



District Budget Committee (DBC)

Members Present: *Jose Torres, Mike Strong, Celia Huston, Jim Holbrook, Denise Allen-Hoyt, Larry Strong, Mark McConnell, James Smith (for Scott Stark), Girija Raghavan, Wei Zhou, Keith Birkfeld (for Yendis Battle), Rania Hamdy*

Members Absent: *Jajuan Dotson, Sheri Lillard, Jeremy Sims, Richard Galope, Rosemarie Hansen, Diana Rodriguez, Steve Sutorus, Shari Blackwell, Jason Lee*

Guests: *Rebecca Warren-Marlatt, Kathy Bakhit*

Meeting Minutes – 1/18/2018, 2 pm, PDC 104

1. Welcome & Introductions

Jose Torres called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Self-introductions were made and members reminded the committee which group each represented. Denise Allen-Hoyt has replaced Jeremiah Gilbert in the capacity of District Assembly President and Jim Holbrook is replacing her as CHC Academic Senate representative.

2. Approval of Minutes of 11/16/2017

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/16/2017 meeting, which Mike Strong seconded. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

3. Current Business

A. State Budget Update

Larry Strong addressed committee members referring to the handout on the Governor's Proposed State Budget. The proposed budget was released January 10. Larry and Jose went to Sacramento to attend a State Budget workshop yesterday. Larry mentioned the COLA increase and clarified that this does not translate into salary increases but rather, indicates that SBCCD will get more funding to pay for PERS and STRS, and other expenses. He mentioned that the Physical Plant and Instructional Equipment figure will likely be adjusted downward as the proposed budget gets revised. And finally, he advised that the \$175 million in base augmentation will act as a 'hold harmless' mechanism while the State implements a new funding formula. This is in anticipation of some districts getting more funding under the formula, and some getting less.

Jose added that the major presenter at the workshop was the Department of Finance. He advised that the word 'uncertainty' came up a great deal. This uncertainty of the future has prompted the Governor to rely one-time money instead of ongoing funding. The main topics at the workshop were the new funding formula and the online college. Denise expressed interest in how the State Academic Senate will dialogue about the online college, which is felt to be in competition with the existing community colleges.

B. Board of Trustees (BOT) Prioritized Directives for the 2018-19 Budget (Information Only)

DBC members reviewed the draft board item addressing BOT Prioritized Directives for the 2018-19 Budget. Jose advised that this item will go to the February 8 BOT meeting as a first read with final approval anticipated for the February 22 study session. DBC members had the following concerns, which Jose advised he would communicate to the BBC.

- Denise asked why 2017-18 directive 10, “*Continue toward the sustainability of KVCR*” had been removed from the list. She felt that it should remain unless and until the entity becomes self-sustaining. Jose advised that he will forward the BBC minutes.
- Denise found it odd to include 2018-19 directive 6, “*Replace all faculty retirements to meet Fifty Percent Law requirement*” as this is a legal necessity rather than a directive. She would like the DBC to develop a recommendation for moving SBCCD toward a 75/25 ratio of full-time/part-time faculty.

In addition, Jim commented that he is of the opinion the BBC is in violation of the intent of the Brown Act. His impression is that the BOT adopts whatever the BBC recommends and this requires members of the public to attend both the BBC and BOT meetings, rather than just the monthly BOT meeting.

C. District Services Budget Update

Larry advised that District support services staff began the 2018-19 budgeting process on November 30 and are nearly done. He anticipates presenting this budget at the next meeting of the DBC.

D. Understanding SB 361

Jose made a presentation on SB 361 and the proposed new funding formula. He advised that the last page of the presentation had been updated from the DBC meeting material sent earlier based on information gained at the 1/17/18 ACBO workshop. Jose commented that DBC members not only represent their constituents but SBCCD as a whole.

There was much discussion about the proposed new formula and the huge impact it will have on the entire system. Although the State has indicated a July 2018 implementation, much remains unclear. Jose promised to keep everyone informed as details emerge and asked that DBC members communicate with him as well when they learn new information.

4. Updates

No updates were given.

5. Future Business

The committee did not discuss future business.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at around 2:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 2/15/2018, at 2 pm, in PDC 104.