Members Present: Attila Gabor, Peter Goldstein, Don Griffin, Maria Heredia, Alisa Messer, Madeline Mueller, Alice Murillo, Francine Podenski, James Rogers, Karen Saginor, Jane Sneed, Fred Teti

Resources Present: Hal Huntsman, Carl Jew, Monika Liu, Phyllis McGuire, David Yee

Guests Present: Lindy McKnight, Pamela Mery, Leslie Smith, Kathy White

1. Approval of Minutes -- Minutes for 9/20/11 were approved.

2. Budget Update -- Peter Goldstein informed the Council that according to the most recent reports, the state’s budget outlook has become less promising. Mid-year cuts are more likely. The College continues to look for cost-saving measures, including reducing expenditures for substitutes. Faculty should continue to report their absences using standard mechanisms.

3. Planning Update -- Phyllis McGuire informed the Council that the Annual Plan Crosswalk included in the 2011-2012 “Budget Book” was updated per input from several faculty members. The final changes to the Strategic Plan will be reviewed by the CAC on Thursday, after which both the Strategic Plan and the Annual Plan go to the appropriate Board Committee--most likely the Board’s Planning and Budget Committee. In response to some confusion, McGuire clarified that Strategic Planning is not exclusively about budget-related items.

4. Government Relations Update -- Leslie Smith provided an updated version of the draft recommendations of the Student Success Task Force (associated with SB 1143). The following statement was developed and approved. This statement will also be discussed by the Academic Senate Executive Council and CAC, then forwarded to the Board for further input.

CPBC approved that California Community Colleges continue to embrace an open-access, comprehensive model as detailed in California’s internationally-acclaimed Master Plan for higher education, so that all CA adult populations have equitable access to a affordable, high-quality public education, and that California Community Colleges should adopt no policies attenuating local control and responsiveness to local communities because we believe this historically successful model will best ensure our students’ success.

5. Committee Reports & Associated Action Items

i. Program Review (PRC). Alice Murillo reported that a survey evaluating the most recent cycle will circulate starting October 18. The PRC will draft parameters for program termination, per Accreditation requirements, using examples from Bay Area colleges plus any examples provided by the State Academic Senate. The work of the Innovation Fund subcommittee continues on an ad hoc basis for now.

ii. Facilities Review (FRC). The committee meets October 12.

iii. Faculty Position Allocation (FPAC). The Chancellor clarified language regarding consolidations and replacements.