**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
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- *A Brown Act training workshop was held at LACC on August 24.* The presenter was Lesley Kawaguchi from SMC and the Area C representative for the state academic senate. Approximately 40 people attended. Handouts from the workshop are on the senate Sharepoint site.

- *Interviews for interim dean for IDWG 2 were conducted Sept. 14.* This is a one-year appointment and the hiring should be completed before the end of September.

- *District strategic plan focus groups are being held at the colleges.* The City focus group interviews will be October 5. If you want to register input into the direction of the district for the next several years, this is a chance to participate.

- *Development of college faculty coordinator hiring policy and procedure* – Mattie, Dr. Callahan and myself have initiated discussions on the development of a college policy for the recruitment and selection of faculty coordinators (e.g. SLO Coordinator, Basic Skills Coordinator, etc.). Currently, no standard policy exists and we operate on an ad hoc basis. These are positions that come with reassigned time, so without a clear policy, questions about openness and fairness arise. Currently we are in a pause as a meeting needs to be held with David Beaulieu and Joanne Waddell regarding evaluation processes. If the current Instructor, Special Assignment (ISA) evaluation process is used, the administration gets to choose the faculty on the evaluation committee.

- *Drafting of a formal shared governance agreement between the senate and the administration* – currently the LACC senate has no formal shared governance agreement with the administration. The DAS has one with the Board, and such agreements exist at Pierce and Southwest. The purpose would be to delineate which academic and professional matters (the “10 + 1”) would fall under “rely primarily on the recommendation of the senate” and which would fall under “mutual agreement between the senate and the administration.”

- *District budget* – a possible midyear state funding cut of $11.3 million to the LACCD is anticipated. Combined with the existing $4.5 million district-wide funding gap, the total district funding gap is predicted to be $15.8 million. The District Budget Committee will propose using district reserves and its uncommitted balance (and other ideas that require negotiation) to cover the shortfall and not take it from the colleges...maybe.
• **District-wide priority registration** – starting last spring (spring 2011) the district decided that priority registration would be district-wide, rather than local. In other words, a student from another district college who never attended City could have higher priority than a student who has always been at City but has fewer units completed. This was done by the district administration without consultation with the DAS, and without notice.

• **New district interim policy on maximum units per semester** – no student can register for more than 19 units per semester. The idea is to prevent students from “poaching” classes, i.e. registering for way more classes than needed (and taking up space in those classes) and then dropping the “excess classes” once they decide on which classes they want to keep.

• **The District smart classroom taskforce faculty town hall meeting at the district office is Friday, Sept. 16.** This is the chance for faculty to find out about the district-wide smart classroom standards that have been under development for the past year and to provide input and register comments and concerns.

• **Michelle Pilati, president of state academic senate, is visiting us for the 10/6 senate meeting.** She will be giving a presentation on the senate in the Education Code, Title 5 and its place in shared governance.

• **Senate Committees** – First, we need faculty to serve on the senate the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee and the Fellowship Committee. There is also a vacancy on the Constitution and Bylaws committee. We also need several people who serve on the following subcommittees of EPC: Distance Education, Satellite, Education Master Planning. One need not be a member of EPC to be a member of an EPC subcommittee. Second, the terms of the IDWG representatives and the senate at-large representative to EPC are officially up...we think. However, since there is no record of when terms have started or ended, we have a problem. The bylaws as currently written give appointment authority to the senate president, and state that a term is for two years. I am going to hold off on appointing new members to EPC until a coherent and fair policy on term and replacement of members is drafted this semester. The exception will be when vacancies exist due to resignation or removal/disqualification.