

## **Administrative Council**

### **Christanna Campus**

**July 22, 2009**

#### **Members Present**

Judy Shepherd, John Cavan, Dennis Smith, Dorothea Sizemore, Freddie Reekes, Matt Dunn,  
Al Roberts, Dave McMillan, Mary Jane Elkins, John Sykes, Tom Wisbey, Sally Tharrington

#### **Budget Status Report - Dr. John Cavan**

- Discussed the reality of the predicted 5, 10, and 15% budget reduction in addition to the 10 percent cut the college has absorbed over the two years. Currently community colleges are being asked to meet the demand of high enrollment surges that has occurred due to the economy. With the projected increase of community college graduates, the Obama administration has announced a \$12 billion plan. This is the time for community colleges to be aggressive in meeting this demand and seeking funds for the development of our campuses.

#### **Enrollment**

- Currently we are 13.9% above last Summer
- Our target goal would be 20%

#### **Stimulus Money**

- Task Force has been created to seek this stimulus money
- Dr. Linda Sheffield & Dr. John Sykes will Co-Chair  
Chad Patton, Dr. Al Roberts, Tom Wisbey, Mary Jane Elkins, JoAnn Cage
- First priority will be to create a college mission statement that will describe the population and demographic make-up of Southside Virginians as well as funding for the new LRC/SDS building on both campuses
- Upgrade Allied Health & Pickett Energy Project



### **Christie Hales**

- Schedules delivered via mail
- Currently advertising with local radio stations
  - WBA – South Hill
  - Farmville
  - Blackstone
  - Chase City
- Well done to Christie on the articles included in this schedule

### **Dave McMillan**

- Concurred with the importance of continued good customer service as compared with other community colleges
- Optimistic for Fall enrollment as undergraduate applications have increased
- Stressed the importance of developing SVCC courses that will meet ODU student requirements

### **Dr. John Sykes**

- Looking at record enrollment
- Mindful of Faculty Productivity
  - Close to 1 as possible
  - Class sizes will be closely evaluated with exceptions being approved by the respective Provost
- Working with Freddie Reekes in developing a Distance Education Curriculum
- Despite some apprehension the new drop policy will be enforced as enrollment numbers continue to be ahead
- Recent Positions Filled
  - Criminal Justice Instructor
  - Dean of Nursing and Health Technologies
  - English faculty still in process of filling

### **Tom Wisbey**

- Traveled with Harlan Wrenn to DC for the Randy Forps Simulation

### **Mary Jane Elkins**

- Record number of students applying for scholarships
- Encourage students to complete application for the Tobacco Scholarship which is available online
- Outstanding Alumni Awarded to Doug Pond during local Board Reception
  - Special Education Teacher involved in many projects
- Currently working on grant request to the Tobacco Commission for matching funds towards construction in Clarksville

### **Sally Tharrington**

- Financial Aid checks will be going out in a couple of weeks
- \$6.2 million awarded in Pell Grant last year
- Due to the economy, the Financial Aid Office is seeing a higher number of professional judgments for Displaced Workers
- Effective July 1 there are several new changes to the GI Bill  
Colonel C.R. Casey has been helping students through the process to ensure that students have accurate information regarding each bill.

### **Dr. John Cavan**

- Currently working on guest speaker for the opening session of the Faculty/Staff Orientation
- Discussed raising the awareness of student fitness levels which directly correlates to increased test scores.

**Next meeting September 16, 2009 on the Daniel Campus**

