Thom Armstrong, Rosalinda Buchwald, Carol Cone (recording secretary), Marilyn Eng, Mike Fehrs, Jeanne Hamilton, Carol Horton – chair, Dennis Korn, Patricia Lawrence – co-chair, Gloria Rodriguez, and Tasha Van Horn. Absent: Alicia Bramble (student representative), Betty Gilham, Rocky Reynolds, and Louis Zellers.

OLD BUSINESS:

3.1 Approval of minutes of January 27, 2003. Minutes approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

3.2 Accreditation – Standard 9. Mrs. Horton asked the committee to re-read the standard one more time. If any committee members have any comments, it was recommended to first bring those comments directly to Carol Horton, then they will be forwarded to Jeanne Hamilton.

3.3 State Budget. Mrs. Horton informed the committee that budget revisions would be taken to the Board of Trustees at the April 1st meeting. P-1 was received 3 weeks ago, the State has passed the mid-year reductions for the 2002-2003 budget, and it is called SB18X. The community colleges will be reduced by about 1.61 million for current year. The current year revised budget was distributed and Mrs. Horton reviewed the changes. The reserve is down from over 12% to 5.6%, a combination of revenue reduction, expenditure reduction and using the reserves. Mrs. Horton explained that the preferred 5% reserve is 5% of total expenditures not revenue. District cuts for the current budget year will be $1.1 to 1.2 million. Mrs. Horton informed the committee that the USC system would see cuts of 1.5%, CSU 1.7% and community colleges 3.3% for the SB18X reductions.

Mrs. Horton asked the faculty members of the committee if they had any budget reduction suggestions from the academic senate. Marilyn Eng mentioned that there has not been a formal discussion session, but she had
heard the suggestion to furlough the managers. Discussion was held on possible ideas for reduction of expenditures. Mrs. Horton again mentioned that on top of the $530 million dollar cuts that the Governor proposed in January 2003, the District is looking at $4 million additional dollars in cuts.

Mrs. Horton was asked about the Maas study, it was reported that it is currently being done and should be completed by July 2003.

Mrs. Horton reminded the committee that financially the college will not make budget unless program is cut. Discussion was held on the history of community colleges cutting programs and the ability when funding is restored to get their enrollment back up. Mrs. Horton mentioned how important it is not to unload so much that when funding returns it is difficult to build programs up. The importance of maintaining full time faculty jobs was stressed, with conversation on the vote by academic senate not to have a hiring freeze.

Mrs. Horton assured the committee that the college meets the needs of the community, enrollments are strong, growth has always been strong and that comes from the programs offered and good instructors.

The committee will meet again next month.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:30 p.m.