



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – OCTOBER 11, 2004

ATTENDING: M. Amov, J. Austin, C. Chiriboga, H. Eimstad D. Fitzsimons, J. Ford,
M. Herman, B. Lastimado, T. Martinez, S. Nichelson, G. Perri,
D. Quittner, S. Rearic, A. Satele, P. Setzer, B. Smith, B. Tiffany, J. Wales,
R. Walker, P. White

ALSO ATTENDING: J. Minner, D. Simms

ABSENT: D. Agosto, D. Colli, C. Slusher, O. Suarez

RECORDER: P. Tillery

Strategic Planning

No report

Budget Update

Austin reported that the Governing Board approved the 2004/05 Adoption Budget at their September 21 meeting. Additionally, a finalized 2004/05 Adoption Budget will be distributed within the next two weeks that will reflect the full *Prop R* Funding Plan.

At the State level, D. Quittner reported that the Board of Governors has accepted the first cut of the 2005/06 State budget from the State Chancellor's Office. Proposed in that first cut is \$80 million of Equalization funds, Growth of four percent, a backfill for health fees, and catch-up funding for some categoricals. Quittner said that while the Governor supports Equalization, it will be a battle with the Legislature for funding in next year's budget.

Member P. Setzer inquired about the status of the State Workgroup on Community College Funding. Austin replied that the Workgroup's report and recommendation was endorsed by the Community College Trustees and Chief Executive Officers of the Community College system. Further, he said the recommendation has been favorably received by the Community College Consultation Committee, however, it is not expected that the recommendation will be accepted without some modification. The report is available at www.ccleague.org

Gafcon Quarterly Program Management Report

J. Minner presented the Gafcon Program Management Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the report was distributed to the Council members. Using a slide presentation, Minner reviewed activity for the past quarter, and gave a preview of activity that will occur during the current quarter that will end December 31, 2004.

Member Tiffany inquired whether the capacity for generating FTES is included in project construction plans. Austin responded that FTES capacity is included in the Five Year Capital Construction Plan and that the numbers have been increasing based upon Department of Finance estimates of capacity.

Member Amov commented that the Parking Structure project at Grossmont College will present a major problem due to the reduction of parking spaces during the construction period. Austin responded that the Parking Structure issue is one of the biggest challenges facing the college. Member Fitzsimons added that the College Parking Structure Task Force is working on possible solutions to this problem. Amov added that it is important that students be included in the process.

Member Buckley inquired about the County of San Diego's objections to the Cuyamaca Environmental Impact Report. Minner responded that the County's biggest objection is to the potential for impacts on traffic due to increased enrollment as a result of on-going facilities construction. The County's position is that the District should make all road improvements now. Minner also said that the college is only responsible for a small percentage of the increase in traffic on nearby roads, and that the majority is attributable to other growth in the community. Member Quittner added that Proposition A, that will be on the November ballot, includes TransNet funding for some of the improvements that the County is asking for.

Process for Annual Updates of Prop R Funding Plan

Austin reported that the 2003/04 *Prop R* Funding Plan was the first full year of the plan. Austin distributed a draft process for yearly updates of the Plan, and discussed the reasons the Plan must be formally updated every year (such as changing conditions, increases in costs, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) requirements, and the Governing Board's process for review of the capital construction program.) Austin also briefly discussed the constraints associated with yearly revisions to the Plan, and the entities (e.g., Board, CBOC, Extended Cabinet, DSP&BC) that are expected to be included in the yearly review process.

As a result of the need to formally update the Plan on an annual basis, a process for the yearly update is needed. Four alternative processes (options A,B,C,D) were presented for consideration. Austin reviewed the advantages and challenges for each option.

Austin concluded by saying that it will be challenging to balance the required and expected level of constituent involvement, while taking into consideration the constraints of fiscal years, bond funding cycles, required budgets, and construction contracts.

Austin asked the Council members to respond to him before November 8 with any comments or suggestions they may have concerning the process for yearly update of the *Prop R* Funding Plan, so that those comments and suggestions can be included in a recommendation to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council on November 8.

2004/05 Ending Balance Calculations

In response to a request at the last meeting of the Council, a handout was distributed that provides an ending balance summary for the year ended June 30, 2004.

Multi-Year Comparison of Income Estimates to Final Receipts

An *analysis of GCCCD Revenue Trends* for the Unrestricted General Fund, including detail calculations for several years (1995/96 – 2004/05), was provided as information for the Council.

2005/06 Draft Budget Preparation Calendar

A draft of the 2005/06 *Budget Preparation Calendar* was distributed. Austin asked the members to send any suggested changes to Paula Tillery.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the DSP&BC will be **Monday, November 8, 2:00 p.m., at the Museum.**