



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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

**MEETING NOTES – MARCH 10, 2008**

ATTENDING: J. Al-Amin, C. Chiriboga, Z. Close, J. Colson, J. Ford, S. Cooke,  
B. Hertel, C. Hill, W. Hutson, B. Lastimado, A. Martinez, D. McDade,  
G. Perri, S. Rearic, R. Rose, A. Satele, F. Al-Shamas, B. Tiffany,  
M. Wangler

ABSENT: C. Chiriboga, J. Marron, S. Pereira, T. Pitt, D. Quittner, O. Suarez

RECORDER: P. Tillery

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**Strategic Planning**

B. Hertel reported that the District Services strategic plan is in the revision process. He also reported that a working group would be formed to begin work on the Districtwide Strategic Plan.

**Budget**

1. 2007/08 State Budget Update

S. Rearic distributed Budget Update #2 from Chancellor Suarez. The Chancellor's update discussed the grim budget outlook for the current fiscal year and fiscal year 2008/09. The State recently announced an additional State shortfall of almost \$80 million in property tax revenue. The loss of \$80 million to the State means an estimated loss of more than \$1 million to the District.

Rearic said that we are in the process of identifying how reductions in revenue could be absorbed if they occur in 2007/08; if there is no reduction for 2007/08, then reductions identified could be used in 2008/09. She added that it is anticipated that reductions in State revenue would probably be seen in 2007/08. Additionally, the colleges and District Services are developing 3 and 5 percent budget reduction contingency plans for 2008/09.

2. Estimated Revenue Reduction – 2007/08

Rearic discussed the State's announcement of the property tax shortfall. She explained that the deficit would be applied as a one-time adjustment to total computational revenue and, based on current estimates, the deficit would be approximately 1.2 percent of total computational revenue. The numbers are preliminary and will change based on P-2 data.

Rearic distributed and reviewed the estimated revenue reductions for the District as a result of the 2007/08 State budget shortfall. The estimates presented two scenarios – one based upon State general apportionment, and the other on State total computational revenue.

Presidents Perri and Cooke briefly discussed their colleges' plans for addressing the State budget reductions.

3. 2008/09 State Budget

Discussed as part of item one, State Budget Update

4. FTES Forecast

Rearic distributed an FTES comparison. The forecast provides two years of history and includes Spring census enrollment. Rearic explained that both colleges are exceeding their goals, and pointed out that Growth is significant because it includes recovery from the summer pullback.

5. Spring Census Comparison

Rearic distributed and briefly reviewed a comparison of Spring 2007 census to Spring 2008 census. There was lengthy discussion concerning the pullback of summer 2008, the percentage split of the pullback, Growth, options for the current year and the 2008/09 fiscal year, and the FTES Task Force.

As a result of the discussions, it was proposed that the FTES be moved from Summer 2008 to capture maximum state funds and hold 2008/09 FTES goal percentages at the 2007/08 goal levels. Further, it was proposed that an actual meeting of the FTES Task Force would not be necessary; rather, the proposal of the DSP&BC would be forwarded to the FTES Task Force members for their agreement. The recommendation would then be sent to the Chancellor.

6. Prop 98 Follow-Up

As a follow-up to discussions at the February DSP&BC meeting, Rearic distributed information concerning the description of Prop 98, including information from the State Legislative Analyst's Office.

7. 2008/09 Budget Preparation Calendar

A updated 2008/09 budget preparation calendar was distributed.

8. 2008 Meeting Schedule

A revised 2008 meeting schedule was distributed.

Rearic explained that she, the Chancellor, and Dana Quittner would be unable to attend the next scheduled meeting on April 7 because they would be meeting with rating agencies regarding the *Prop R* Series C issue. She proposed that the meeting date be changed. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the April 7 DSP&BC meeting would be rescheduled to Monday, April 28, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., in the District Annex conference room.

9. Items From the Floor

There was a brief discussion initiated by President Cooke regarding ADA accommodations. She expressed concerns about separating ADA issues from hiring decisions, i.e., that there should be no link between a hiring decision and the need to budget for ADA accommodations.

B. Lastimado responded that ADA accommodations should go through the Risk Management process to determine needs for faculty ADA accommodation.

Next Meeting

As was agreed upon, the April 7 DSP&BC meeting was rescheduled to **Monday, April 28, 3:30-5:00 p.m., in the District Annex conference room.** An e-mail will be sent to notify members and their assistants.