



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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

**MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

ATTENDING: B. Carino, C. Chiriboga, Z. Close, J. Colson, S. Cooke, T. Flood, T. Hankins, B. Hertel, C. Hill, J. Marron, A. Martinez, D. McDade, T. Pitt, D. Quittner, S. Rearic, B. Sampson, A. Satele, D. Simms, B. Tiffany, M. Wangler

ABSENT: B. Lastimado, S. Pereira, O. Suarez

ALSO ATTENDING: B. Eygenhuysen (for Lastimado), P. Wright

RECORDER: P. Tillery

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**Strategic Planning**

B. Hertel reported that his department, Districtwide Academic, Student, Planning & Research, is making progress on the Districtwide Strategic Plan and that meetings were recently held with the Chancellor, college Presidents, and Associate Vice Chancellor Quittner. Hertel's department is working closely with the colleges to integrate the Districtwide, District Services and college goals.

Hertel distributed three handouts for review and discussion: District and Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges Strategic Plan Goals (It was suggested that the title of this document be changed to: Districtwide and Colleges Strategic Planning Goals); Six Year Planning Cycle; flow chart illustration of how Districtwide and college plans drive one another.

Discussion followed concerning the development of overarching Districtwide goals that would drive the colleges' goals, and then each college would develop its own areas of focus with the Districtwide goals as a framework.

There was also discussion concerning the importance of incorporating diversity into each goal section, both at the Districtwide, District Services and college levels.

P. Wright reported that work is continuing on the Environmental Scan. Data sources have been identified and analyzed, and some sections are complete. Wright also reported that the research department received access to the Datatel Colleague system, and that they are looking at how tables relate to one another. She added that this is a priority. Additionally, the research department now has its own server which allows us to create a relational database of the Colleague data for extracting and analyzing data and writing reports, which is helping to bring all elements together.

## **Budget**

### 1. 2007/08 Year End

Rearic distributed a draft ending balance summary for fiscal year 2007/08. She commented that ending balances are significantly less than in the past and that this would impact all sites.

### 2. State Budget Update

Rearic reviewed a handout regarding the status of the State budget. As indicated on the handout, the State Department of Finance projects a possible \$1.9 billion cut to K-14 education that translates to an approximate \$200 million cut to community colleges. Rearic said that this could result in a potential \$3.1 million cut for the District.

Rearic also recapped the State budget proposal as presented on the handout:

- 2% enrollment growth
- Zero COLA
- Restoration of categorical program funding to 2007/08 levels
- Restoration of competitive Cal Grants

Rearic explained that due to the delay of the State budget, no payments have been received from the State for July, August and September. A payment schedule for Apportionment payments during 2007/08 was distributed. Due to the delay of payments, it will be necessary to borrow funds from the County, which will result in interest expense to the District.

### 3. Budget Preparation Calendar

Rearic distributed and briefly reviewed the updated 2008/09 Budget Preparation Calendar.

### 4. Formula Assumptions

Rearic recapped the Income Allocation Formula assumptions for 2008/09: zero COLA, a proposed 2% growth-funding rate statewide, and an anticipated \$3.1 million deficit.

Rearic distributed a handout concerning District growth rates for 2008/09. She explained that the State Chancellor's Office had previously projected an erroneous growth rate for the District of 8.69%. The 8.69% rate projected by the State was due to a facility related report noting WSCH instead of FTES. That report has been corrected.

Rearic reported that the FTES Task Force recommended a 2% growth rate. The Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council members concurred with the FTES Task Force recommendation of a 2% growth rate for 2008/09, and there was consensus that the 2% growth rate recommendation should be sent to the Chancellor.

5. 2008/09 Revenue

Rearic distributed a draft projection of 2008/09 revenue. She explained that the numbers would not be final until the 2007/08 books are closed, but that the numbers are fairly solid at this point. She indicated that the revenue projection would be rerun to recognize the recommended 2% growth rate recommended by the FTES Task Force and agreed upon by the DSP&BC members. Additionally, when the 2008/09 Income Allocation Formula is distributed, an updated revenue projection will be included.

6. Items From the Floor

D. Quittner reported that Tokuin Hankins, ASGC President, was selected by the State to serve on the State Legislative & Finance Committee as a student representative.

T. Hankins reported that he had attended a meeting with Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner of the State Chancellor's Office regarding Cal Grants.

**Next Meetings**

- Monday, October 6, 3:30 p.m.; Griffin Gate at Grossmont College: joint DEC/DSP&BC Adoption Budget Workshop
- Monday, October 13, 2:30 p.m.; Museum at Cuyamaca: regular DSP&BC meeting