



**FOOTHILL COLLEGE**

**COLLEGE ROUNDTABLE**

Room 3523

May 3, 2006

Present: Debbie Budd, Sid Davidson, Adrian Diaz, Bernadine Fong, Brent von Forstmeyer, Herlisa Hamp, Art Hand, Mary Hawkins, Warren Hurd, Marcus Lam, Phuong Lam, Christine Mangiameli, Judi McAlpin, Macy Ng, , Jay Patyk, Penny Patz, Kathy Perino, Lety Serna, Roberto Sias, Paul Starer, Jun Tam Sui,

The President called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

Fong shared an open letter to the college community from members of MSA (Multicultural Staff Association). Sias, as MSA representative to the Roundtable, was asked to comment on the letter, as well as a couple of members of the Roundtable whose signature was on the letter. By some accounts, information in the letter was not totally accurate and Starer stated that it misrepresented the position of the Senate. Sias noted that the letter did not go into all the mailboxes, but to selected faculty and staff. According to two members who signed the letter, the purpose of the letter was to emphasize that the student population will continue to change and that FH will need to be able to address the needs of this new group of students. Factoring in the change in top leadership, this issue inherently becomes more important. Serna suggested that we might want to consider developing workshops on cultural competence and what it means.

The search for an interim president is in progress. A decision/announcement will be made within the next couple of days.

Two considerations for revisions in Board Policy were discussed: Time, Place and Manner and a possible nutrition policy, specifically focusing on contents of the vending machines and food services in general. The consensus of members is that choice is important, given that our consumers are adults and can make decisions for themselves.

Hurd gave an update of where the College/District is in the implementation of the smoking policy. Full implementation will begin in the fall, as the first year has been spent on educating students and staff to the new policy. Meetings have been held with the District Security Chief, Ron Levine, to discuss how to handle students who fail to observe the policy. During peak hours, a security officer will patrol the campus on bike, citing those students who are in violation of policy. The specifics related to the implementation of citations are still in the discussion between staff at FH and DA.

No objections were cited to the increase in the health services fee.

Fong noted that in two weeks the campus will be inspected for Hazmat violations. The District has been cited and fined for a number of violations; the fines were heavy. An inspector will be visiting both FH and DA to ascertain if these violations have been addressed/remedied. In general, the campus needs to pay particular attention to its E-waste.

Pursuant to the growth initiatives, the College will meet its targeted recovery of 1%, plus an additional 1% through growth initiatives. This will result in on-going apportionment dollars from the State. Budd is to work with Ed Resources to prioritize positions based on on-going dollars and bring it to the June Roundtable meeting. The members of the RT agreed to augment B Budgets for the Divisions and departments by \$434,927. Based on the matrix developed by Budd, these funds will be moved to the divisions/departments.

Lam and Perino summarized a college hour presentation on basic skills, particularly as it relates to students enrolled in Math. The data provided were quite revealing, as well as revelatory of the challenges that the College will face in serving students who are functionally under-prepared for college-level work. Lam and Perino gave specific examples of students they have advised and spoke eloquently on the difficulty that was manifested in helping them [students] to understand some very basic concepts. The challenge of dealing with these students is both formidable and daunting. Clearly, the College community will have to have further discussions how these students can best be served. In closing Lam noted that PSME will be offering a new class in the fall, Math 230/231; it will be 10 hours/week and will have eight to ten modules. Additionally, the Math Dept. will pilot Math 101, which will be taught by Ion Georgiou. The pilot will be seven hours per week, with lots of lab time and will have TA's.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 35 pm.