

President's Report

1. Enrollment – Fall enrollment, once we removed “no shows” from the class rosters, dropped to a negative 2%. However, when SouthBay, Joint Power Agency enrollments are added, we expect to be even with census date last year. Clearly, the problem is that failure to grow leaves us with a deficit budget for 2007-08.
2. Budget – The budget for fiscal year 2008 will be ready for adoption by the Board of Trustees at its October 9, 2007 meeting.
3. Guaranteed Course Schedule – A core schedule of course offerings has been developed for spring and is available on the web for review by faculty, staff and students. Once we have their feedback, the schedule will be finalized and guaranteed. That means that students can count on the printed schedule as the courses that will be taught. As classes fill, additional sections will be added to meet enrollment demand. This should give us a more efficient and a more responsive course schedule.
4. Science Interns – Hartnell students presented their research to a gathering of faculty, mentors and family members on Friday evening. A summary of their work is available; however, a professor at the Navel Post Graduate School may have described it best when he stated that he “had three interns from Hartnell, one from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and one from Boston University—and, the three from Hartnell were the most capable, especially with regard to their understanding of math and physics and their ability to handle abstractions.”
5. Accreditation – Faculty, with support of Dr. Kathleen Rose, will be reviewing the first draft of the accreditation report on Friday. We will be asking the Board to accept the report at its October 9, 2007 meeting prior to submitting it to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The exact date for the WASC site visit is yet undetermined. However, I am still hoping for either October 23, 24, or 25. So please hold those dates until further notice.
6. Shared Governance – Leon Baradet, retired professor of Political Science at Mira Costa College will conduct a shared governance workshop for the Board and the College leaders on Thursday, September 20, 2007 from 4-7 p.m. in the Distance Learning Classroom. Additionally, Professor Baradet served as trustee at Palomar College. He will spend three days working with the faculty, classified and student senates.
7. Needs Assessment – Dr. Esteban Soriano will have a team of Hartnell students and others trained and dispersed throughout the district conducting surveys in English and Spanish as one aspect of the assessment of our education and training needs. We urge our business and community residents to participate fully in this effort.
8. Ethics Certifications – Approximately 150 faculty, staff, administrators, Board members and Board candidates have completed the training required by Government Code AB1234 for certification. The training was presented by Laura Schulkind of Liebert,

Cassidy, Whitmore. Ethics certification is not required by the Education Code for Community Colleges; however, the Board and the leadership of Hartnell College chose to voluntarily seek this certification.

9. Follow-up Items – (1) Senior high school students will be able to obtain Hartnell College library cards and identification; (2) The Recycle Committee will be requesting approximately \$20,000 for containers and promotion, and (3) the Student Senate has scheduled a Senator to be available in the evenings. While this is helpful, it does not fully address the issues raised at the last meeting. That is, evening and weekend students who are unable to take the leadership course that is offered only in the mornings cannot qualify as a Senator. Students will continue to explore options in this regard.

Respectfully Submitted,
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