



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

JOINT

DISTRICTWIDE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

and

DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – MAY 24, 2004

ATTENDING: D. Agosto, J. Althaus, M. Amov, P. Anderson, J. Austin, J. Buckley, C. Chiriboga, D. Colli, H. Eimstad, D. Fitzsimons, J. Ford, M. Herman, D. Laughlin, S. Nichelson, G. Perri, B. Phillips, D. Quittner, S. Rearic, A. Satele, P. Setzer, B. Smith, B. Tiffany, O. Suarez, P. White

ABSENT: J. Custeau, M. Meador

ALSO ATTENDING: D. Simms

RECORDER: P. Tillery

Chancellor Suarez opened the workshop by explaining that the District continues to work at the State level to obtain a fair share of funding resources. He said that the District would face many challenges without these resources.

Suarez explained that the Governing Board supports the colleges' enrollment plans; however, he said the Board, at their May 18 meeting, did not address the recently passed resolution by the Grossmont College Academic Senate that urged continued support by the District for its current income allocation formula. Further, he said that there would be an evolving commitment to looking at the distribution of resources.

Suarez also discussed the ad hoc committee that he directed to be formed to review the colleges Strategic Plans, to tie those plans to budget planning development, and to look at resources and the distribution of those resources. He asked the college Presidents to co-chair the ad hoc committee, and to include members from the various constituency groups. The ad hoc committee will develop a set of recommendations to present to the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council. Additionally, Suarez said that he challenged the ad hoc committee to come up with a better way to conduct business while keeping in mind the District priorities.

Tentative Budget

J. Austin distributed a workshop outline with supporting documents, including the 2004/05 Tentative Budget (DSP&BC/DEC Edition). He pointed out that the Tentative Budget document includes all funds, and he thanked Sue Rearic, David Laughlin, Debra Fitzsimons, and Arleen Satele for their work on the document.

Additionally, Austin explained that the Unrestricted General Fund income appears to be too conservative, but that even under the most optimistic income assumptions, the income would be inadequate to fund the needs of the District.

Current State Budget Development Status

D. Quittner informed the committees that both State Budget Committees acted last week. The Senate approved the Governor's \$80 million proposal for equalization, with the methodology to be determined by SB 1875.

The Assembly, however, approved \$40 million (of the \$80 million), of which \$20 million would be considered discretionary funds, and the remaining \$20 million would be for program-improvement funds (full-time faculty hiring obligation). The Assembly identified the other \$40 million to be used to reduce the student enrollment fee to \$22 per unit.

Both the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees will submit budget recommendations to the State Budget Conference Committee.

District Analysis

Austin briefly reviewed Handout D, *Potential Unrestricted General Fund State Income for Tentative Budget*, pointing out that the income estimates relate to Page 6 of the Tentative Budget document.

Austin discussed Handout E, *Site Holding Accounts & Comparisons to Prior Year*, that provides a comparison of income increases to holding account increases. He stressed that increases in fixed costs must be kept in mind.

Austin said that this Tentative Budget gives both colleges less income than this time last year. He added that the difference between funds identified in the Governor's May revise and funds identified in the Tentative Budget could potentially provide an additional \$1,096,709 which would be recognized at Adoption Budget.

Cuyamaca College Budget

President Perri briefly discussed the basic planning assumptions goals of the Cuyamaca College Tentative Budget. She said that the budget is balanced on paper, but that the college faces several challenges. For example, she reported that the MESA Program has been defunded, and the loss of another grant at the end of August will impact the budget.

Grossmont College Budget

Debra Fitzsimons discussed the Grossmont College budget process, goals and challenges. She said some of the challenges facing the college are an increase in salaries and benefits, reduced service hours, reduced staff, and vacant full-time faculty positions.

Fitzsimons said that the Grossmont goals and challenges are similar to those of Cuyamaca, and that Grossmont is committed to working with Cuyamaca to overcome these challenges. She said that limiting the impact on students of the proposed increased student fees is a top priority for the college.

District Services and Districtwide Budget Sites

S. Rearic briefly discussed the District Services sections of Handout H (Comparison of Unrestricted 03/04 TB to 04/05 TB) and Handout I (Comparison of Unrestricted 03/04 AB to 04/05 TB).