SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE
STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL

April 14, 2011
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room D-102

Summary

PRESENT: Alisia Acevedo, Rafael Alvarez, Debbie Berg, Heidi Bunkowske, Dotti Cordell, Maria Elena Delgado, Denise Hollis, Lou Humphries, Cathi Lopez, Kathy McGinnis, Bonnie Peters, DeeDee Porter, Gerald Ramsey, Greg Sanchez, Megan Soto, Tandy Ward, Peter White, Debra Wright-Howard

STAFF: Desiree van Saanen

A. GENERAL UPDATE – STATE BUDGET AND DISTRICT-COLLEGE IMPLICATIONS

VP White reported that the budget cuts to SDCCD may hit $17 million if the governor’s proposed tax extensions are not approved, but he does not have more detailed information. Instructional departments have been asked to identify and hold in reserve 10 percent of fall course offerings.

B. NEW OR MODIFIED APPLICATION, REGISTRATION AND OTHER ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT PROCESSES

VP White shared with Council members a Position Statement on Proposed Policy Changes, developed by the State CSSO Association. The document summarizes proposed policy changes being discussed by the Student Success Task Force, the LAO, and CSSOs in response to a diminishing budget. Peter directed Council members to review the summary of proposals and CSSO recommendations and to report back to him any comments and/or concerns they may have.

C. FINANCIAL AID – SUMMER PELL, BOGW AND FAFSA

Greg Sanchez reported that the budget bill was passed and signed by President Obama. The Pell Grant maximum for 2011-2012 will continue at $5,550. The year-round Pell Grants have been eliminated beginning with the 2011-2012 school year but will be available to eligible students for summer 2011.

An update to the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy has been forwarded to the VP’s of Student Services for approval. SAP policy continues the annual review of all students. The new policy also strengthens the appeal procedure and explains the minimum conditions students must meet to be considered for financial aid reinstatement.

Financial Aid managers are currently discussing opting out of the direct loans (subsidized and unsubsidized) program. (Federal Direct Subsidized Loans are based on financial need. The federal government pays the interest during in-school, grace and deferment periods. Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans are not based on financial need. The federal government does not pay the interest for these loans. Students may choose to defer interest payments until repayment.
C. **FINANCIAL AID – SUMMER PELL, BOGW SAP AND FAFSA (continued)**

begins; however, the student is responsible for all interest that accrues). Colleges cannot offer one type in lieu of the other; we must decide to offer both or neither loans. Greg noted that the primary reason for keeping the direct loan option is that they are often needed as a supplement to other loan and grant packages, and students applying for direct loans often do not qualify for conventional loans due to credit issues. On the down side, staying with the program will negatively affect our default rate, which is currently at 10.2 percent on a 2-year rate. Currently, students applying for the direct loan must also complete a FAFSA.

D. **FALL 2011 – FEES, INSTRUCTIONAL OFFERINGS AND SERVICE HOURS**

Peter stated it is too early to predict how the $36/unit fee increase effective fall 2011 will affect enrollments. However, it is certain that a substantial reduction in course offerings will have an impact.

*Instructional Course Offerings* – A very initial draft listing of summer 2011 courses was distributed. The only courses proposed for the summer will be those that honor specific commitments, i.e. specialized allied health programs, Vocational Nursing courses, Cosmetology courses, SDSU Extension math and English courses, Study Abroad, and courses needed by students who have petitioned to graduate this summer. Students in these categories will be contacted by district personnel and given directions for adding classes. There will be no summer schedule of classes for distribution, nor will registration appointments be issued. Registration must be manually processed by add code. Council briefly discussed the logistics of guarantying specific courses for graduating students. It is important to cut back on summer courses in order to protect fall and spring offerings. Departments that offer courses this summer (outside of the special cases listed above) will be required to offset FTEF by equally reducing their fall and/or spring 2011/2012 offerings.

*Service/Office Hours and workweek schedules for Student Services* staff and departments were discussed. A 4/10 workweek for the summer session will begin June 6 (because June 1 is a Wednesday) and end Friday, July 31. Administrators will be on hand on Fridays. Peter will contact Lynn Neault and his VPSS colleagues to ascertain whether there have been discussions regarding service hours during Thanksgiving week and spring break.

E. **GRADUATION UPDATE**

Tandy Ward encouraged all to take part in Grad Fest Week (May 9-12) in Schwartz Square (outside the Bookstore). Enjoy the food and festivities!! The week will end with the *President’s Graduation and Transfer Reception* with barbeque on May 12 in Gorton Quad, 4:30-6:30 p.m. The event will be hosted by the City College Foundation, Associated Student Body and the President’s Office. Peter approved DeeDee Porter’s request to set up two re more tables for vending purposes during the graduation event. She was advised to contact Marilyn Harvey for layout parameters.

F. **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATES**

VP White announced that SDCCD and City College will host the *U.S. Department of Education’s Fourth Regional Community College Summit* on Friday, April 15. This is an all-day event to include many speakers and group panel participants representing the western
F. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATES (continued)

regional states (i.e., Washington, Arizona, Oregon, Hawaii, Wyoming and Alaska). The purpose of the event is to bring together community college trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, students, members from industry and non-profit organizations, and the military community to discuss strategies to better serve veterans and their families. U.S. Under Secretary of Education Martha Kanter will give the summit’s opening remarks at 9:00 a.m. The Summit reception, break-out sessions, and other activities will be primarily confined to Saville Theatre, the LRC and Gorton Quad. It was noted that one or more student groups plan to rally against budget cuts during the event.

Counseling – Cathi Lopez noted that with the extension of 11-month contract, the Counseling Department will have four counselors assisting students in July (instead of having only two).

Career/Transfer Center – Bonnie Peters reported that the Career Fair was a success. Over 40 employers were represented, many of whom offering internships. The feedback from students and businesses was very positive. Bonnie encouraged Council members to participate in the Hands Across California fundraising event on Sunday, April 17. To raise funds for, and awareness of community colleges and their students, it is anticipated that an estimated 1.5 million people will join hands in a statewide human chain. Participants will meet at City College at 1:00 p.m.

Bookstore – DeeDee Porter stated that the reduction in summer offerings will lead to a loss of an estimated $1.2 million in revenues. Although she anticipates sufficient revenue to cover payroll and is confident that there will be no reduction in services, all hourly employees have been released from service as of today. It was noted that the elimination of most summer courses will have a negative effect on Student Health Services, which will also lead to reduced staffing and service hours.

Remodel Update – VP White relayed Student Services recommendations and input regarding the A-building remodel to the architects. However, the District has determined that City College now has too many classrooms based on a student to classroom ratio. The A-building remodel plans will need to be redesigned to include fewer classrooms and more conference and multi-purpose rooms. An update will be disseminated once the revised layout is ready.

Price Scholars – Marie Elena Delgado announced that the Price Scholars Program has moved into the former TRIO office in “L” with Puente and Umoja.

SPRING 2011 MEETINGS (Please Calendar):

May 12
June 9

Note: All meetings will be held 1-2:30 p.m. in room D-102.