



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES – FEBRUARY 11, 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

Strategic Planning

B. Hertel reported that a great deal of work has been done on the District Services strategic plan. He expects to have a draft version of the plan for the March 10 DSP&BC meeting.

Budget

1. **State Budget Update**

S. Rearic distributed a copy of Chancellor Suarez's memorandum regarding the State budget situation. The Chancellor's memo explained that the Governor has proposed cutting \$40 million from the community college budget systemwide for the 2007/08 fiscal year. Rearic explained that the State Chancellor's Office is working on options to fund current year cuts.

Rearic added that the District should be prepared for mid-year budget cuts by the State. She informed the Council that the Chancellor's Extended Cabinet has discussed a 3 percent budget reduction contingency plan for the colleges and District Services and will continue to move forward to develop strategies for possible cuts.

For 2008/09, Rearic explained that the Governor's proposed budget anticipates a more than \$14 billion shortfall, which could result in no COLA and only one percent Growth. Overall cuts could be as much as ten percent. The May Revise may provide more information concerning budget cuts.

2. **Budget Communications**

Rearic said that the Chancellor is committed to sending out information more often concerning the budget situation. She also said that efforts between District and college budget committees would be coordinated so that we will all have the same information.

Rearic reported that enrollment news is good. Next week's FTES forecast could result in growth and more funding.

3. Development of Budget Priorities

Rearic explained that the college Budget Committees would be sending information to her office to help strategize for possible budget cuts.

4. FTES Task Force

Rearic discussed whether the FTES forecast date and the FTES Task Force meeting date should be closer together. Further, she discussed whether the FTES Task Force, tentatively scheduled for March 10, should be on a different date since the DSP&BC also will meet on March 10.

5. Equalization Summary

Rearic distributed and reviewed a summary of Equalization funding. The summary included Income Allocation Formulas and State Apportionment Exhibit C for the years included in the summary.

6. 2008/09 Budget Preparation Calendar – Revised

A revised 2008/09 Budget Preparation Calendar was distributed. Rearic briefly discussed the budget development sequence.

7. 2008 Meeting Schedule – Revised

A revised 2008 meeting schedule was distributed.

8. Items From the Floor

- Member Z. Close asked what the District's portion of a Prop 98 suspension by the State would be. Rearic responded that the effect of a Prop 98 suspension for the District could result in a reduction of State funding. More information will be provided at the March meeting.

Rearic again explained that the Chancellor's Extended Cabinet is discussing a 3 percent contingency plan and moving forward to develop strategies to be prepared for budget cuts by the State.

She added that in the 2003/04 fiscal year the District developed plans for 3, 5 and 10 percent reductions in order to be prepared for State budget cuts, and ultimately only the 3 percent plan was implemented. For the current budget situation, strategies will be developed jointly between the District and colleges, rather than a top-down plan as in the past.

Rearic said that the 2008/09 fiscal year would be difficult and that categoricals would be cut which would need to be considered in the budget strategies being developed. She said that no budget reduction plans have been implemented at this time and that we are still in the strategizing stage.

- President Cooke asked whether State apportionment payments could be delayed. Rearic responded that monthly apportionment payments could be delayed, but not sure at this time. The District would still receive revenue even if delayed; however this could significantly impact cash available for payroll and other payments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council will be **Monday, March 10, 2:30 p.m., at the District Annex conference room.** NOTE: Change in meeting location