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, November 1, 2006 at 2:00pm at Santa Monica College, Library Conference Room 275, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

Budget Planning Committee Members

Sal Veas, Academic Senate Representative, Co-Chair
Teresita Rodriguez, Administration, Co-Chair
Randy Lawson, Administration (absent)
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Academic Senate Representative
Mona Martin, Management Association Representative
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative
Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative
Lantz Simpson, Faculty Association Representative
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA Representative
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative
Steve Levine, Classified Representative (absent)
Alex Siefert, Classified Representative
Michael Davoodi, Student Representative (absent)
Maximilian Carrillo, Student Representative

Support Staff for the Budget Planning Subcommittee
Marni Washington

Others Present  Lesley Kawaguchi

Call to Order  2:05 p.m.

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Approved by: Lantz Simpson
Seconded by: Bernie Rosenloecher
Ayes: All

It was recommended that reports be sent out with the agenda in the future.

Information Items

The Mandated Cost claims submitted by the District dating back to 2000-2001 have been paid by the State Controller’s Office. These figures were not included in the adopted budgets because it was not known when the funds would be released by Controller’s office. Mandated Costs claims are generated by several designated areas and the college must provide documentation for reimbursement. It was suggested that the Budget Committee review the list of areas preparing mandated cost claims to see if there is an area that could possibly be added and therefore provide further funding.
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This report of unrestricted general funds has recently been changed and the new form will be online in the future. These figures start off high and are adjusted as expenditures are made.

**Budget Scenarios & Recommendation**

Bernie Rosenloecher moved that Scenarios 2, 3 and 4 be reworked in two ways, with 0% growth and borrowing and another with no borrowing. Lantz Simpson seconded the motion.

Ayes: 9
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 2

There was discussion of how the college had dealt with tight restraints in the past and how most of the SMC community came together to help the campus through a very financially dire time (i.e. managers teaching, etc.).

It was agreed that the scenarios are simply attempts to look at maximizing revenues in different ways. Scenario 4 would allow the district time to make adjustments in the future, depending on growth.

Equalization funds have not been received from the Chancellor’s office and those potential funds cannot be accounted for until actually received.

Mitra Moassessi moved to adopt Scenario 4 as a revenue strategy with the following two caveats:

1. That each constituent group work with its respective organization(s) (i.e., FACCC, AACA, CCLC, and the Statewide Senate) to lobby the legislature to return to the 3-year stabilization formula.

2. That the committee conduct an analysis of District expenditures by category with the objective of reducing expenditures by maximizing efficiency. The committee’s goal is to recommend an expenditure strategy in the future.

Lantz Simpson seconded the motion.

Ayes: 11
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

The Co-Chair will notify the Superintendent/President of the Budget Planning Subcommittee’s recommendation for DPAC approval and will await notification of the strategy chosen.

There was discussion of the charge of the Budget Planning Subcommittee and agreed that future discussions should address categories of institutional spending and not line items or departmental breakdowns.

**Agenda Planning for November 15:**

- Faculty Hiring
- One Time Money
- New Zero-Growth & Zero-Borrowing Scenarios
Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

Budget Planning Committee Meetings schedule through June 2007:

- November 1, 15
- December 6
- January 3, 17
- February 7, 21
- March 7, 21
- April 4, 18
- May 2, 16
- June 6, 20