

PRESIDENT'S CABINET

Tuesday, January 11, 2001

HIGHLIGHTS

Members present: President Suzuki, Dr. Ollenburger, Dr. Ambroson, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Berman, Mr. Fremont, Ms. Martin, Dr. Soriano, Mr. Storey, Dr. Tillman (arrived late), Dr. Turk

Foothill Transit Update

Chris McAlary joined the Cabinet to provide an update on negotiations with Foothill Transit. Unfortunately, little or no progress has been made following our meeting with the Foothill Board of Directors in October. Foothill has been unwilling to provide new language for the MOU that is acceptable to the campus, nor have they offered any solutions to the repairs to our roads.

At least one more meeting is planned with three individuals from Foothill Transit (that would include the MTA) and three individuals from Cal Poly Pomona. A date for this meeting has not been set. Following this meeting, this item will be placed again on the Cabinet agenda in order to inform everyone of the next steps to be taken.

It is possible that a decision will be made to cancel our contract with the transit service due to their unwillingness to provide support to assist us in maintaining our roads. Should this happen, we will want to address the issue of how to best serve our students who use the bus service. At this time, the number of bus passes being purchased on campus is less than 200 per month.

Update on Academic Master Planning Process

Dr. Ollenburger distributed a handout entitled Academic Master Plan Worksheets which she is proposing serve as draft templates to develop an academic master plan system as we go into budget negotiations for next year. President Suzuki indicated that another step in the process should be an environmental scan. Dr. Tillman recommended that accountability factors be made more explicit.

Energy Crisis

At this point in the meeting, Chris McAlary returned to the Cabinet to inform us of a Stage 3 energy shortage alert, and that the campus was being asked to power down under the I-6 interruptible rate program for approximately 6 hours. Given the fact that it was

raining, and the concern for the lack of lighting and heat in classrooms, restrooms and hallways, a decision was reached to close the campus from 10:30 a.m. for the remainder of the day and through evening classes. Facilities was asked to contact all campus personnel through the phone tree, and Dr. Ollenburger was asked to get information to the deans and department chairs so that faculty and students could be notified of the impending shutdown in power as soon as possible.

The Cabinet was adjourned in order to permit members to take care of informing their staff of the decision reached. Items remaining for discussion on the agenda will be carried over to the next meeting which is scheduled for **Thursday, February 22, 2001 at 2 p.m.**