



**STUDENT SERVICES PLANNING
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 23, 2009**

CHAIR: Mark W. Vernoy

MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Cathcart, J. Conway,
T. Cruz, L. Halttunen, T. Hernandez, M. Large,
H. Lee, M. Lopez, L. Romain, L. Meyers, S. Titus,

RECORDER: Janeice Pettit

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Frady, M. Lopez

GUESTS: P. Allen, C. Cortes, C. One Deer,
J. Foster, R. Navanette, C. Rocha, P. Rodquez,
J. Vasquez

I. Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2009

MSC (Halttunen/Meyers)

The September 9, 2009 minutes were approved and stand as written.

II. College Tutor Report

Joe Vasquez shared with the committee a brief overview of the Gear Up Tutor Program. Lynda Halttunen thanked him for all his hard work and presented to him the Student Services Employee of the Month award for September. Calvin One Deer spoke a few words of praise. Photos were taken.

III. TRIO SSS Grant Renewal

Calvin One Deer Gavin presented to the committee an overview of the grant renewal process to include some upcoming governmental changes of improvement to the process. He proposed seeking an additional TRIO grant for English Second Language (ESL) students in the Escondido Center.

MSC (Halttunen/Titus) to support the proposal to seek TRIO grant funding for English Second Language (ESL) students in the Escondido Center.

IV. SSPC Governance Structure

Mark Vernoy requested that the committee revisit the Student Services Planning Council Governance Structure. After lengthy discussion the committee decided that it was not necessary for the Palomar Faculty Federation and/or the Administration Association to appoint additional members to the Planning Council. The consensus was that whenever the Student Services Planning Council discusses matters related directly to faculty that these matters are always academic and professional matters and thus it is appropriate that faculty representatives of the Planning Council be appointed by the Faculty Senate. The Planning Council agreed that because there are currently 5 Council Members that are members of the Administrative Association there is then no need for an additional member to be appointed by the Administrative Association.

V. Palomar College Mission & Values Statements Draft

Mark Vernoy invited the committee to review and discuss the draft of Mission and Values statements from the Strategic Planning Council (SPC). The committee voted that "*Learning for Success*" should be kept as the Vision statement. The committee felt that this vision statement best reflected the true mission of Palomar College as a learning institution that requires the efforts of all its members (students, faculty and staff) in fulfilling its goals to the community. The committee also acknowledged the fact that this vision statement has become a recognizable trade mark/brand for Palomar College among the youth and the community throughout the district. Upon further discussion, the committee suggested that the word "promoting" be changed to "achieving" in the third sentence of the

Mission statement and that "an educational community" be changed to "a comprehensive educational community" in the first sentence of the Value statement.

MSC (Halttunen/Conway) to keep "Learning for Success" as the Vision statement.

VI. Student Services Categorical Budget Reduction

Mark Vernoy reviewed the severity of the budget cuts to Student Services' categorical programs. Budget problems were summarized and an overview of how the unit could address the shortage was discussed.

The following agenda items were postponed due to a lack of time: Service Area Outcomes (SAO); Institutional Research & Planning Documents; and Sharing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2009.