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, January 15, 2014 at 2:04 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Library Second Floor Conference Room (Library 275), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I.  Call to Order   2:03 p.m.

II.  Budget Planning Committee Members

   Bob Isomoto, Administration, Co-Chair
   Teresita Rodriguez, Management Association Representative
   Eve Adler, Academic Senate Representative
   Janet Harclerode, Academic Senate Representative
   Sandy Chung, Administration Representative
   Laurie McQuay-Peninger, Management Association Representative (Absent)
   Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative
   Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair
   Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA Representative (Absent)
   Robert Hnilo, CSEA Representative
   Nilofar Ghasami, CSEA Representative
   Mike Roberts, CSEA Representative
   Ty Moura, Student Representative
   Inayat Issa, Student Representative (Absent)
   Pablo Garcia, Student Representative (Absent)
   Brandon Delijani, Student Representative (Absent)

III.  Review of Minutes: December 4, 2013 accepted as presented

IV.  Agenda:

   A.  Report Regarding SMC Foundation

   Vice-President Isomoto shared information with the Committee regarding the Other Program Expenses of the SMC Foundation for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. A breakdown of these expenses showed support for many different activities of the College, including Emeritus College, Winter Session (in 2013), the Margin of Excellence program, the Chair of Excellence program, Athletics, the Global Studies Initiative and the SMC Associates program.

   B.  AC College Update

   Vice-President Isomoto shared information with the Committee regarding AC College. A total of 36 sections occurred in Fall 2013, 8 sections in Winter 2014 and 17 sections are currently planned for Spring 2014.

   C.  State Budget Update

   Governor Brown released his budget proposal for 2014-2015 on January 10, 2014. It increases funding for the community college system by 11%. The budget proposal
funds statutory COLA at 0.86%, provides a 3% increase in access restoration, fully retires the funding deferrals owed to the community college system, funds student success activities and funds scheduled maintenance and instructional equipment. While there might be some changes between now and the May revise, the budget proposal provides healthy increases and additional funding to the College. The District estimates that the budget proposal will provide more than $12 million in new funding to the College: $4 million in unrestricted ongoing funding and $4.75 million in restricted funds and $3.5 million in one-time funds.


Vice-President Isomoto shared information with the Committee regarding the District’s 2nd Quarter Financial Statements for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. As of December 31, 2013, the District has received $71,878,961 in revenue of its projected total revenue of $141,053,124 in the General Fund. The District has spent $60,302,982 in expenditures of its projected total expenditure of $143,287,893. Revenue increased due to additional non-resident tuition and other local revenue and interest. Expenses increased due to increases in contracts and services as well as hourly instruction and non-instruction.

The District is still showing a deficit factor in 2012-2013 of 3.2% due to unfunded RDA shortfalls. The Adopted Budget assumed a deficit factor of 2.4% and this difference accounts for an $831K difference in state revenue. Though the Department of Finance has $100 million it can allocate to resolve this deficit, it has yet to spend these funds. Hopefully, this issue can get resolved soon at the state level. Thankfully, the Governor’s budget proposal includes language to resolve any RDA shortfall in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

V. Adjournment at 2:52 p.m.