



**STUDENT SERVICES PLANNING  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 13, 2009**

**CHAIR:** Joseph Madrigal

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** S. Cathcart, J. Conway, K. French, L. Halttunen, M. Large, H. Lee, M. Lopez, Lt. T. Cruz, L. Romain, R. Tait-Brown, S. Titus, ASG Representative

**RECORDER:** Ellie Masiello

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** T. Frady, T. Hernandez, K. Huskey, P. Richardson

**GUESTS:** President Robert Deegan  
Jesse Lyn

The membership gave Joseph Madrigal a little ceremony as this is the last Student Services Planning Council meeting that he will chair before his upcoming retirement on June 30, 2009. Refreshments were served and Madrigal was presented with a gift, balloons and cards. A few moments were taken to thank Madrigal for his leadership over the past thirteen years. President Robert Deegan visited and offered his thanks to Madrigal and assured him that he will be sorely missed. The Student Services Planning Council meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph L. Madrigal, Chair, at 9:45 a.m.

**I. Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2009**

MSC – Cathcart/Duran The Minutes of the April 22, 2009 meeting were approved.

**II. Budget Committee Report**

Claudia Duran reported that there was no good news to report. Polls indicate that the propositions offered in the Special Election on May 19, 2009 will not pass. Governor Schwarzenegger will be offering the May Revised Budget on May 14, 2009 in two forms. He is preparing one budget if the propositions pass and a second budget if the propositions fail. Community colleges will be affected if the propositions fail. There was discussion of zero budget planning, which would require all departments to justify any budget allocation over zero dollars. The next Budget Committee will meet in September but an SPC Task Force was authorized to meet over the summer.

**III. Apple Computer Update**

Sherry Titus had no news to report. The item is in the hands of the Foundation Office.

**IV. Accreditation Report**

Lynda Halttunen reported that today is the deadline to report any errors of fact to the Accreditation Committee. Student Services did not have any errors of fact to report. Halttunen stated that the Committee will meet in June to vote on the results of Palomar's response. Their report will be issued in July. We are expecting that Palomar will lose on some level, their accreditation status due to the six items cited in the 2003 study that were not resolved in the 2009 study. The Accreditation Team will make another site visit in October. Our Student Services division has been acknowledged in the State and the Counseling Department has met the developmental level of compliance which is the highest in the State. Student Learning Outcomes are a big issue; some departments are already working on compliance in this area and some departments need additional work. Claudia Duran added that the advisor from Lassen College spoke highly of our student services division and said it is being used as a model program.

Herman Lee reported that rumors abound because there is confusion with our WASC Accreditation and the Nursing

AS degree that has recently been in the news. They are two different issues and Laura Gropen is preparing statements to dispel the rumor that Palomar degrees will not be valid as a result of the Accreditation Study. Mr. Madrigal stated that a steering committee will develop a FAQ late in June or July depending on the outcome of the Accreditation Report.

#### V. **EAP 2009 Planning**

Herman Lee reported the committee is meeting every Wednesday and they are down to the last details to be ironed out. Counselors have been meeting with students; Assessment is continuing to visit the high schools. About 3,000 high school students are expected to participate, a record number due to the cuts in the UC and CSU schools. This year for the first time, a new Financial Aid Workshop will be offered for parents, students will be able to purchase PIC cards and the Cashier's Office will be open to take student fee payments.

#### VI. **End of the Year Events**

Members reported on the following upcoming events:

- Transfer Recognition Event, today at the San Marcos Civic Center
- Career Fair today at the San Marcos campus
- EOPS/CalWorks/TRIO/SSS Graduation Ceremony at the North County Regional Education Center (NCREC) on Pico in San Marcos on Friday, May 15, 2009.
- Latino Graduation Ceremony, sponsored by the Mecha Club will take place in the Student Union at 5 p.m. on Saturday
- Commencement will take place on Friday, May 22, 2009 on the Football Field. Parking for staff will be available in Lot 15 as Lots 1 and 2 will be closed at 7 a.m.
- Scott Cathcart reported that the Palomar baseball team is involved in a tournament over the weekend and Palomar is the #1 seeded team. Staff and student tickets are available at \$5. Palomar students are being scouted by major league teams and Mr. Madrigal spoke to a scout at one of our games. Cathcart reported that one of our students was offered a position with a major league team and turned it down so he could further his education. Once students earn money as professionals, they are no longer eligible to play for a college.
- Katy French reported that the Library is offering a waiver of fines if students bring a food item for the Palomar Food Pantry. This is a good opportunity for students to have their fines waived and serve a worthy cause.

#### VII. **Sharing/Announcements/Aclamations**

- Claudia Duran offered thanks to the membership for their support in the recent ASG elections and through the year. Mr. Madrigal said that he has confidence in Duran and she was the first student representative that he ever relied on to report on agenda items because she always did her homework.
- Joe Madrigal offered commendations to Jayne Conway for her handling of the Swine Flu epidemic and reported on the thanks and praise offered by the President at last night's Governing Board Meeting.
- Jayne Conway offered thanks to Joe Madrigal for his constant support of Health Services and his understanding of the importance of maintaining a healthy student body. Conway deemed Madrigal a man of good heart and good spirit and a top drawer administrator.
- Jesse Lyn offered thanks to Joe Madrigal for his guidance and support of students. She stated that Madrigal has a depth of knowledge of the entire campus that he willingly shared and he is much appreciated.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2009.