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The Academic Senate's recommendations for the third cycle of PFE funding are as follows:

1. Establish a Writing Center:

Senate resolution 99.11.3 (attached) calls for the establishment of a multi-discipline writing center, including facilities and staff, at Mesa College. This is the Academic Senate's number one priority for PFE funding.

2. Two Additional Campus Evaluators.

Senate resolution 99.10.4 (attached) calls for hiring two additional campus evaluators. This is the Academic Senate's second priority for PFE funding.

3. Hiring Eight New Faculty:

Hiring eight new faculty members is the Academic Senate's third priority for PFE funding. These faculty are to be both classroom and non-classroom faculty positions.

4. Items Identified by Program Review:

A portion of the PFE funds should be set aside specifically for needs identified by program review. This process will strengthen the program review process and allow it to be seen in a positive light. Examples of needs that might be identified by program review and funded all or in part are:

- New faculty (classroom and non-classroom) and instructional support positions (both certificated and classified)
- A scholarship office, including appropriate staff and facilities
- Equipment and facilities improvements.

5. Fitness Center/Service Center Complex:

The fitness center, already part of the facilities master plan, will provide a facility estimated to serve over 4000 students per semester. The stockroom needs to be moved from the center of the campus to make it more safely accessible. We recommend that the District issue a COP to fund construction for this combined facility estimated at 3 million dollars. PFE money will be used to pay interest on the COP until the fitness center opens, when it will generate enough FTES to pay for itself in one year.

6. Weekend College:

Mesa College is planning a comprehensive weekend college where students may complete all requirements for the AA Degree on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We

have already expanded our Friday and Saturday class offerings and support services, but we cannot continue to use FTE from our weekly program to fund these classes nor continue to dilute our support services through expansion into the weekend. This is the most feasible growth option for our campus.

7. Facilities Upgrade:

The college must constantly update laboratories, studios, instructional media, software/hardware, air conditioning, and heating in order to stay technologically current and competitive with similar programs and services in our community. These are all components of an effective, up-to-date instructional program.

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