

San Bernardino Community College District

District-Wide Budget Committee

Meeting Notes – October 5, 2009

FINAL

In Attendance: Bruce Baron, Walter Chatfield, Rebecca Gamboa, Jim Hansen, Glen Kuck, Rick Hogrefe (for Charlie Ng), Scott Rippy, Odette Salvaggio Steve Sutorus

Absent: Susan Bangasser, Larry Ciecalone, Damaris Matthews

The meeting opened with introductions.

Vice Chancellor Baron gave a budget update and handed out tables that reflected cuts to categorical programs. The Chancellor has committed to using unrestricted general funds to preserve the full-time positions in the categorical programs for the current year. Next year, assuming those cuts continue, other action may need to be taken.

Revenue and expenditure reports for the unrestricted and restricted general funds were distributed for the period July 1, 2009 through September 23, 2009. VC Baron indicated that he is working on a budget projection model to provide a projection of revenue and expenditures for the year. He will bring that information to the Committee when developed.

Information was distributed from the State Controller's Office that reflected that shortfalls existed in revenues collected through August 31st. This does not bode well for the state budget.

Information was also distributed about the State Chancellor's budget request for the Community College system for 2010-2011. The three items in the request are restoration of categorical funding, COLA funding and Growth funding.

There was much discussion about the charge of the Committee and the membership of the Committee. It was noted that the Committee members in Administrative Regulation 2225 are much broader than the Committee that has been showing up for meetings. There was discussion that the Committee charge needed to be broadened and strengthened and those members who stopped coming to meetings may engage again.

There was discussion about the membership per AR 2225 and three additional members were recommended: 1 CSEA representative from the District Office; the Director of DETS; and one CTA faculty representative. It was agreed that the expanded Committee would be brought to District Assembly for approval.

Bruce volunteered to draft a new charge for the Committee to reflect some of the ideas expressed by the members and by Charlie Ng in his email to the Committee.

There was discussion about the budget savings ideas that were shared by all District staff last year and the Committee members were in agreement to NOT go out with a new process but to review the prior ideas and make any further recommendations to the Chancellor, while improving communication at the campus level.

There was discussion about cutting summer session and pros and cons were expressed. In the pros side was the ability to save over \$1 million while reducing unfunded FTES. On the cons side was the potential impact on continued student enrollment by eroding our student base by turning them away from summer classes.

There was discussion about increasing the number of meetings to twice a month depending on the need.

There was also discussion about making a recommendation that each college president and the Chancellor for the District Office, develop a contingency plan to make specific dollar reductions by January. This idea will be discussed further.

The next meeting is at 2pm on Thursday, November 5th in PDC 104. The group agreed to keep the meetings at the same day and time.