REDWOODS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Minutes of the College Council
7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA, Board Room
February 24, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT
Becky Blatnick (by video), David Gonsalves (by video), Allen Keppner, Jeff Marsee, Jose Ramirez, Tony Sartori, Keith Snow-Flamer, Bill Studt, Lynn Thiesen, Cheryl Tucker, Marcia Williams (by video), Kelly Wilson (by video).

MEMBERS ABSENT
Dave Bazard, Lance Courtney, Ruth Moon, David Seda

ALSO PRESENT
None

CALL TO ORDER
Jeff Marsee called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

MINUTES
The minutes of February 10, 2009, were approved as submitted.

MASTER PLANS
Dr. Jeff Marsee reminded everyone that the Master Plan Retreat/Special board meeting will be held this Friday, February 27, 2009, at the Wharfinger building in Eureka; notices have gone out to faculty, staff, board members, and members of the community and approximately eighty RSVPs have been received. Dr. Marsee stated that the meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. with the focus of the morning session being the Education Master Plan, facilitated by Michael Viera of California Collegiate Brain Trust. Dr. Marsee also noted that the afternoon session will be facilitated by Deborah Shepley of HMC Architects and will focus on the Facilities Master Plan.

Mr. Tony Sartori asked who would be responsible for updating the Education Master Plan once it becomes a “living document,” and for making changes when appropriate. Dr. Marsee responded that changes would be reviewed by the Coordinated Planning Committee, the Academic Senate, and College Council. Dr. Marsee also noted that a log will be kept at the front of each hard copy so that any chapter or section removed for editing will be accounted for.

BP/AP 4020 AP 4021 AP 4231
Dr. Marsee asked that BP/AP 4020 “Program and Curriculum Development” be placed on hold until further research can be done on Community College League of California recommendations for board polices and procedures. Dr. Marsee also asked that for a list of Board Policies and Administrative procedures that are currently on hold be brought back before Expanded Cabinet to resume the review process.

Tony Sartori stated that the Academic Senate approved AP 4021, “Program Revitalization or Discontinuation Process” on February 20, 2009.

Dr. Marsee noted that the policy was given to Expanded Cabinet for review on
February 19, 2009, however he was not in attendance on that day and asked that AP 4021 be brought back again to Expanded Cabinet for further review.

An extended discussion took place regarding the transfer of Professor Greg Grantham to the Eureka campus from the Mendocino Campus and the impact it would have on the Marine Science and Technology program at Mendocino. Dr. Marsee stated that the Marine Science and Technology program was not being discontinued and that the program would continue until the students currently enrolled in the program completed the necessary courses. President Marsee noted that courses would be taught by associate faculty members or possibly online. Dr. Marsee also noted that he has granted a 90-day extension before taking further action on Professor Grantham’s transfer so that a revitalization plan for the Marine Science and Technology program may be developed. Dr. Marsee commented that this is an exciting time for the college and community members to come together in an effort to bring life back into this program.

AP 4231, “Course Grade Challenge,” was approved upon review and will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the meeting in April.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2009

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.