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, April 18, 2007 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 (absent)
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)
Miguel Reyes, Classified Representative
Michael Davoodi, Student Representative (absent)
Maximilian Carrillo, Student Representative (absent)

Support Staff for the Budget Planning Subcommittee
Gina Cole

Others Present
Dr. Chui Tsang
Christine Schultz
Connie Lemke
Dennis Frisch
Janet Kretschmer

Call to Order 2:03 p.m.

Review of Minutes: March 7, 2007 and April 4, 2007

The minutes of the March 7th, April 4th, and April 18th will be reviewed at the May 2nd meeting.

2007 – 2008 Budget Process Discussion

Dr. Tsang asked the Budget Planning Committee for input regarding the Districts’ budget process and possible recommendations for ways to reduce the Districts budget expenditures by $6.5 million over the next 2 years. Dr. Tsang informed the committee that the District is in review of the budget so that an accurate projection can be made. He asked the committee to make recommendations on a budget process, setting reduction targets for the coming year, and
developing guidelines to direct the budget process. The 1st week of June 2007 is the timeframe that has been set to have the tentative 2007-08 budget. A special budget planning meeting has been called to meet with Mike Hill, Consultant who will do a presentation on Wednesday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m. for the Budget Planning Committee.

A motion was made that the Budget Planning Committee recommend that non-general funds, such as Measure U and Measure S dollars (but not limited to), be used to convert the college to self-sustaining energy using solar power and other renewable energy sources.

Vote: 10 yes, 1 abstention

A motion was made supporting the principle that non-general funds, such as Measure U and Measure S dollars (but not limited to), be used to explore energy efficient technologies.

Vote: Yes – unanimous

A motion was made for a 3 year goal for the college to move to defined, internal benchmarks for a ratio of classified staff to classified managers and full-time faculty to academic administrators.

Vote: 9 yes, 1 no

A motion was made to adequately staff departments to reduce non-seasonal overtime, except in cases of emergency.

Vote: Yes – unanimous

A motion was made to conduct a cost benefit analysis of the colleges fixed assets.

Vote: Yes – unanimous

A motion was made to cut advertising expenditures by 50% for 2007 – 2008.

Vote: 6 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention

A motion was made to cut all substitutes for all classes unless instructor can no longer teach.

Vote: Yes – unanimous

A motion was made to minimize contracting out.

Vote: Yes – unanimous
Special meeting on Wednesday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m. in The Loft.

Adjournment: 4:05 p.m.

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