Ernie welcomed back all the Council from summer events. He announced that Carol Pavan will be the new representative from Student Services to the Academic Senate.

**VP Update**

Ernie reported that we have had a “good” year and are looking forward to a “great” year coming. He congratulated all for the hard work all have done so far.
He announced the new Dean of Matriculation and Counseling and that he has a new team with Dean of Student Support Services and the new dean.

He expects that it will be necessary to help the student be successful and that is our goal for 2007-2008.

He announced that Dr. Michael J. Renzi, Vice President of Administrative Services, will be a guest at lunch.

Dr. Smith also announced that it has been some time but we now have a full compliment of administrators at West Valley College.

He told the Council that fiscally we are in good shape this year. He announced that there will be new construction going on and that the swimming pool will be first to be completed sometime in January. He informed us that the Chancellor will be retiring next year and that a consultant has been hired to start the search for a new chancellor.

He shared with the committee that enrollment is up in headcount and is down in FTE. He feels that this Council should be focusing on retention this year.

Dr. Smith discussed the District Enrollment Management Plan that Dr. Wheeler and he worked on this year. The Council looked at what had been established per strategy per area and made suggestions. The idea at this time is to see what West Valley can feasibly do listed on the plan. After going over the plan item by item it was decided that Joe McDevitt and Dr. Smith would meet and work on the plan and bring it back to the Council for more input.

Mike Renzi joined us for lunch and gave us a presentation on the Budget Development Process. He also shared the fiscal outlook with us which looks good.

**Health Services**

Becky showed us the new CAP Bookmarks. She mentioned NCHA which is a student survey on mental health. Becky also let the Council know that there is a new Mental Health Consultant, Barry Golden Hall. They are very excited at his joining the group.

**Campus Center**

Michelle shared with us the list of top ten reasons to visit the Campus Center.

She also mentioned the new information counter and a lot of new things going on in the campus center.

**Financial Aid**

Check run for the students was the first week of school.

A new version of Datatel is being installed R18 and should be in by middle of October.
There will be fewer workstudy students this year.

**ET**

Associate Faculty back for the semester.

Held a 2 day success workshop, a 2 day ESL workshop and a 3 hr workshop.

On August 24 there will be a back to school welcome in the Board Room.

**EOPs**

Have set up a new associate faculty office.

Have a new program for unit calculations.

25 students in an Armenian institute.

New associate faculty, Melinda Tran.

**Counseling**

We are losing two counselors, Nancy Vargas and Pablo Ortega.

We are bringing in new part-times

Starting our new High School Liaison project this year.

**Outreach**

Kick off was very successful

Had Student ambassador training

New Outreach Assistant – Stephanie Torres

New advertising pieces

We have a new campus map w/ bathrooms

Our middle-college has doubled in size.

**Tutorial**

Had a great summer

Doubled enrollment

Add people from other areas.

**Dean of Matriculation and Counseling**

We are starting a testing center in DESP. We hope to have it up and running by January.

This would allow us to test on demand.

**DESP**

A new learning specialist has been hired (old Jim Peck position.) Her name is Susan Sherrill.
Ann Crosby-Lundin is on sabbatical and will be back in Spring.
DESP is looking at Laserfiche
Enrollment is good.

A & R

Were busy all summer
Faculty had good online use for grades
We are looking at having parking permits online soon
There are extended hours the first week of school
Math department does not utilize the waitlist
Julie Mensis is the new operator in the information booth

Assessment

We gave 750 of the new math assessment tests
  50% tested into 103 or lower
  55% tested into 106 or higher

Academic Senate

Angelica gave a curriculum update
Explained that the Basic Skills Initiative, if passed, would help to ensure that students succeed
We are in the process of evaluating shared governance.

Career Program

Their information days are 8/18/07, and 8/22/07
After information days there will be orientations for students

Other

Dr. Smith passed around a student services org chart
Dr. Smith asked that all areas make sure they have a mission statement and have it on display.
He also asked that everyone communicate with their staff and submit the goals for their area either to him or to Linda.

He reminded all that our goals as always is Putting Students First.

He asked that all supported their staff.

Next meeting of Student Services Council will be September 11, 2007 in the Club Room...