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 16, 2013 at 2:07 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Drescher Hall Loft, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order  2:13 p.m.

II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Chris Bonvenuto, Administration  
Bob Isomoto, Administration, Co-Chair  
Eve Adler, Academic Senate Representative (Absent)  
Janet Harclerode, Academic Senate Representative  
Teresita Rodriguez, Management Association Representative (Absent)  
Mona Martin, Management Association Representative  
Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative  
Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair  
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA Representative (Absent)  
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative  
Connie Lemke, CSEA Representative  
Jeanne Laurie, CSEA Representative (Absent)  
Arpit Garg, Student Representative  
Inayat Issa, Student Representative  
Cecile Parcelier, Student Representative (Absent)  
Sherri Pringle, Student Representative  

Interested Parties:  
Randy Lawson, Administration  
Mario Martinez, Faculty Association Representative  
Parker Jean, Student Representative

III. Review of Minutes:  December 5, 2012

IV. Agenda:

A. Update on Governor’s State Budget Proposal

Bob Isomoto shared information regarding the Governor’s budget for 2013-2014. Unlike recent years, there was no structural deficit that needed to be addressed this year nor is there any discussion of mid-year cuts or propositions that need to be passed to support the budget. Overall, the proposed budget is quite positive for all Education systems (K-12, CCs, UC and CSU). For the Community Colleges, the budget proposes an increase of $196.9 Million (3.6%) to base apportionment that the Board of Governor’s will allocate toward COLA, growth and restoration in coming months. The funding deferrals to the system are to be bought down by $179 Million. $300 Million will be allocated to Adult Education. $15.7 Million will be allocated to Apprenticeship programs in the Community Colleges. There is no increase to student fees and an increase of $161 Million will be allocated to Cal Grants. This proposal will get refined in the coming months with the upcoming May Revision of the Governor’s budget before the legislature enacts it into law.
B. 2012-2013 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Chris Bonvenuto shared the 2nd Quarter Financial Report with the Committee. According to these figures, the District intends to serve 20,657 Credit FTES (446 of which will be unfunded) and 544 Non-Credit FTES (11 of which will be unfunded). At the present time, no deficit factor is expected. Overall, the District expects Total Revenue and Transfers to total $135.3 Million while Total Expenditures and Transfers to total $143.9 Million. The projected Ending Fund Balance is expected to be $6.3 Million not including $267K in Designated Reserves. The Vacancy List shows 26 positions (2 Administrators, 21 Fund 1.0 positions and 3 Fund 1.3 positions) totaling $1.7 Million in Salary plus Benefits costs. 5000 Contracts and Services are projected to total $10.9 Million, a reduction of $50K from the Adopted Budget largely due to a reduction in Bank Fees.

Between the Adopted Budget and the 2nd Quarter, projected revenues have increased by a total of $530K while projected expenditures have increased by a total of $5.1 Million. Revenues increased above the Adopted level due to increases in fee-based instruction and private donations but were reduced due to decreases in state apportionment and decreases in non-resident tuition. Expenditures increased because of the funding of retiree OPEB obligations this fiscal year and the running of a Winter Intersession. Neither of these items were in the original Adopted Budget. Overall, class fill rates and enrollment demand appear to be softening and returning to a more normal level, as compared to the recent past. As a result, the District is having to offer more classes to generate FTES when compared to last year.

Following all the discussion, the following motion was presented:

“The Budget Committee has reviewed and discussed the 2012-2013 2nd Quarter Financial Report”

Made: Harclerode Seconded: Lauer
FOR: 11 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

V. Adjournment at 3:17 p.m.