



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – DECEMBER 3, 2007

ATTENDING: J. Al-Amin, J. Colson, S. Cooke, B. Hertel, C. Hill,
W. Hutson, B. Lastimado, J. Marron, A. Martinez, D. McDade,
G. Perri, T. Pitt, D. Quittner, S. Rearic, R. Rose, A. Satele,
D. Simms, B. Tiffany, M. Wangler

ABSENT: C. Chiriboga, Z. Close, J. Ford, S. Pereira, F. Al-Shamas, O. Suarez

ALSO ATTENDING: E. Cardenas, P. Wright

RECORDER: P. Tillery

Strategic Planning

P. Wright explained that the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council (DSP&BC) will assume the responsibility of determining the process for development of the Districtwide Strategic Plan. A timeline will be developed based on the process developed by the DSP&BC. Wright referred to an earlier process timeline that was distributed at the June 11, 2007, DSP&BC meeting. She said that the timeline would be reviewed to determine if it is still applicable.

B. Hertel reported that he would propose to the Chancellor that a workshop be scheduled after the first of the year to facilitate moving the Strategic Planning process forward. He also reported that the District is making progress on the District Services Strategic Plan. Also, Hertel said that meetings would be held with District department heads to help with moving the process forward.

Budget

1. **State Budget Update**

S. Rearic distributed a budget update from the State Chancellor's Office concerning the fiscal outlook for fiscal years 2007/08 through 2012/13. Summarizing, Rearic explained that it is still anticipated that the State will have a year-end deficit of \$1.9 billion. One of the factors contributing to the deficit is the lower than expected property tax revenues; property taxes are up, but not as high as budgeted by the State.

Rearic also explained that the projected deficit could result in a suspended State COLA. Additionally, it is anticipated by the State that as we move into the 2008/09 fiscal year, the State could face a \$8 billion shortfall.

While many departments at the State level have been asked to develop budget reduction plans, the Community College system has not been asked to develop such plans at this time.

2. Fixed Costs Increases for 2008/09

Rearic informed the Council members that she had hoped to have fixed costs estimates for the meeting, but that the information is still being compiled. One component of the fixed cost increases are the Step & Column increases. Due to the CSEA retro payment that the Payroll department was processing for the November 30 pay period, they were not able to complete the Step & Column increase information. It is anticipated that the information will be sent to Council members in January.

3. Income Allocation Formula 11/26/07 Workshop

Rearic briefly reported on the Income Allocation Formula workshop held on November 26. The workshop was open to any Council members interested in learning more about the Formula. A handout was distributed concerning the definition and components of the Formula. The handout was also distributed at the Formula workshop.

4. 2008/09 Draft Budget Preparation Calendar

A draft version of the 2008/09 Budget Preparation Calendar was distributed and briefly reviewed.

Rearic informed the members that information is expected from the State Chancellor's Office concerning setting the Nonresident Tuition Fee for 2008/09. She said that she would be communicating with the Presidents and Vice Presidents after the Nonresident information is received. Rearic also pointed out that the FTES Task Force recommendation concerning FTES goals is currently calendared for March 24, 2008. There was discussion concerning whether the March 24 date should be changed to a date closer to the census date (February 11).

5. 2008 Meeting Calendar

The DSP&BC 2008 meeting calendar was distributed. Rearic explained that the calendar would be compared to other meeting calendars (DEC, Extended Cabinet) issued by the Chancellor's office to check for any conflicts. The calendar will be distributed again after finalized.

6. Items from the Floor

A handout was distributed concerning Districtwide Scheduled Maintenance funds from block grants for 2007/08 and a summary of Schedule Maintenance projects. Rearic explained that the summary provides information by keycode for the Scheduled Maintenance projects.

Next meeting

As agreed upon at the November 5 meeting, the January 14, 2008, meeting of the DSP&BC was cancelled.

The next DSP&BC meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2:30 p.m., in the District Annex conference room.