



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – April 11, 2005

ATTENDING: D. Agosto, M. Amov, J. Austin, C. Chiriboga, D. Colli, T. Gilson, J. Ford, M. Herman, B. Lastimado, G. Perri, D. Quittner, S. Rearic, A. Satele, P. Setzer, D. Simms, B. Smith, B. Tiffany, J. Wales, P. White

ABSENT: J. Buckley, D. Fitzsimons, T. Martinez, C. Slusher, O. Suarez, R. Walker

RECORDER: P. Tillery

Strategic Planning

David Agosto reported that a draft of the Strategic Planning Yearly Report Card has been sent to the college Presidents for review. A presentation regarding the Yearly Report Card will be made at the May 9 meeting of DSP&BC.

Budget

A. Prop R

1. Quarterly Program Management Report

Joe Minner, Gafcon Program Manager, presented the *Prop R* quarterly program report for the quarter ended March 31, 2005. Using a slide presentation, Minner provided a review of the past quarter, the status of current projects, and a look forward at upcoming projects.

Minner also discussed the escalation in high bid proposals that is currently being experienced. He attributed the escalation to lack of competition, the cost of materials, and the increase in wages and workers' compensation insurance. Minner said that effort to reduce costs will be addressed by (1) tightening bid specifications, (2) evaluating the delay of projects, (3) Re-evaluating the delivery method, (4) working harder on contractor outreach, and (5) monitoring material prices.

2. 2005/06 Revised Funding Plan

Austin reported that as part of the Funding Plan process, a project-by-project status report was distributed to the Chancellor's Extended Cabinet and members of DSP&BC on March 7, 2005. Additionally, Austin said that the Funding Plan and cash flow plan would be combined and sent to DSP&BC members by April 15. May 9 is the deadline for feedback from DSP&BC constituent representatives concerning the combined plans.

B. Budget, Current Year – 2004/05

1. Austin informed the Council that a revised 2004-05 First Principal Apportionment (P-1) was issued since the March Council meeting. The revised P-1 more accurately reflects prior year corrections related to FTES and Growth. Austin added that the revised P-1 is better for the District.
2. The next important event in the budget process is the May Revise (P-2) expected on May 15. Austin said there is a possibility of one-time funds, and that the District could recognize additional funds.

C. Budget, Upcoming Year – 2005/06

1. D. Quittner reported that Partnership for Excellence has identified funds, but that funds are held pending development of standards.

Quittner also reported that State Senate Budget Subcommittee Chair Mervyn Dymally has proposed a bill, AB317, supporting Equalization for \$80 million in 2005-06. She asked Council members and their constituencies to contact legislators by phone, fax, or e-mail asking them to support the bill.

Additionally, she said that a funding formula reform bill (SB 361) has been introduced by Senator Jack Scott that could effect Equalization. Advocacy is needed to incorporate \$80 million for Equalization.

2. Austin distributed the 2005-06 Income Allocation Formula, Version A, that was distributed to sites on March 18. He informed the Council that Grossmont income is less due to reduced estimates for nonresident tuition and reduced ending balances. Version B of the formula is expected to be distributed after the May Revise and should include better projections for health & welfare and benefits. Additionally, it is hoped that the May Revise will contain Equalization.

Member White said that he objected to net allocation per goal resident FTES as presented on Page 5 of the Formula. He suggested that it be removed because he said that it is not a good, meaningful presentation.

Austin also indicated that the sites will determine the frozen position plan as a next step in the budget preparation process.

Austin commented that compared to the last three budget years, it appears that the 2005/06 budget could be better. He suggested that the members consider proposing to the Board that the contingency reserve be reduced from five percent to four percent, contingent upon the receipt of Equalization funds. Hearing no objections, Austin said that he would pursue the possibility of reducing the contingency reserve if Equalization funds are not part of the 2005-06 State budget.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be Monday, May 9, 2:00-3:00 p.m., at the Museum at Cuyamaca College.