SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE

Research Committee - Summary
Meeting of Tuesday, September 25, 2012
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room D-101

PRESENT: Randy Barnes, Heidi Bunkowske, Helen Elias, David Fierro, Minou Spradley, Peter White, Xi Zhang

STAFF: Desiree van Saanen

REPORT FROM XI ZHANG:

I. College-wide Research Agenda
Committee members reviewed and discussed changes to the college’s Research Agenda. Once the Research Agenda is approved by the Research Committee, it will be presented to MPAROC as an information item; then to President’s Council for approval. Xi will also brief the Academic Senate.

II. Fact Book 2012
The SDCC Fact Book 2012 has been updated and posted to the SDCCD Institutional Research website.

III. Newly Published Research Reports
Xi reported on recently published reports, which were shared with campus committees/councils at the beginning of Fall 2012:
- Basic Skills Report (briefed the Basic Skills Committee)
- High School Pipeline Report (briefed the Student Services Council)
- Student & Employee Satisfaction Surveys (briefed the Accreditation Steering Committee)

IV. College-wide Facilitated Discussions: Employee and Student Satisfaction Surveys
Two college-wide facilitated discussions regarding Employee and Student Satisfaction Surveys have been scheduled as follows:

   Facilitated Discussion #1: Student Satisfaction Survey 2012
   Monday, October 8
   9:30-11:30 a.m.
   Staff Lounge (D-121A)
Facilitated Discussion #2: Employee Satisfaction Survey
Thursday, October 11
2:30-4:30 p.m.
Staff Lounge (D-121A)

Committee members discussed strategies for presenting the survey results utilizing a more engaging format such as dividing the presentations into two halves so that the first hour could be devoted to presentation and the latter half interactive participation.

V. Research Website
The SDCC Research website links have been updated. Xi will likely include ad hoc reports on the website in the future.

VI. OTHER:
Xi distributed a Statway Fact Sheet reporting on the 2011/2012 cohort. This cohort represents non-STEM students who have a math-skills level of 30 and are enrolled in the Math 47A, Math 115 sequence, rather than the traditional math sequence (Math 46, 96, 119). Findings gleaned from last year’s data indicate a marked increase in successful completion when compared to the traditional sequence. Out of a cohort of 60 students beginning in the Math 47A course, 70% successfully completed. Thirty-seven (37) or 62% of the original cohort continued on to Math 115, and 35% of the original cohort successfully completed Math 115.

Xi indicated that the success rate of students successfully completing Math 46, 96, and 119 is less than 10 percent statewide.

CITY COLLEGE 100TH YEAR PROJECT/RESEARCH (Bunkowske)

Heidi Bunkowske petitioned committee members to help find historical documents to be used in City College’s 100th Year Anniversary celebration. She indicated that City College has hired a historian, but it has been very difficult locating information/data going back to City’s early years. It was suggested that she check Lynn Neault’s Office, since archived data would likely be found on microfiche, as well as with the Unified School District. The data would be used to provide snapshots of growth over the decades, since 1914.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, October 9
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room B-104