PRESENT:
Karlyn Bradley (student representative), Rosalinda Buchwald, Carol Cone, Jeanne Hamilton, Carol Horton – chair, Eric Magallon, Lan Hao, Dennis Korn, Jim McClain, and Judy Rojas (recording secretary) Absent: Kathy Bakhit, Toby Guebert, Irene Malmgren, Roseann Manfre-Campillo, Martha McDonald, Dr. Geraldine Perri, Rocky Reynolds, Steve Siegel, and Linda Welz

OLD BUSINESS:

9.1 Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2009 – Minutes approved with corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

9.2 State Budget – Carol Horton reported that the biggest concern regarding the state budget are the trailer bills ABX4-1 and ABX4-2, 3 & 4 that affect the community colleges. One of them deals with the categorical programs and has not been interpreted by the legislature and the Department of Finance. It deals with the federal stimulus package and which categoricals are flexible and which ones are not. The $130 million that was in the federal stimulus package for the system which was built into the revised budget for 2009-10 is now down to between 25% and 34% which is $32.5 - $45 million for the system. Carol Horton has talked to Jeanne Hamilton and Irene Malmgren regarding their categorical programs and they have laid out a strategy to fund it at the 25% level of the stimulus to get through budget adoption and to balance the funds. The General Fund may have to augment the categorical programs.

9.3 District Budget – We are currently closing the books and we have an ending balance of 12% for 2008-09 fiscal year and 11.1% for the 2009-10 year. In an accounting sense we are not deficit spending but in a true sense of the ending balance going down we are deficit spending. If there is an impact on the categorical funds that ending balance figure will go down. The deadline for the budget adoption based on our budget calendar was September 15, 2009. Given the uncertainty of the budget we are going to move our adoption date to the October 6th Board of Trustees meeting. The revised Budget Calendar will go to the Board of Trustees on September 15th for approval. Jim McClain asked what amount of money we are talking about for categoricals. Carol stated that a very rough estimate figure is between $250,000 and $500,000. We will have to have a duplicate and maybe more cost centers for each of the categorical programs because we have to account separately for all of the revenue and expenditures that are federal stimulus dollars. Some will have carryover funds and district funds that will also have to be reported separately. The Vice Chancellor at the budget meeting stated that every college should to go their Board of Trustees and ask for flexibility for categorical funds. It is good for 3 years. An
example is matriculation with seven components of what the funding is suppose to serve. If we go for flexibility it allows the colleges determine what their greatest need is in serving their students and the funds can be moved to either one of the matriculation components. Jim McClain asked about when we will hear about property tax. Usually it is in December but Carol said to count on the fact whatever was estimated is too high. Funding will be cut and the workload will also be relaxed again. Even though they have reduced our funding before it is still based on a certain number of FTES that the system expects the college to generate. If you did not generate the FTES they would cut your money back. Now they are simply not going fund the FTES and drop our cap again. There is good news and bad news, because we don’t have to generate FTES, but it also drops our base. Carol stated that all colleges base is dropped proportionately.

We will have a special Financial Resources meeting on 9/30/09 in AD206 at 1:00pm to go over the final budget before it goes to the Board of Trustees. Jim McClain possilby can report on the classes cut and our census information at the September 30th meeting.

9.4 2009-2010 Purpose Statement - The Purpose Statement for 2009-2010 was approved with one change.

9.5 Strategic Plan, AIP 2009-10 and Progress Report 2008-09 - Carol Horton distributed and reviewed the Progress Report 2008-2009 and Annual Implementation Plan 2009-2010. Carol stated that our parts of the Strategic Plan are pretty specific and quatitative. The committee approved the documents with the mentioned corrections and they will be forwarded to Lan Hao for submission to Steering and the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm.