



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

JOINT

DISTRICTWIDE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

and

DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – JUNE 13, 2005

ATTENDING: D. Agosto, J. Althaus, J. Austin, K. Brauer, Z. Close, D. Colli, T. Gilson, M. Herman, T. Martinez, D. McDade, G. Perri, B. Phillips, D. Quittner, S. Rearic, A. Satele, P. Setzer, B. Smith, B. Tiffany, O. Suarez, J. Wales, R. Walker, P. White

ABSENT: J. Buckley, C. Chiriboga, H. Eimstad, D. Fitzsimons, J. Ford, B. Lastimado, C. Slusher

ALSO ATTENDING: D. Cole, B. Eygenhuysen (for B. Lastimado)

RECORDER: P. Tillery

Strategic Planning

Darlene Cole, Manager, Institutional Research and Planning, distributed a progress report concerning the Districtwide Environmental Scan Initiative. She explained that at the direction of the Chancellor's Extended Cabinet, a committee was formed to establish the specifications of a recurrent Districtwide Environmental Scan. The committee will be comprised of seventeen members, with representation from the various constituency groups. The committee will report to the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council. Cole also reported that a full environmental scan will be conducted every six years, and that an interim review and update of the scan data will occur every three years.

Review of Tentative Budget

Chancellor Suarez opened the workshop with comments concerning the 2005/06 fiscal year. He said that the new fiscal year would be challenging, but that the District would continue to be prudent and fiscally conservative.

D. Quittner provided an update regarding the current State budget development status. She reported that the State Budget Conference Committee completed action last week approving COLA at 4.23%, and Equalization at \$20 million. The Assembly and Senate are expected to vote on the budget this week. Additionally, Quittner reported that the Governor has called a special election in November. A *State Budget Update* from the Community College League was distributed.

- A Tentative Budget Workshop package was distributed by J. Austin. The package included the Tentative Budget workshop draft document and other supporting documents. Using a slide presentation (Handout I-A), Austin provided an overview of the revenue estimates and assumptions upon which the Tentative Budget is based.

Austin briefly discussed the Tentative Budget workshop draft booklet (Handout I-B). He said that the 2005/06 Tentative Budget appears to be increased over the 2004/05 budget; however, although income is greater, consideration must be given to projected increases to contract salaries, health and welfare for both retirees and active employees, and imposed cost increases to fixed and mandated costs such as utilities and computer service contracts.

- The workshop continued with a presentation by President Perri of the Cuyamaca College 2005/06 budget, and then a presentation by President Martinez of the Grossmont College 2005/06 budget.
- S. Rearic discussed the District Services and Districtwide budgets for 2005/06, and major changes compared to the 2004/05 Tentative Budget.

Rearic also briefly discussed the Tentative Budget draft document pointing out that the supplemental pages provide information for Capital Outlay Funds 40, and subfunds 41 and 42. She added that the Tentative Budget does not reflect the proposed 2005/06 *Prop R* Funding Plan, but rather the Funding Plan approved September 2004. The Adoption Budget will reflect the proposed 2005/06 Funding Plan to be presented to the Board for approval at the June 21, 2005, Board meeting.

During the presentation, there were questions and comments from the Council members.

In conclusion of the Tentative Budget portion of the presentation, Austin said the proposed Tentative Budget is inadequate, even with the most optimistic assumed income. He said that after there is a signed State budget, the Adoption Budget will be developed to meet the District's goals within available resources.

Prop R Funding Plan Review

Austin continued with a review of the proposed annual revision to the *Prop R* Funding Plan. He explained that during the year the *Prop R* budget is modified to reflect updated estimates, actual bids, and other routine events. Major changes to the Plan are brought to the Board on an annual basis.

- Austin discussed the three components of the *Prop R* Funding Plan – Districtwide, Grossmont College, and Cuyamaca College – as presented in the proposed 2005/06 *Prop R* Funding Plan (Handout II-A). He explained that there are no proposed changes to the Districtwide portion of the Plan.
- President Martinez discussed the Grossmont College recommendation concerning the Funding Plan (Handout II-B).
- President Perri explained that as part of the annual review process of the *Prop R* Funding Plan, the Cuyamaca Budget Council and Facilities Master Plan Council recommended changes to the *Prop R* 2005/06 budget, as outlined in Handout II-C.
- Austin reviewed the revised *Prop R* Funding Plan recommendation proposed by Chancellor Suarez as outlined in Handout II-D.

In conclusion, Austin explained that the proposed *Prop R* Funding Plan recommendations would be presented to the Board for information at a workshop meeting on June 14. No action will be taken at the June 14 workshop. The proposed recommendations will be presented to the Board for action at the regular meeting on June 21.