

Administrative Council Minutes
September 16, 2009

Present: Sally Tharrington, Dennis Smith, John Cavan, Earl McDaniel, Debra Smiley, Christie Hales, Jack Ancell, Al Roberts, John Sykes, Shannon Feinman, Chad Patton, Sandra Thompson, Tom Wisby, Michelle Edmonds, Brent Richey, JoAnn Cage.

Budget: Dr. Sykes reiterated that the 13% cut in funding for community colleges announced by Gov. Kaine was being offset this year by stimulus funds that actually made the cut closer to 6.9%. It amounts to a little over \$900,000 for SVCC. Unfortunately, things may get worse; and the VCCS plans to raise tuition for spring and likely again next fall. The General Assembly could still take our \$180,000 carryover money. State employees may also have to pay some of their VRS contributions in the future.

Dr. Cavan said the college still needs to maximize enrollment. He said this is not a time to panic but keep doing what we have been doing.

Enrollment: Richey said enrollment was up 21% from the same date last year and it has been up consistently between 15-20 percent. The college does not expect dual enrollment numbers to go up and the final projection is the college enrollment should be up between 10-15 percent for the semester. Headcount is up around 12% and it appears students are taking more classes than last year.

Issue Track: Ancell noted that the Issue Track program appeared to be working well. He said it is a requirement mandated by the VCCS to have a trouble ticket system. Ancell passed out a report showing a high volume of requests for the IT department. He also reviewed some of the VITA guidelines.

Roundtable:

Smith – SVCC will be hosting basketball tryouts on the Christanna and Daniel campuses over the next few weeks. SVCC, the defending VCCS state champions, play host to JUCO member Guildford Technical College for their opener on November 1 at Brunswick High School.

Wisbey – Will include blackboard training in SDV classes.

Thompson – Started new ABE-GED classes at Pickett Park in Blackstone. It has been approved as an official testing site. Said 15 people showed up to fill out paperwork for the Mobile Middle College.

Patton – Need to have a uniform evaluation process on both campuses.

Feinman – Working on spring schedule. The fall went well with many full classes.

Sykes – New drop process seems to be working well. We only lost 70 FTE with the final drop which was a big decrease from previous year. Brunswick Correctional Center is scheduled to be closed which would be a big loss for Brunswick County. A town hall meeting will be held at Saint Paul's College.

Smiley – Noted the partnership with BIT was going well and 3 classes made for the new telecommunications program. Welding is extremely busy as are Nurse Aid classes and the Contractors course.

Roberts – Need to look at enrollment in developmental classes. Some classes have too many persons enrolled. Need to get down to a more practical number.

Cage – Five counties are participating in the C. Scholars Program. (Nottoway, Greenville, Prince Edward, Buckingham, and Cumberland) We have more than any other community college.

Edmonds – Two new faculty members have been hired. Also gave H1N1 update.

McDaniel – Said enrollment was up 33% from last fall. Noted that faculty has concerns and said the bookstore closing created a negative impact for South Boston students.

Hales – Working on spring schedule.

Next Meeting: November 4 at 1:00 p.m. on Christanna Campus.