Minutes of the October 4, 2007 meeting

I. Approval of Minutes
The Council approved the amended September minutes.

II. Reports from the Committee Chairs
A. College Diversity Committee (Dr. Alice Murillo)
   - Minh-Hoa Ta, the director of the APASS program and Leo Paz, the chair of the Philippine Studies gave a report on the Tulay Program and emphasized that it would serve a student population which is equal of the African-American student population. The Council agreed that there is a need for this program. Next, the Tulay Program needs to be reviewed by the PBC, FPAC and the Academic Senate.
   - There was a discussion about the Dean of Diversity position. Several concerns were stated. For example, the revised position has to go through the shared governance process, the scope and expectations of the position should be specified. The council hopes that by the next meeting the College Diversity Committee will have further information.

B. Communication Committee (Francine Podenski)
   - Web redesign was approved by the BOT. The focus group should finish their job by early part of January of 2008.
   - The new headend was tested and running.

C. Information and Technology Policies Committee (David Yee)
   - Ethernet switches need to be updated on approximately 100 locations. The consequent outage could bring down half of the Ocean campus at a given time. The council asked that the work be done at off hours. Tim Ryan was invited for further discussion on the schedule.
   - WEBCT was bought by a company that does not provide tech support and the WEBCT server will be changed. Darlene Alioto wanted to know what does that mean for the online teachers. Francine Podenski assured her that the online teachers are involved with the process.

III. Timely Processing of Financial/Lab Aide & Work Study Students
Dean Jorge Bell of the Financial Aid gave a presentation on the new, extended requirements for the students to be hired, which slows down the process. For example, the new homeland security requirements, the students need to fill out 16 forms, the TB test takes 2 weeks etc. Francine Podenski asked if there could be anything done on our side, such as assigning a temporary help to assist with the student hiring process at the beginning of the semester. Dean Bell said yes, of course, that would require additional budget.