Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2010 were approved with minor corrections.

2. REVIEW DISTRICT POLICY/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Regulation 5013
Council members reviewed revisions proposed to Administrative Regulations 5013 regarding Student Financial Aid. The proposed revisions were made to clean up regulation language and remove a section no longer applicable. Members were asked to share these revisions with their constituents for review and submit any concerns to Office of Vice President Student Support Services.

8. STATE BUDGET UPDATE: IMPLICATIONS FOR LBCC

Governor Brown has committed to balancing the State’s budget and all state-funded agency revenue structures are being cut. The current projected cuts to the community college system are estimated at $400 million system wide, which equates to approximately $7 million for LBCC. The $7 million estimate is contingent upon voters passing a tax extension initiative on the upcoming ballot. Unfortunately, if the proposed tax extension initiative fails to pass, cuts to our system could double. The Governor is also proposing a unit fee increase from $26 to $36, but has attached enrollment growth to this fee increase which the community college system is fighting against due to the fact it does not make sense to have growth at a time when our funding is being cut.
In response to the projected budget cuts, the District must reduce our expenditures to match our projected funding, therefore the size of the college must condense and the entire system may look different in the future. The district is working on a plan to meet the estimated $7 million cut by sharing the burden campus wide striving to protect the core mission of the college (degree/certificate attainment and transfer readiness). Currently, faculty and management have agreed to benefit modifications to reduce costs and the district is in negotiations with AFT. The District will be analyzing all programs and departments to create efficiencies while reprioritizing and shifting resources that will allow us to help the greatest number of students reach their educational goals.

Vice President Gabel has scheduled staff budget forums for February 16 and the district is working to schedule student forums to increase communication on how the budget will affect students and gain their input and perspective. The District has made the decision that our summer session will remain the same as last year with one 6-week session. The District, as well as the State, will also be looking at some of the following ways to reduce the impact to students by analyzing our current procedures regarding priority registration, course repeatability, capping units taken and incentives for academic progress. ASB President Desiree Tessier and Student Trustee Gavin Centeno provided suggestions on how the district can better communicate with students.

The District is also going to hire 15 full-time faculty for the 2011-2012 year. This decision has been made as we are currently 45 under the State’s full-time faculty obligation numbers. Although the Board of Governors has issued a suspension for this obligation, the district has made this decision to hire to assist us in staying in line with this obligation in the long term and to avoid the approximate $68,000 per faculty penalty associated with violating this obligation.

9. OTHER

CHI Interim President Cindy Frye announced that CCA has selected Long Beach City College as “College of the Month” for February.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.