

**Pierce College Academic Senate
Minutes of September 12, 2005
College Services Conference Room**

Members Present: B. Adajian, B. Benne, J. Binsley, P. Brown, M. Chavarria, J. Cohen, R. Follett, C. Rooney, I. Goodman, B. Hart, G. Hobbs, K. Holland, L. Horn, C. Kocs, L. Koller, D. Levine, B. Logan, M. Moran, S. McHargue, B. Odello, K. Oborn, M. Pawlicki, T. Rosdahl, J. Rosenberg, S. Schneider, P. Stein, L. Thouin, M. Weiser,

Guests Present: E. McCormick, S. Gerstl, F. Oleas, C. Doctor, J. Rikel, M. Pracher,

The meeting was **called to order** at 2:15 pm by Izzy Goodman. Each person introduced themselves by name, department and Senate position. The **agenda** was adopted by consensus. The **minutes** of June 6 were approved by consensus. There was no **treasurer's report**.

College Administration Report—Tom Oliver

- Our enrollment is up 2% compared to last year. By the time all of the classes have begun we expect to be up 4%. The district's goal is 8%. All of the other colleges, except Mission, are down in enrollment.
- The AFT negotiated a 5.2% faculty raise.
- New maps were distributed that show the village and the position of the new buildings. The DSA (Department of State Architecture) have approved the plans for the village. Some entities (such as Encore, Workforce development etc) will be moved sooner than originally planned. During summer 2006, everyone will leave the bungalows.

Articulation Officer/Transfer Center Director—Elizabeth McCormick—No report

Old Business

Educational Planning Committee (see attachment)—Izzy Goodman

Izzy gave a summary of the proposal to establish the Educational Planning committee. There was a motion and second to approve the document. After some discussion, it was passed.

Pierce College Council Report:

James Rikel spoke about rebalancing the construction budget due to inflation. It is necessary to cut \$47 million out of the budget. This Friday they will vote on which building to put on hold.

Both James and Pam Brown gave a summary (with handouts—see attached) of the various options. There was extensive discussion about the options with comments and suggestions to the Senate representatives on the PCC as to how they should vote.

The balance of the agenda was tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment was at 3:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Levine
Secretary

Report on PCC meetings

Sept. 12, 2005

To: Pierce Academic Senate

From: Pam Brown, Senate rep to PCC/Vice Chair of PCC.

Here are the highlights of the June 10, July 15, and August 19, 2005 Pierce College Council meetings. Minutes of the meetings can be viewed at

<http://www.piercecollege.com/faculty/PCC/documents.html>

- **Construction to be Scaled Back, again:** This summer and fall, we face more cost overrun challenges. Materials costs and global demand for concrete and other materials have continued to rise at an unprecedented pace, over the past year. These pressures have produced a new, \$47 million budget gap (deficit) for our planned A/AA Bond projects. Rapidly rising construction cost inflation is impacting colleges and universities across Southern California (**see attached**). The problem is not unique to Los Angeles, it is affecting private and public-sector construction plans nationally and internationally. Major construction delays and cuts are being considered, right now, on all campuses. At Pierce, the PCC is considering five scenarios to close the Bond gap. Four of the five scenarios would place each of four new planned structures on hold: Child Development Center (\$8 million in savings); Student Services building (\$28m); Technology building (\$30m); and Center for Sciences (\$56.7m). Because the first 3 of these 4 scenarios do not close the \$47 million gap completely, each would also include reductions in scope for other planned Bond projects. A 5th scenario would “close” the gap, by preserving construction of all four new structures but recommend reductions in the scopes and budgets of *all* planned projects (both new structures and modernization projects). An analysis of the impact of each scenario can be viewed at the PCC’s website:

http://www.piercecollege.com/faculty/PCC/BondProjectEvaluation_Aug2005.pdf

The 5 scenarios will be addressed at the next PCC meeting on Friday, Sept. 16, 2005 at 1:30pm in the College Services Conference room.

- **Good News for Our College Budget:** Pierce has had dramatic growth in its budget over the past two years. We are one of only two District campuses to hit our growth targets. The base budget allocation to Pierce College has been *increased* by \$8 million, to \$48.3 million for 2005-2006. We must hold some of this additional money as unspent reserves for the time being, however, to keep the rest of the District off the credit “watch list.” At the State level budget, we have more good news: No student enrollment fee increases are included in the ‘05-06 State Budget. The legislature approved \$5.7 billion for community colleges, up from \$5.2 b in ‘04-05. Funding per FTES will rise -- from \$4,614 per CC student to \$4,903 per student.
- **Search for New College President:** Pierce will be searching for a new President this year. A 12-person Presidential Search Committee has been formed. It is composed of faculty, classified employees, administrators, one student rep and three members from outside of campus. A final recommendation is expected from the Search Committee by January 1, 2006.
- **New Faculty coming:** PCC has recommended 12 new full-time instructors be hired (to start their positions in the spring of 2006). Several new faculty, staff and administrators just joined our College this fall semester as well!
- **IPASS Program:** PCC approved a recommendation to purchase 5,600 “24/7” MTA bus passes for Pierce College students. The passes would be good this fall, and would encourage students to use the new MTA bus station on Victory opening October 15th. According to the District, the College will derive fiscal benefits from participation in the ‘IPASS’ program, because over \$2

million in anticipated traffic abatement costs may be forgiven if the College participates in the IPASS program.