PRESIDENT’S OVERVIEW

Members of the Board:

Fall quarter is in full swing, the sun is still shining and life is good. Chairman Jim Lowery is on his way to Arizona where he will enjoy a well-deserved vacation. Likewise, Margaret is on her way to New York on the Queen Mary II. We will barely have a quorum with the rest of you taking care of business at home. Thank you for being here. Our enrollments are strong; many of our classes and programs are full. The BAS degree ended up enrolling 26 students so the self-support budget works for this year.

I am writing this during the third day of the quarter which means we are still juggling classes for students and making sure everyone is taken care of for the start of the year. Our new faculty members have settled in and are engaged. We held a forum on campus last week to discuss some personal safety concerns. Police Chief Bob Berg attended with the message that there is no trivial concern. His message was to “Please call 911 whenever your gut or the hair on the back of your neck tells you something isn’t right. Our local dispatchers and officers are trained to handle minor indiscretions as well as major concerns. You aren’t bothering us.”

We will begin our first in depth enrollment analysis after the 10th day to determine the potential impact on next year’s budget. Projecting this far out is somewhat tenuous but it does help us determine how aggressive with recruiting and/or fiscally conservative we need to be the rest of the academic year.

Thank you all for hosting the fall quarter welcome to faculty and staff the first week faculty were back. I’ve heard nothing but appreciative comments. Also thank you for your representation at the kickoff, “Fiddler on the Roof” and Scholarship Night. The month of October we are hosting political debates on the 11th and 16th; several home volleyball games; the Foundation Kickoff Dinner on October 20th and a great Lyceum series including everything from aliens to life in Afghanistan. Please check the calendar for days and times.

CAMPUS REPORTS

1. Associated Students – Stephanie Schiele
2. Faculty – Sharon Mitchler
3. Classified Staff – Paulette Crane
5. Public Information Office – Don Frey
6. Human Resources – Julie Ledford
7. Student Services Report – Lucretia Folks
9. President’s Report – Jim Walton