

Budget Committee 7/16/2015, 2:00 pm, PDC 104

Attendance

Members Present – Esmeralda Vasquez, Cheryl Marshall (by phone), Mike Strong (by phone), Jose Torres, Rosemarie Hansen, Scott Stark, Jeremy Sims, Robert Levesque (for Matthew Isaac), Lisa Norman (arrived 2:28 p.m.)

Members Absent –Denise Allen-Hoyt, Rhonda Prater, Gloria Fisher, Walt Chatfield, Ruby Zuniga, Girija Raghavan, Thomas Robles, Yendis Battle, Steve Sutorus, Larry Strong

Welcome/Introductions

Jose Torres started the meeting at 2:08 p.m. Self-introductions were made and Jose welcomed Esmeralda Vasquez, the new student rep from Crafton Hills College.

Approval of Minutes

Scott Stark made a motion, which Jose seconded, to approve the minutes from June 18, 2015. The motion was approved by consensus.

2015-16 RAM Guidelines/DBC Recommendation

Jose presented handouts that compared FY 2015-16 Tentative Budget FTES goals with the newly developed FTES goals, which are based on the State's recently released proposed growth funding formula. He advised that these numbers were developed and reviewed with Chancellor's Cabinet and the Vice Presidents of Administrative Services. It is the general consensus that the numbers depicted on the handouts represent the most comprehensive plan to put CHC on a path to self-sustainability while allowing Valley to continue to grow on a fully funded basis.

Jose reviewed the growth comparison, which had also been presented at the DBC's June meeting. He explained that the new state growth formula increased SBCCD's growth from 2% to 6.74%, and pushes the District to speed up its previously proposed growth plan from three years to two. He commented that less overcap is expected with the new proposed formula. Jose also explained that the numbers in the District's growth plan will be monitored and if there appears to be additional overcap available, the numbers will be adjusted. Mike Strong advised that he approves the growth percentages.

Jose commented that budget numbers were not being presented to the DBC at this time because they are still being finalized at the college and district site levels in light of the new growth formula. He advised that the Final Budget will be brought before the DBC on August 14. Jose asked if there were questions. He said it was important that all the committee members understand the proposed plan and remarked on this historic move of the District away from the 70/30 model. He said it is essential that each DBC member communicate with their constituencies. He reiterated that Business & Fiscal Services has been planning and consulting with both colleges. Cheryl Marshall commented that it would be good to develop some talking points and frequently asked questions. Jose replied that this will be one of the next steps. He also advised that a PowerPoint would be developed and offered to visit the colleges and speak to various groups. Cheryl said DBC members should help with that. There were no other comments.

Scott moved, and Mike seconded the motion, to revise the originally recommended RAM Guidelines numbers for FY 2015-16 (DBC Recommendation #2015-05) to match the numbers presented in today's handout. This motion was unanimously approved. DBC Recommendation #2016-01 will be developed and forwarded to the Chancellor reflecting this recommendation.

2015-16 Budget Development Tasks

Jose reviewed the schedule. He mentioned that SBVC will be hosting the budget workshop on July 30 and that the State chancellor will be in attendance. The District will receive the final numbers for its budget on that day. There were no questions on the timeline.

Adjournment & Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2:39. The next meeting of the DBC is scheduled for 8/20/2015 at 2:00 p.m. in PDC 104.