



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

***DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL***

**MEETING NOTES – September 13, 2004**

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

ALSO ATTENDING: B. Eygenhuysen (for B. Lastimado)

ABSENT: H. Eimstad, B. Lastimado

RECORDER: P. Tillery

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**Strategic Planning**

No report

**Budget**

▪ Budget Update

Austin reported that he attended the State Chancellor's Office Budget Workshop on September 7. He said that the good news is that it appears that revenue estimates are close to the State's numbers. He also reported that the Growth rate for next year will be 2.64%.

▪ Adoption Budget

Austin informed the Council that the Adoption Budget would be presented to the Governing Board for approval at the September 21 Board meeting. He said there have been no material changes since the budget was presented to the Council at the August 30 Adoption Budget workshop.

Austin explained that FTES goals were based upon estimates at Tentative Budget and Adoption Budget, and before we had received State budget information. As a follow-up from the Governing Board Adoption Budget Workshop, it was recommended the FTES goal should be reduced from 18, 256 to 18,184 (Attachment A.) Following a brief discussion, the recommendation to reduce the FTES goal to 18,184 was accepted.

Member Amov inquired about the source of funds for the Governing Board Contingency Reserve. Austin responded that there is not one source of funds, but, rather, the reserve is funded by revenue recognized from ending balances.

Member Smith inquired whether the growth deficit percentage was reflected in major State income changes information provided at the August 30 budget workshop. Austin responded that the growth deficit was reflected in that information.

Member Smith commented that is hard to support reflecting District expense in the Grossmont College budget. She asked where this issue should be addressed. Austin responded that this would be a matter for discussion by the Formula Task Force ad hoc committee that the Chancellor directed to be formed.

Member Amov inquired about obtaining ending balance information. Austin responded that information concerning ending balances would be distributed to the Council.

Member White inquired about what documentation is available regarding creation of the current Allocation Formula. Austin responded that notes are available from the Budget Detail Subcommittee (ad hoc committee to the District Budget Planning Committee.)

Member Walker commented Grossmont Associated Students (ASGC) do not feel it is appropriate for ASGC to pay the salary for a custodial position from Student Center fees, and that the payment of the salary should be reallocated to the proper source of funding.

Member White responded that the matter of the custodial position salary is a college-level decision, and not a District-level decision. Member Martinez indicated that the College appreciates the support of the position by ASGC and that he would discuss this matter with the Student Board.

- Workgroup on Community College Funding

Austin reported that he has been part of the Community College League of California (CCLC) Funding Workgroup. The workgroup's charge was to address major funding issues facing community colleges in California. Austin distributed the workgroup's report (Attachment B), and briefly discussed the workgroup's process. The workgroup recommended replacing the program-based funding distribution of funds to districts with a simpler, more equitable method, whereby each district would receive a basic allocation based on the number of colleges and centers, followed by an equalized rate for all credit and non-credit FTES.

Austin said that the report was presented to the California Community Colleges Trustees and the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges, who endorsed the report. Further, Austin said that it would require legislation (Education Code and Title 5) in order to implement the recommendations of the report.

- Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council will be **Monday, October 11, 2:00 p.m., at the District Annex conference room.**