



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

***DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL***

**MEETING NOTES – JULY 7, 2008**

ATTENDING: B. Carino, C. Chiriboga, J. Colson, S. Cooke, C. Hill, J. Marron,  
A. Martinez, D. McDade, S. Pereira, D. Quittner, S. Rearic, R. Rose,  
A. Satele, D. Simms, B. Tiffany, M. Wangler, Z. Close

ABSENT: B. Lastimado, B. Hertel, T. Pitt, O. Suarez

ALSO ATTENDING: J. Davies, R. Ibarra, P. Seta, P. Wright (for Hertel)

RECORDER: P. Tillery

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**Strategic Planning**

P. Wright provided a Strategic Planning update. She explained that the District Services Strategic Plan was completed, and that the Districtwide Academic, Student, Planning & Research office would now be focusing on the Districtwide Strategic Plan. Additionally, she explained that meetings would be scheduled with the college presidents and other groups regarding the framework of the Districtwide Strategic Plan.

There was a brief discussion concerning the Environment Scan report and its timeline. D. Quittner said that the scan is conducted every six years and updated every three years, consistent with the Accreditation process. There was discussion that it would be helpful to start a timeline and identify the steps to be completed in the Districtwide Strategic Planning process, including the Environmental Scan.

Rearic also suggested that the Council discuss how the college strategic plans intermesh with the Districtwide Strategic Plan at the next meeting of the Council.

**Budget**

1. **Gafcon Prop R Quarterly Program Management Report**

S. Rearic introduced Jim Davies, Sr. Program Manager, for Gafcon.

Davies presented the *Prop R* Quarterly Program Management Report of construction activity for the quarter ended June 30, 2008. The report included a review of projects during the past quarter, the status of current projects, and a look forward at upcoming projects. The Quarterly Report will be presented to the *Prop R* Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee on July 8, and to the Governing Board at the July 15 Board meeting.

2. 2008/09 Tentative Budget

Rearic distributed and reviewed a memo to the Governing Board regarding changes to the 2008/09 Tentative Budget. She explained that after the workshop edition of the Tentative Budget was presented to the Governing Board at their July 10 workshop, changes were made to the budget in order to make the sites consistent in their approach to budget item increases. The total dollar amount remained the same as presented to the Board at the workshop.

Rearic also distributed and reviewed a follow-up memo to the Board, which provided them with additional information concerning changes from the 2007/08 Tentative Budget to the 2008/09 Tentative Budget.

Rearic distributed a handout concerning GASB 45 Post Retirement Benefits. The handout updates page 47 of the Tentative Budget document. She explained that the earlier version of page 47 of the Tentative Budget document budgeted liability for one year, but that it did not include how that liability would be funded. The updated information removes the funding until a plan is developed.

3. 2008/09 State Budget Update

Rearic discussed assumptions in the 2008/09 Tentative Budget: zero COLA, 1% Growth, and a 3% deficit factor. She explained that the Governor consistently indicated that there would be no COLA; therefore, the Tentative Budget was based on zero COLA. Rearic added that the State Senate proposed a 3.68% COLA, and the Assembly a 1.6% COLA.

D. Quittner commented that the Senate and Assembly COLA proposals are placeholders and are not firm.

4. Growth Funds – 2007/08 and 2008/09

Rearic reported that on May 30, the State Chancellor's Office distributed the 2008/09 Growth rates and the projected revenues associated with the rates. She distributed and reviewed a copy of the State's Growth rate chart and her memo that provided more information.

Rearic explained that the District's Growth rate, as indicated in the State's chart, is 8.69%. She said that the State had been asked for clarification concerning their rate of 8.69%, and stressed that the rate is only a potential Growth calculation and that it is not likely that the State Growth rate would be earned. She discussed parameters that have to occur in order to earn Growth at the level reflected on the handout. She added that the Tentative Budget reflects the realistic Growth goal of 1%.

There was also a brief discussion concerning FTES. Rearic said that FTES would be estimated this coming week to determine whether FTES should be pulled back from Summer into 2007/08 in order to earn Growth overcap dollars. FTES will be discussed further at the August 11 Council meeting.

Rearic concluded the Growth discussion by saying that once the State adopts a budget and numbers are firm, the Chancellor's Cabinet would evaluate whether the District's Growth number should be changed.

5. Adoption Budget Development

Rearic explained that the payroll forecasts were sent out. The forecasts include current offers, and advancing Step & Column. She said that pending responses from the sites, revenue estimates would be developed, and then the Formula would be run.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council will be **Monday, August 11, 2:30 p.m., in the District Annex conference room.**