Reserve: The \$1.2 million in reserve is necessary to protect against an a.d.a. loss and funding fluctuations. (The reserve will also drop to \$870,000 if the Santa Barbara Street property is not sold.)

Timing of Salary Discussions: Because of this uncertainty of fall a.d.a. and because the budget is not finalized in spring, Dr. MacDougall would like to work in the future toward negotiating salaries/benefits for the period January 1 - December 31 of each year.

One-time-only Expenditures: It was asked if one-time-only monies currently available could be used for salary negotiations--even if the increase cannot be given on a permanent basis.

Dr. MacDougall responded that it is not a good policy to use a one-time-only source of revenue for regular spending.

Dr. MacDougall expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to speak to the College Planning Committee and suggested the possibility of calling a faculty meeting to discuss with them the fiscal situation of SBCC.

M/S/C Kay/Mallen - Unanimous

To call a meeting inviting all certificated instructors, certificated administrators, and classified management/supervisors/confidential employees for the purpose of discussing the "state of the budget."

MATERIALS FEES

Dr. Hanson informed members that SBCC has been waiting for an interpretation from the Chancellor's Office that would give community colleges a clear idea for developing a policy regarding materials fees. Notice has just been received that although a legal opinion has been rendered, regulations which implement that opinion will not be adopted till fall; therefore, community colleges must develop and implement a materials fee policy on their own.

At the Chair's direction, Mr. Romo will convene the subcommittee (A. Flinck, P. Freeman, M. Mallen), with Dr. Hanson as consultant, and invite J. Craven and C. Ley to attend for discussion of this issue.

CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR NON-PERSONNEL RESOURCE NEEDS

The Chair reported that Division Chair Council at its May 16, 1984, meeting was given a list of non-personnel resource needs as extracted from department five-year plans developed by faculty. From that list the Instruction Office recommended the approval of microcomputer labs for English and Accounting, since each department was willing to give up a full-time tenure track position to fund the necessary lab assistant on an ongoing basis. In addition, an increase in a.d.a. is anticipated which would help offset an anticipated decline in a.d.a. due to the imposition of tuition. The standing costs of the microcomputer labs would be derived from one-time-only available funds (e.g., non-reinstated Dental Assisting program funds, uncontested Board of Trustees election funds, etc.). Division chairs requested that the list be prioritized and a recommendation sent to CPC. The division chairs were polled by mail, and the results are: 1) Microcomputer lab for English and 2) Microcomputer lab for Accounting. One division voted against allocating the money for any equipment.

M/S/D Freeman/Gaston - Ayes: 2 Noes: 3 Abstentions: 0

(motion denied)

To approve the Division Chair Council recommendation that the one-time only funds available be spent for microcomputer labs for English and Accounting and that the two budgeted tenure track positions in these departments be converted to lab assistants.

Dr. Kay noted that the Social Sciences/Foreign Language/Library Division met, discussed the item, and cast the dissenting vote on the prioritization ballot. Dr. Kay stated that the money should be returned to the general fund to be used for salaries and establish the priority of considering people before things.

The Chair reminded members that Dr. MacDougall will not consider one-time-only monies for salaries, because they are not available for ongoing expenses.

Mr. Mallen stated that his no vote was in opposition to the procedure not the proposal. There should have been more time allotted to determine which projects on the list of resource needs would be the most beneficial to the College as a whole.

Dr. Freeman spoke in favor of the motion because of the departments' willingness to give up a faculty member and because of the possibility of increasing a.d.a. in a time of uncertainty.

Mr. Romo told members that the Instruction Office recommended microcomputer labs for English and Accounting because the labs would improve the programs that are offered. The labs are also considered important to keep up with the state of the art, since local high school students are coming to SBCC with the skills and experience to use this equipment. UCSB also uses this type of lab.

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