Grossmont College
Enrollment Strategies Committee
Meeting Summary

March 28, 2011
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Room 55-525

Present: Fred Allen, Steve Baker, Barbara Blanchard (Chair), Janet Castaños, John Colson, Chris Hill, Oralee Holder, Brian Keliher, Mary Rider, Marsha Raybourn, Malia Serrano, Wendy Stewart, Susan Working

Absent: Rick Griffin

Guest: Shirley Pereira

Recorder: Linda Daley

The meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m. In addition to the committee members, there were several interested faculty and staff members in attendance.

I. Data provided by Shirley Pereira

Shirley provided data with the updated information that was requested at the last meeting. The first spreadsheet (Handout #1) provided a comparison of FTEF by departments and divisions for the last three fiscal years. The numbers did not include the summer sessions. The second spreadsheet (Handout #2) provided FTEF scenarios with 5%, 10% and 15% reductions evenly distributed over the fall and spring semesters. Shirley offered to share the spreadsheet electronically, so that the chairs could plug in their own numbers and look at different scenarios. The final handout (Handout #3) provided data for the fall semesters from 2005 to 2010 for distance education, and included success rates.

The group asked Shirley for a comparison of day to evening classes.

The group discussed the issue of priority registrations, and John shared that a task force is forming to look at this issue. Barb said it is important to give priority registration to those students within 15 units of graduation. Barb asked Wendy to provide her with the current written policy regarding priority registration so that she could share it with the committee.

Shirley reported that our retention and success rates are both improving.
Barbara distributed a handout from the state chancellor’s office (Handout #4). The sheet provided data for each community college for the 2009-2010 year. She pointed out that only 6.9% of our classes are in the basic skills category, placing us in the bottom third statewide.

II. Reality of today’s budget – impact on scheduling
   a. Our 5-10-15% reductions
      Barbara shared what the FTEF would be for the various reduction scenarios, saying with a 5% cut the resulting FTEF would be approximately 816; with 10% it would be 773; with 15% it would be 730, and with 20% it would be 687. She said she expects that we will have to cut between 10% and 15%, and program suspension is an option to consider in the decision process.
   b. Summer reductions and yearlong scheduling scenarios
      Barbara asked the group to provide her with their thoughts about summer reductions and yearlong scheduling scenarios. Malia said that her department strongly advocates full year planning and that summer classes continue. Brian also supported yearlong planning and continuation of summer classes.

III. Minimum scheduling by department – handout
      The final handout (Handout #5) provided a summary of full time faculty numbers for each division and department.

IV. No lay-offs – what does that mean to strategic reductions?
      Not discussed.

V. Strategic reduction discussion
      Not discussed

VI. District-wide FTES Taskforce meeting today from 3-4pm Griffin Gate
      Barbara shared with the group that she will be attending the Districtwide FTES Taskforce meeting today and asked the group if they had feedback for her to take back. Malia said that Arts & Humanities appreciate being able to use yearlong planning and the ability to continue offering summer classes.

VII. DSP&BC meeting today from 4-5pm Griffin Gate
      Barbara announced that following the Districtwide FTES Taskforce meeting, there will be a Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council meeting today. She said she would provide a report at the next Enrollment Strategies meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.