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 15, 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
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Academic Senate Representative
Mona Martin, Management Association Representative
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative (absent)
Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative
Lantz Simpson, Faculty Association Representative
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA Representative
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative
Steve Levine, Classified Representative (absent)
Alex Sievert, Classified Representative (absent)
Michael Davoodi, Student Representative
Maximilian Carrillo, Student Representative (absent)

Support Staff for the Budget Planning Subcommittee
Marni Washington

Others Present
Janet Kretschmer

Call to Order 2:05 p.m.

Review of Minutes: November 1, 2006

Approved by: Bernie Rosenloecher
Seconded by: Mitra Moassessi
Ayes: All

It was recommended that $500,000 be added to the minutes in reference to:_______________________.

Information Items

Christ Bonvenuto was meeting with auditors and was unable to attend the Budget Planning Committee Meeting but had submitted budget scenarios for review and discussion. In Chris’s absence, Randy Lawson agreed to answer questions and report any unanswered questions back to Chris. There was discussion on Scenario 4, growth, stabilization and SB361.
• Stabilization does cover 3 years
• 39 of 72 districts are in a similar situation of decline
• Small districts seem to be suffering more than the larger ones
• Scenario 4 has been sent to the Chancellor’s office
• There was a discrepancy in Scenario 4 of $2 million which Mitra will e:mail Chris about, for clarification
• The Board of Governors is supportive of SB361 and once it’s on the floor, letters of support should be generated
• Benefits from the Compton situation include the fact that it was leased space, bringing in more funding for this year but this year only
• We should know soon the correct figures on the Compton FTES. This is one time only money and cannot be rolled over
• We must stay with the 250 balance until next year
• Summer went across two fiscal years for which we receive 250 FTES each, leaving another 200 remaining
• When the audit process is complete for this phase, BPC would like a budget tool for DPAC and BPC to be able to look at and compare
• DPAC has agreed that items/motions from subcommittees may be submitted up to a week prior to the DPAC meeting
• It was agreed that an expenditure scenario would be a good starting point
• AET receives yearly funding from a foundation grant because it qualifies as a “center", meeting strict guidelines set by the Chancellor’s office
• Malibu may qualify or possibly Distance Education, as a “center” because of geographies but would still need to meet quality proponents to be accepted
• SB361 – the exact language will be provided for future reference
• We must grow in order to see the benefit over the expense of growing

Randy provided a handout of data on AB1725 Full-time/Part-time Hiring
• SMC is now 4 below in Fall 2006 compared to Fall 2005
• Retirees can be included in the count
• Eight new hires need to be in place to remain as we are now
• Should our enrollment drop, we would be penalized $60,000

• Dr Tsang supports a program of growth, requiring more faculty, classified and additional costs

• Percentage is not an accurate way of counting but rather increases or declines should be looked at as FTES

• The BPC would like figures of the number of faculty hires made possible by retiree wages

• Faculty Senate are in discussion on initiating vocational program growth in suggested areas of: cable TV maintenance; automotive; pharmaceutical; and EMT.

• New programs would provide growth but at what expense in initial time, labor, program review and curriculum

• There may be possible funding in the community for start up of needed vocation programs

No action was taken at this meeting.

Agenda Planning for December 6:

Provide scenarios comparing the expenditures of hiring full-time compared to part-time faculty

Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

Budget Planning Committee Meetings schedule through June 2007:

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