

President's Report

June 2, 2009

Board Meeting

Budget:

- As you know the revenue generating measures set forth in the special election, May 19, 2009, failed and as a result, the State General Fund is down 20%.
- State budget cuts created a \$4.9 million gap in the general fund and a \$2.6 million reduction in the Categorical (state restricted) Funds for 2009-2010.
- The impact on Hartnell's budget is compounded by two things:
 - a. The college closed a \$3.0 million funding gap last year by reducing administration 30%, reducing section offerings, and increasing average class size
 - b. The state's reduction of the 2008-2009 budget by \$1.9 million

By reducing the reserves from 7.3% to 3.0%, the college can reduce the \$4.9 million gap for 2009-2010 to \$3.3 million in the General fund. That means that the college must cut the General Fund \$3.3 million and the Categorical Fund \$2.6 million.

Research:

Two researchers from UCLA, Gary Orfield and Patricia Gandara, spent two days last week visiting with Hartnell faculty and staff, as well as some high school counselors. They have been studying data from the Chancellors Office to determine which community colleges have successfully prepared minority students from low performing high schools (defined as low income and low educational attainment of the parents) for transfer to UC and CSU. They identified students in a three year period and then tracked them for six subsequent years. Five colleges in California were identified as doing well – San Diego (Mesa and City), LA Trade Tech, Santa Monica and Hartnell. Interestingly none of the colleges were successful with more than one minority and Hartnell was far ahead of any of the colleges with regard to Latino students in this study.

So, despite the bleak budget news, we do have much to celebrate.