



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – January 10, 2005

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

ALSO ATTENDING: D. Simms, J. Minner, R. Ibarra

ABSENT: M. Amov, D. Agosto, H. Eimstad, M. Herman, B. Lastimado, P. White

RECORDER: P. Tillery

Strategic Planning

No report

Governor's 2005-06 Budget Proposal

Austin briefly outlined the highlights of the Governor's proposed 2005-06 budget:

- COLA – 3.93%
- Growth – State percentage is 3%; District percentage will be 2.64%
- Equalization – not included in proposed budget
- Partnership for Excellence (PFE) – Possible restoration of PFE funds; a set-aside of \$31.4 million is the amount of PFE funds vetoed in last year's budget
- Reduction of State contribution to STRS; approximately \$650,000 cost to GCCCD

D. Quittner commented that restoration of PFE funds could be dependent on local accountability measures being instituted as recommended by the Board of Governor's.

Austin reported that additional information concerning the Governor's proposed 2005-06 budget would be received on January 11, 2005. He said that a comprehensive e-mail message would be sent to all members on January 11 regarding the proposed budget.

Review of Process and Timeline for Developing 2005-06 GCCCD Budget

S. Rearic distributed and reviewed a handout concerning the highlights of the District budget development process for 2004/05 and 2005/06.

Prop R – Gafcon Quarterly Report

J. Minner of Gafcon presented the *Prop R* quarterly program report for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. Using a slide presentation, Minner reviewed the program elements for the quarter, including the status of current projects and a look forward for the first quarter of 2005.

Austin indicated that hard copies of the quarterly report had been distributed to members through interoffice mail. He asked anyone who did not receive a copy to contact Paula Tillery.

Process for Yearly Review of Prop R Funding Plan

Austin discussed the draft of the Process for Yearly Review of *Prop R* Funding Plan that was distributed to members via e-mail on December 13 requesting comments by December 17. He reported that he had only received responses from two members. Further, he indicated that that the process would be finalized if no further responses are received.

R. Walker suggested that a workshop be conducted for students regarding the *Prop R* Funding Process. Austin asked Walker to contact his office so that a meeting could be arranged.

District Budget Update

Chancellor Suarez reported that Dr. Jack Randall has been retained to facilitate the Income Allocation Task Force meetings. The first Task Force meeting will be convened on Friday, January 28 (time to be announced.) The Chancellor indicated that he is very pleased that Dr. Randall would be facilitating the meetings because of his extensive experience, understanding of community college funding, and his familiarity with the District.

Items From the Floor

- R. Walker asked what approach should be taken during meetings with legislators at the upcoming CCLC conference concerning Equalization not being included in the Governor's proposed budget. Quittner responded that the strategy should be the same as if Equalization were included in the budget, and that we should maintain the push for equal funding.
- Austin commented on the Governor's proposal to reduce the State's contributions into STRS, and shift the responsibility for the payments to the districts. He said that we must be aware of and on top of the situation.
- Quittner said that community colleges could receive a larger percentage of Prop 98 funds, but that amount would be dependent upon the overall amount of Prop 98 funds.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council will be **Monday, February 14, 2:00 p.m., in the District Annex conference room.**