

**Modesto Junior College**  
**College Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2011**

**Present:** Mike Adams, Julie Berg, George Boodrookas, Jillian Daly, Rosanne Faughn, Carmen Fernandez, Wendy Griffiths-Bender, Gaither Loewenstein, Don Low, Adrienne Peek, Joan Van Kuren, Karen Walters Dunlap, Barbara Wells, Adam Webber (ASMJC), Sam Pierstorff (Faculty Consultant to the Board)

**Guests:** A mix of approximately 20 staff and students were in attendance. Two Modesto Bee staff were also in attendance.

**Business**

**1. Review of Minutes**

**Action Item**

The minutes of February 7, 2011 stood as reviewed with thumbs up vote.

**2. Review of Agenda**

Gaither Loewenstein reviewed the agenda with members.

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**3. Questions/answers regarding Proposed Budget Reductions**

Gaither Loewenstein explained that College Council representatives are different constituent groups, faculty, staff, management and different divisions who serve as a communication link between rank and file faculty and staff. He added that students are also represented and everyone is welcome to attend College Council. Gaither opened the floor to questions and answers regarding the proposed budget reductions.

Several students spoke in support of retaining the alternative media access technician position, citing duties of this position and services they have personally received. Gaither Loewenstein assured students that the services are planned to be provided in another manner.

In response to questions, Gaither explained his rationale for some of his decisions for areas like athletics and the Ag Department. Note: Explanatory rationale for each decision can be found in Gaither's memo of February 28, 2011 that was sent out to the entire college community via email.

Gaither responded to various other questions regarding the structure for how the college is funded, i.e., weekly student contact hours (WSCH), as well as other concerns.

**INSTRUCTION**

Karen Walters Dunlap reported that the college catalog was sent off to the printer today. The college is moving forward with the curriculum transfer model curriculum (SB1440). The Curriculum Committee is working to develop transfer model curriculum in speech, psychology and math.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

Don Low reported that Student Services just met prior to this meeting and is looking at all the things they will have to respond to quickly in Student Services because of summer registration and fall programs and StartSmart orientation. He added that Student Services is going to have to change the way we are doing business. Student Services will be meeting on a weekly basis from here on in order to restructure.

## **COLLEGE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **6. Planning & Budget Committee (PBC)**

The March 4<sup>th</sup> budget forum will be held in the Auditorium. The forum will open with the co-chair entertaining a motion to approve the list of budget cut recommendations by the president. Once the motion is on the floor, it will be followed by discussion and at the end of the discussion, a vote will be taken on the motion.

There was no budget update.

## **CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

### **Academic Senate**

Mike Adams reported that the Senate passed the MOU and is on board with having both the Planning & Budget Committee and the Senate vote before the March 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting. At the regular Senate meeting, they passed a resolution and the Senate is of the opinion that if any faculty are laid off, there should not be any new faculty brought on board (in other words, a hiring freeze). Mike relayed that the Senate felt it is not appropriate to hire new faculty when current faculty are being laid off. In the near future, if the budget turns around or is not as severe, the Senate would like to reestablish and bring items back, if reasonable.

### **YFA**

Jillian Daly reported that she is busy dealing with the faculty members affected by the proposed cuts. She is working diligently with HR to double check minimum quals. She is also working with the lawyers to prepare for the hearing and also working very hard to negotiate for layoffs. The YFA general meeting was at Columbia last week. Jillian added that the meeting was very emotional and a lot of feelings were expressed.

Gaither Loewenstein thanked members for all they are doing in this dire budget situation.

### **CSEA**

Debbi Partridge reported that members are panicking and some are worried they are going to be bumped. She added that the cuts affect a lot more than the individual position. Last Friday, the CSEA executive team split up and made personal contact with staff to be laid off. Those immediately affected were very appreciative of the contact.

## **IAC**

George Boodrookas reported that the IAC meeting was mostly spent discussing the budget memo. There was nothing new to report.

## **Student Services**

Previously reported under Student Services.

## **ASMJC**

No report.

## **College Management Council (CMC)**

The monthly CMC meeting will be held Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in Forum 102.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The March 4<sup>th</sup> budget forum will be held in the Auditorium.

## **ADJOURNMENT**