State of the Senate

Fall, 2014-15
Why do we have Senate?

- Because faculty have a right to know the financial and other background facts of the College
- Because faculty have a right to be heard and participate in decision making – right up to the Board
- We are a “consultative” district
- We have no agreed upon +1 – but are making strides in enrollment management
Statewide Budget

- First year of 3SP funding (will affect next year)
- Unfunded FTES was actually funded
- State is asking for 3%+ growth to keep our funding
- Not all colleges/districts made last year’s growth
  They received less money.
Analysis

- The State of California still seeks to limit the amount of dollars spent on higher education
- The CSU’s are scrambling to increase enrollment and admitting lots of students
- Performance-based funding is taking longer to roll out than legislators thought
- The goal may be to decrease the total number of colleges in our State
VCCCD Budget

- Oxnard College now gets almost 20% of the FTES Allocation Line of the budget (up from 17.1% two years ago – more than $600,000 more for the schedule)
- We made our growth target for Fall, 2014-15
- Moorpark and Ventura are significantly below target
- Ventura close to losing medium sized college status
Impact of low growth on VCCCD

- Unlikely OC can make up the entire difference in growth as it did last year
- Funding overall will be less next year
- Only 25% of the budget is locally adjusted by growth
- VC Fahnestock proposed the Board set aside $2M to cover the projected loss – for one year
OC Budget specifics

- We still have two important grants (BSI and STEM)
- We are about to be notified about 2 more grants
- That grant money permits us to do many things outside of the district budget (we have more grant money per capita than our sister colleges)
Looking ahead: Budget

- Prop 30 begins to sunset January, 2017
- CCC system still very dependent on Sales Tax
- Local model will be unfunded by $2M or more next year if current growth pattern continues (use of reserves)
- Local model dictates that in 2016-17 the district as a whole take the net loss in growth money
Why are VC and MC shrinking?

- More students going directly to CSU
- Economy is better
- Across the district, males are not enrolling in as great numbers
- Local demographics (aging population)
- Loss/redesign of outreach programs
- Enrollment management
- Repeatability/attempted phase out of non-credit courses
Here at OC: Three reports upcoming

- 3SP report (Dean Karen Engelsen has a draft; Senate must review by Sept 22)

- Student Equity Plan (due mid-November)
  - Webinar on Sept 5 (starring Dr. Durán and our own consultant, Brad Phillips)

- Accreditation Self-Study
Administrative Changes

Timelines:
- Interim EVP interviews over; new person should be on board by early September
- Board will approve search for Asst. Dean at September meeting; projected to be on board by January
- Permanent EVP search will begin soon; projected to be on board by June 1, 2015
PBC & PEPC

- PBC undertook to recommend full time positions to the President, in case such were needed: Math came in first, followed by ADS, with votes for Communication Studies and Auto Tech
- PEPC process completed; two programs were deemed in need of improvement
District Committees

- DCHR still has no workable emergency hire procedures
- Lori Bennett will be co-chairing DTRW-I and DTRW-SS
- DCAP has scheduled regular meetings on Fridays
- International Studies may be in the future (special task force)
Student Engagement

Latino Thought Makers Series
  (This Wednesday, August 27 “East Los High” – 7pm) – part of a series

Arts & Lecture Series

Gardens!

Hispanic Performing Arts Series

Youth Conference – Nov. 7

Speech Tournament, Geo Bowl

Soccer, Basketball and Cross Country

Multicultural Day
Student Success

- The Scorecard – Holding steady
- Institutional Effectiveness – decline in transfer rates at OC
- Getting students to do an Ed Plan and declare a major remains crucial
- We are growing despite:
  - New repeatability rules
  - Financial aid changes
Notable problems

- We need to grow – but we are having difficulty finding adjunct teachers
- There is no current plan to add any more full time positions to our budget – adjuncts instead
- Classroom issues will continue
- D2L/Server issues being addressed; some complaints about D2L lite
The Childcare Center

• CDR (Child Development Resources) has signed a partnership with VCCCD – will make itself available for lab observations
• Our own childcare center continues to run at a $200,000 deficit and has exhausted its contingency account
• Employees will have the right of transfer – but it is probably going the way of the Bookstore.
Some Senate goals for 2014-15

- More textbooks to check out (for a semester) at the library
- More people trained on Drupal
- Widespread participation in the Accreditation Self-Study
- Initiatives for health and well-being for everyone (Get MOovin; Garden…more)
- Every student with an Ed Plan & Major (SOAR)
Summary

- We’re growing! We may soon have as many students as we did in 2009-2010
- Enrollment management will continue as it has in the past (60% rule; emphasis on productivity; MC and VC want a 4 week summer session)
- Student Life is improving