



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – August 8, 2005

ATTENDING: D. Agosto, J. Austin, C. Chiriboga, D. Colli, J. Ford, M. Herman,
R. Johnson, B. Lastimado, T. Martinez, D. McDade, G. Perri, D. Quittner,
G. Rowbotham, P. Setzer, D. Simms, B. Smith, O. Suarez, B. Tiffany,
R. Walker, P. White

ABSENT: Z. Close, T. Gilson, S. Rearic, A. Satele, P. White

RECORDER: P. Tillery

Strategic Planning

No report

Capital Construction Program

A. **Board Capital Construction Workshop**

J. Austin announced that the Governing Board annual Capital Construction Workshop would be conducted on Tuesday, August 9, at 5:30 p.m., in the Griffin Gate at Grossmont. He distributed the agenda for the August 9 Board workshop.

B. **Digital Arts Bid Opening**

Austin announced that the bid opening for the Grossmont Digital Arts Building was August 4, and that the bid came in \$1.5 million over budget. He explained that one explanation for the bid coming in over budget was the extraordinarily high costs associated with hardware, door frames, etc. He said that Program Management is working with contractors regarding the high cost of these types of items.

C. **Proposal for Distribution of Additional *Prop R* Interest Income**

Austin explained that options for recognizing additional *Prop R* interest income were first introduced at the July 11, 2005, Council meeting. At the July meeting, Austin asked the Council members to consider the proposed options and send their feedback and recommendations to him. He said that he would prepare a revised discussion paper for the August meeting.

Austin reported that he received no feedback following the July meeting. He distributed the handout that was first reviewed at the July 11 meeting, and included updated information. He explained that the additional *Prop R* income to be recognized into the Funding Plan is approximately \$3.5 million.

Austin discussed a proposal that would recognize the \$3.5 million in the *Prop R* Funding Plan, and distribute it based upon the Board-approved distribution of *Prop R* funds as follows: Cuyamaca .3776 - \$1,321,600; Grossmont .5374 - \$1,880,900; Districtwide .0850 - \$277,500 (numbers are approximate.) Each of the allocations would be placed into a bid contingency account. Further, if funds are not needed for bid contingencies by the end of the year, then the funds could be allocated to specific projects in the 2006/07 budget.

There was discussion concerning the Grossmont Digital Arts project bid coming in over budget. Austin said that it would be possible to award the Digital Arts bid without recognizing income now, but that Grossmont would have to defund another project temporarily. President Martinez commented that if the project isn't funded now, it would have to go back to the college Facilities Committee to be reassessed.

Member Smith inquired whether the proposed plan for recognizing *Prop R* interest income would be just for the Series B bond issue, rather than future issues. Austin responded that the proposal was just for the Series B issue.

In conclusion, it was agreed to move forward with the proposal to recognize \$3.5 million in the *Prop R* Funding Plan.

Budget

A. 2004/05 Budget

1. Final FTES Report

Austin distributed a comparison spreadsheet that provided final 2004/05 FTES numbers. He explained that 131.12 FTES were pulled back from 2005 Summer classes as 2004/05 FTES.

2. Growth Funding

Austin explained that statewide Growth funding is still up in the air. He said Growth funding remains a wildcard dependent upon how much FTES other districts pull back to take advantage of approximately \$11 million of Growth funding on the table.

3. Foreign Student Tuition

Austin explained that the 2004/05 foreign student tuition is coming in less than was budgeted.

B. 2005/06 Budget

1. State Budget Status

Austin reported that the State budget was signed. He said the Advanced Apportionment was withdrawn, but that new estimates are expected.

2. District Income Projection

An estimate of 2005/06 income was distributed and the components of the State revenue were reviewed. Austin explained that there was an increase of \$6.91 million in State Unrestricted General Fund revenue compared to last year, and an increase of 1.92 % compared to the Advanced Apportionment.

3. The Growth Challenge

Austin distributed and reviewed a handout regarding the 2005/06 FTES Growth goals. He explained that the rollback of Summer 2004/05 FTES increased the 2004/05 ending FTES.

4. FTES Task Force

Austin explained that the FTES Task Force would be reconvened after Fall census.

5. Block Grants

Austin reported that 2005/06 State block grant information was sent to Business Managers.

6. Technical Status

Austin reported on the 2005/06 budget preparation status:

- By August 11 – Allocation Formula to be distributed
- August 24 – Deadline for Restricted and Unrestricted budget posting
- August 29 – Joint DEC/DSP&BC Adoption Budget Workshop
- September 13 – Governing Board Adoption Budget Workshop
- September 20 – Governing Board Adoption Budget action item

C. Parking Fund Challenges

Austin explained that the Student Parking Fee has topped out at \$40 per semester (and \$20 for BOG students.) The Student Parking Fee revenue is used to maintain parking lots and to pay for sworn officers and student safety officers.

Further, Austin explained that there has been a drop in parking fee revenue due to declining enrollment, BOG waivers, the cost of employee benefits paid from the Fund, and the increased demand for staffing at events and construction sites. He added that the Parking Fund pays one hundred percent of student worker salaries, and up to ninety percent of salaries for sworn officers in past years (currently at fifty percent for sworn officers.) Austin said that the DSP&BC would be asked to look at Parking Fund expenses and determine whether the share of sworn officers' salaries charged to the Parking Fund should be reduced to forty percent.

Austin added that the District Parking Committee would be much more active this year.

Member Tiffany requested information concerning the composition of the District Parking Committee. Austin responded that the information would be sent to DSP&BC members via e-mail.

D. Items From the Floor

Member Walker reported that the reimbursement check in connection with the Student Representation fee would go to the County Office of Education by the end of the week. Walker said that he would send Austin a proposal on the process to distribute the Student Representation fee in the future.

E. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council will be a joint Adoption Budget Workshop with the Districtwide Executive Council (DEC) on **Monday, August 29, at 3:00 p.m., in the Griffin Gate at Grossmont College (Note change in start time from previous announcements.)**