A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College Budget Planning Committee, a subcommittee of the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Loft, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Budget Planning Committee Members

- Mitch Heskel, District Representative
- Chris Bonvenuto, District Representative, Co-Chair
- Teresita Rodriguez, District Representative
- Delores Raveling, District Representative
- Jose Hernandez, Academic Senate Representative (Absent)
- Nate Donahue, Academic Senate Representative (Absent)
- Matt Hotspniller, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair
- Peter Morse, Faculty Association Representative (Absent)
- Martha Romano, CSEA Representative
- Dee Upshaw, CSEA Representative
- Gorman, Dagmar – CSEA Representative
- Mike Roberts, CSEA Representative (Absent)
- Skander Zmerli, Associated Student Representative
- Daniel Cha, Associated Student Representative
- TBD, Associated Student Representative
- TBD, Associate Student Representative
- Elaine Roque – Interested Party

II. Call to Order 2:00pm

III. Public Comments

Individuals may address the Budget Planning Subcommittee concerning any subject that lies within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee by submitting an information card with name and topic on which comment is to be made. The Co-Chairs reserve the right to limit the time for each speaker.

IV. Minutes

A) Approve minutes from June 19, 2019 - Passed with the following change: Delores Raveling, Nate Donahue and Mike Roberts marked absent.

B) Approve minutes from August 7, 2019- Passed

C) Chris Bonvenuto presented the proposed assumptions for the 2019-2020 Adopted Budget. The general assumptions were discussed and there was no objection to their use. Chris presented five new proposed initiatives that the President has proposed including:

Safe Parking Pilot

$50,000 in one-time funding, from the Unrestricted General Fund, to cover the cost of providing portable sanitation and security for the pilot program.

(Board of Trustees Goals and Priorities Section 1 Sub-section 12 – Assess and focus on solutions to barriers related to students’ personal circumstances that may negatively impact student success)

Budget Committee Discussion: The committee inquired on how the amount was calculated. Chris Bonvenuto explained that the proposals were a starting point and if approved a full plan and cost analysis would be conducted.
Gender Equity and Social Justice Center
$75,000 in one-time funding, from the Unrestricted General Fund, to provide start-up funding for furniture, equipment, materials, supplies, training and temporary staffing to assist in implementing the new Center. (Board of Trustees Goals and Priorities Section 1 Sub-section 12 Assess and focus on solutions to barriers related to students’ personal circumstances that may negatively impact student success)

Veterans Resource Center
$25,000 in one-time funding, from the Unrestricted General Fund, to provide new equipment, materials, and supplies for the new Veterans Resource Center to improve the student experience. (Board of Trustees Goals and Priorities Section 1 Sub-section 12 Assess and focus on solutions to barriers related to students’ personal circumstances that may negatively impact student success)

Budget Committee Discussion: Martha Romano explained to the committee that the Veterans program was never given a proper budget and that there is not equity between what is proposed for the Gender Equity And Social Justice Center and the Veterans program. Chris Bonvenuto explained that the GESJC program was a new program and needed additional funds to start up the program.

Outreach - Student Ambassador Recruiter Corps
$156,500 in ongoing funding, from the Unrestricted General Fund, to create a new Student Ambassador Recruiter Corps to improve SMC Outreach and Recruitment efforts with local high schools. (Strategic Initiatives and Objectives Section 2 Sub-section 4 Expand targeted marketing and communication to prospective students)

Budget Committee Discussion: CSEA wanted to make sure that the students are not doing bargaining unit work of either the classified or faculty. Chris Bonvenuto explained that these ambassadors will be supplementary not supplanting of existing works being performed. Teresita Rodriguez also added that if approved the District and bargaining units would confer on this issue.

Gender Equity and Social Justice Center Renovation
$250,000 in one-time funding, from the Capital Outlay Fund, to fund one-half of the budgeted cost of the renovation of the Associated Students computer lab to implement the new Gender Equity and Social Justice Center. (Board of Trustees Goals and Priorities Section 1 Sub-section 12 Assess and focus on solutions to barriers related to students’ personal circumstances that may negatively impact student success)

After discussion there were no objections to the inclusion of the initiatives.

V. Adjournment 3:45pm

VI. Future Budget Planning Committee Meetings (Meetings will be on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, except as noted, and will begin at 2:00, Library Conference Room, Library 275): August 21 (Loft); Special Meeting August 28 at 1:30pm in the Loft, September 4; September 18; October 2; October 16; November 6; November 20; December TBD