Supervising Auxiliary Operations in Community Colleges

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SESSION OVERVIEW

- Auxiliary Services: A Definition
- General Perspectives
- Key Auxiliary Entities/Operations
- Management Issues
- San Mateo Athletic Club
- Community Education



Auxiliary Services

A WORKING DEFINITION---2007

Departments or Operations that provide additional or supplemental support for the benefit of the campus without regard to direct profit.



Auxiliary Services

What they really are:

Essential, dynamic services operated as successful, service-first business enterprises for the ultimate benefit of the colleges and the community they serve.

General Perspectives

Traditional Roles of Campus Auxiliaries

- Shield against liability
- Enhance Budgetary Flexibility
- Avoid Spending Restrictions
- Accumulate Reserves-Cash Cow
- Add Debt Capacity



Auxiliary Funds

- It is a unique fund, separate from the college's other funds.
- It is used to account for:
 - Bookstore operations ***
 - Vending ***
 - Food Service ***
 - Student Centers
 - Fitness Facilities***
 - Community Education (new for us in 2015)



Today's Students

- ✓ Students are mature consumers when they arrive at our doors. Today's students seek out what they want.
- ✓ They will not be happy with the traditional shopping experience.
- ✓ They demand greater value for their dollars---particularly with books and food.

Campus Bookstore

- Bookstore vs. Campus Store concept
- Retailing concepts critical to success
- Understanding retail mathematics including inventory turns, ROI
- Understanding product margins and marketplace demands
- Evaluation of efforts; sales/sq..ft.
- Retail accounting Methods



Campus Store

- √ To Lease or Not to Lease
- ✓ E-Commerce
- ✓ Customer Service/Relationship Building

 Cars have service; people have experiences
- ✓ Strategic Vendor Partnerships
- √ National Buying Groups
- ✓ The Right POS Solution
- ✓ Involvement with faculty CRITICAL to success



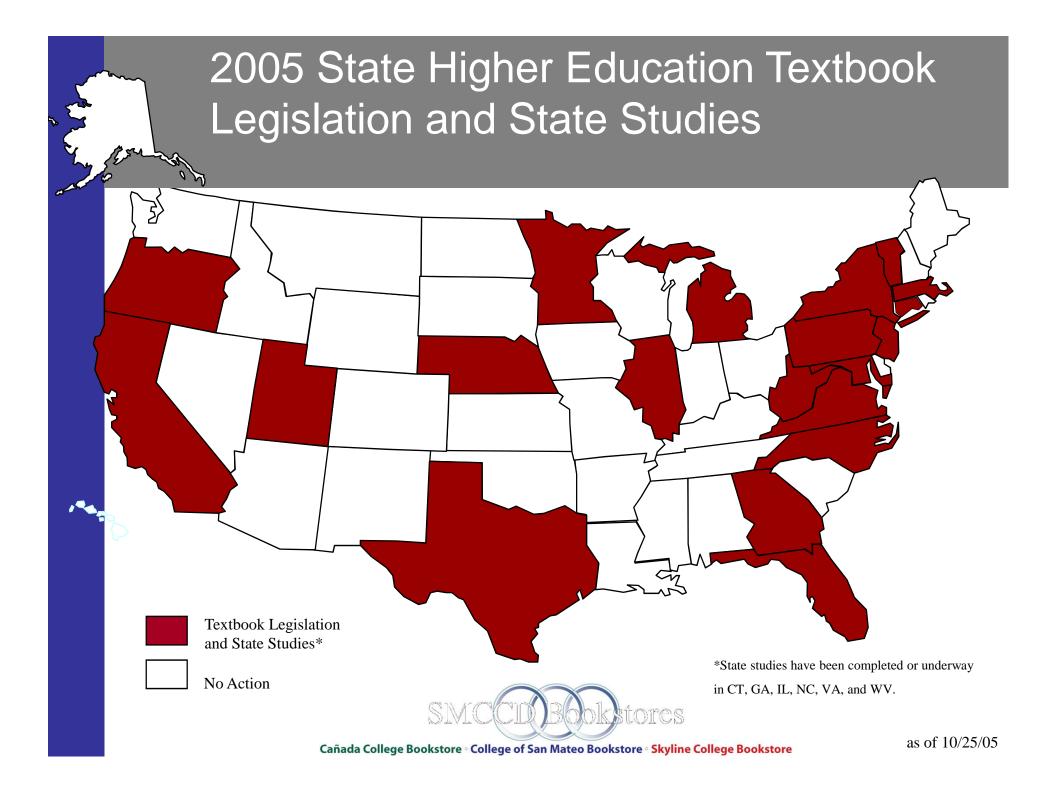
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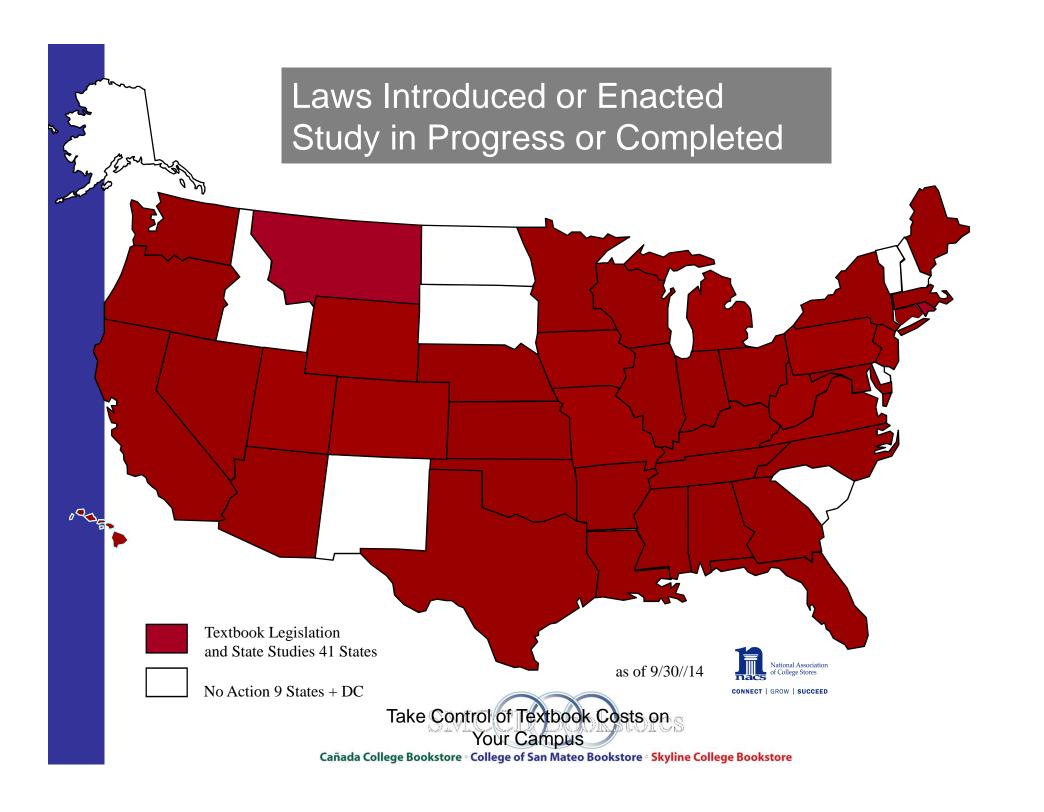
- Requisition Reward Programs
- Meeting the Campus Needs-are we really doing it? Assessment...more to come
- ✓ Budget and Business Plans
- ✓ Textbook Pricing Surveys Essential
- ✓ Partnership with Student Services
- ✓ Active Members of the community



Campus Store

- 2003-20: Textbook Issues on the front page!
- Cost of Textbooks—national concern; effect on community colleges vs. 4 year colleges.
- Legislation-State and Federal ***
- Rental Programs/Digital Textbooks





Assess, Assess & Assess Again

- Customer Service and Satisfaction Survey: Available through NACS in both print and on-line format.
- Informal "secret shopping"
- In-house program review
- Contracted program review; ex. Campus Bookstore Consulting Group

Food Services

OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS

- Self Operation
- Fully Contracted
- Multiple Contracts—several operators
- Hybrid mix



Common Foodservice Challenges

- College food service used to generate commissions and capital investment for renovations.
- Food service net income has been declining over the last several years, and the current food service provider is losing money.
- Many dining and retail areas are in need of renovation to give a more contemporary look and feel, but traditional sources of funding are not available.
- A radical change in approach to dining services is required to provide improved dining and catering services.

Food Services

- Campus Card Impact/Investment
- Impact of Convenience Stores
- Partnership with Campus Store
- Portability
- Branding: Pro's and Con's
- Franchise or District Owned



Food Services

- Vending Contracts
- ➤ Coke or Pepsi?
- Partnering with Suppliers
- ➤ Labor---In House vs. Outsourced
- Pricing---Retail, Cost Recovery or Subsidized?
- Catering---Quality, price or both? Rentals?
- Concessions---campus or market driven



Faculty/Staff Housing

- Aids both Recruitment and retention: SMCCD example
- Sale or Rental or Both?
- Faculty/staff Housing Services Center

Copy Services & Other Surprises

- In House or Outsourced-Does bringing an outside vendor in campus deliver a better more cost effective service than running it in house?
- Pros and Cons
- Commercial Fitness Center
- Facilities Rental/Event Planning



Management Success

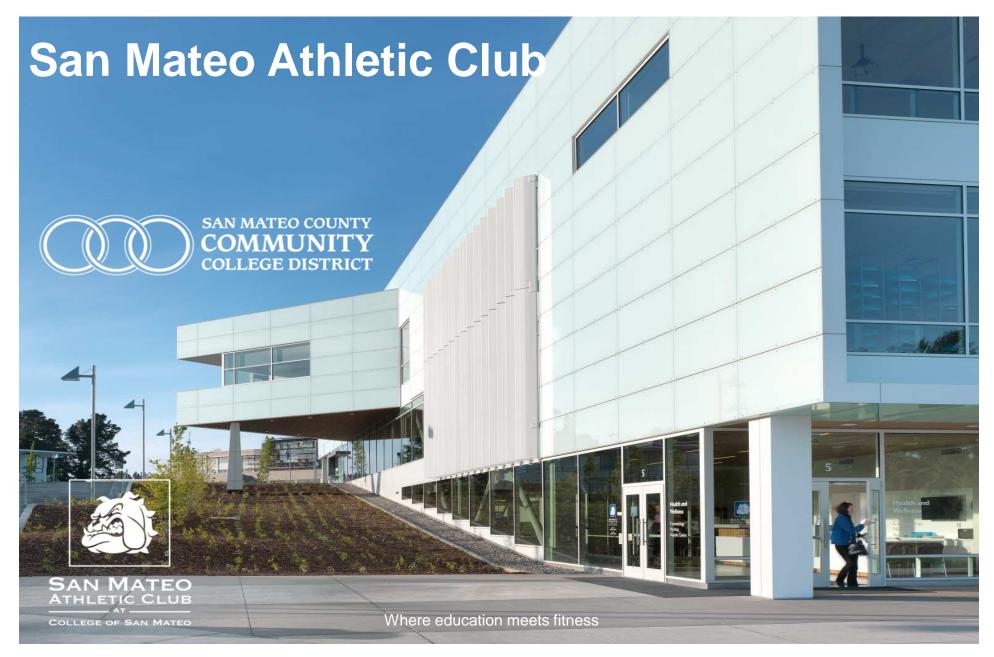
- Full Recovery of All Costs
- Ability to Respond to Institutional Changes
- Meet Expectations of Profitability
- Understand skill sets required for management of various AS departments
- Appropriate accounting methods for each service
- Measurement of success



Contract Management Skills

- Assessment and review
- Selection Skills
- Financial management
- Staff Transition issues
- On-Going involvement and review
- Negotiation Skills

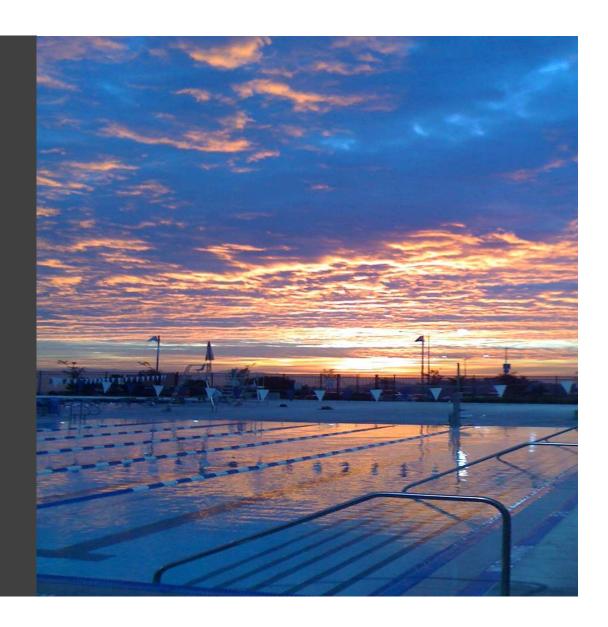






Alignment with SMCCD Goals

- Operate a full service, community based health club where students and staff share space with community members.
- Seamless integration with the academic program and student life.
- Create programs that will attract community members to campus and that will serve as workforce development complement to the academic program creating career opportunities for students and staff.
- Must be financially sustainable.
- Must be service oriented.
- To position SMAC as the leader in providing health and fitness programs for the community.
- To create an open environment where every demographic feels comfortable.





TODAY



- Job Creation for 102-124 employees (seasonal)
- 56% of SMAC employees are CSM Graduates or currently enrolled students
- 20K+ member visits per month
- SMAC Exceeds Annual New Member Goals each year of operation
- Over 5,000 Members as of March 2014
- Achieved Break Even Status in Q1 of Fiscal 2011/12
- Creates programs, events, certifications and and clinics to engage the community
- Expansion Model Duplication
- · Charity Alignment
- Nationally Recognized Programs
- Collaboration with SMUHSD
- Where Education meets fitness





Annual Visits

Members and Students

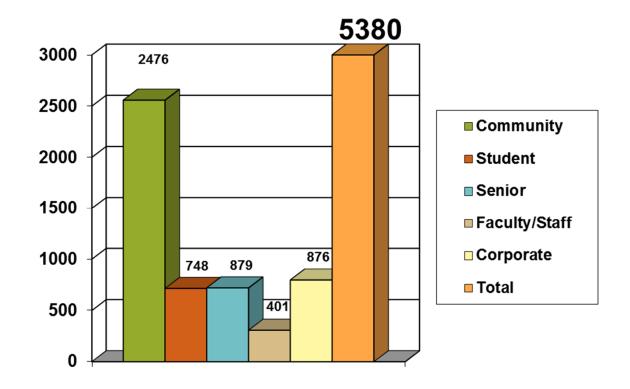
- SMAC members annual visits: 264,625
- Avg. 22,563 month
- PE students annual participation: 61,745
- Avg. 4,728 month





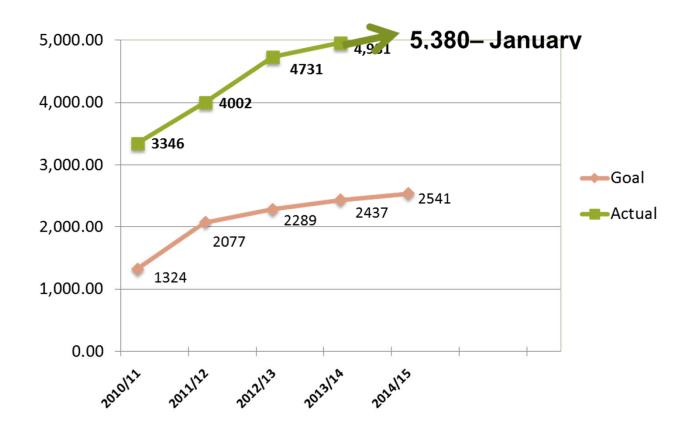
MEMBERS

Through January 2015



MEMBERSHIPS

Actual vs. Goal – January 2015



GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES

Spin • Pilates • Body Sculpting •
Total Body • Zumba • Water
Aerobics • Yoga Step •
Kickboxing • Trigger Point •
Cardio Sculpt

- Classes per week: 88
- Attendance per week: 1,552
- Classes per year: 4,308
- Annual participation: 73,102
- CEC Courses 24-30 annually



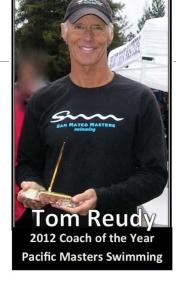


AQUATICS

Programs for all ages

- San Mateo Masters Swim Team
 - 306 participants
 - 3x Host of Pacific Masters Championship
 - 2012 Coach of the year
 - 2013 Kerry O'Brian Coaching Award
- Bulldog Swim Club
 - 175 Participants
 - 2 Junior Olympic Qualifiers
 - Recreational and Competitive
- Fee Based Rentals
- Swim Meets
- Lifeguard ARC Certification Programs
- Swim Lessons for all Ages
- Swim clinics and workshops
- Charity Events (SAA, Special Olympics)









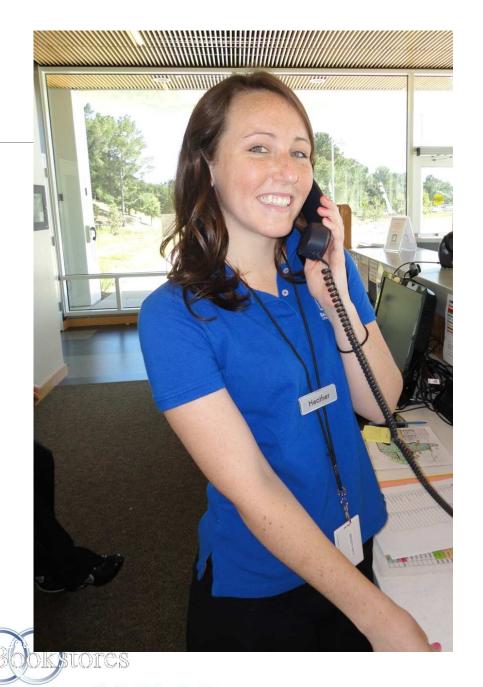


BUDGET

Results

Pre-Open	\$(162,983)
• 2010/11	\$105,520
• 2011/12	\$387,384
• 2012/13	\$645,384
• 2013/14	\$815,000

Surpluses generated will aid in maintaining the facility, replacing equipment as it ages and address deferred maintenance issues as well as other District and College goals.



Community Education

- Rolled into Enterprise Operations in 2015
- Renamed, refocused and empowered
- Certificate Programs
- Youth Programming
- Hybrid Courses
- Contract Education
- Emergency Management Academy
- ...and so much more to come...

QUESTIONS???

