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 21, 2015 at 2:08 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Library 275, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order 2:08 p.m.

II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Bob Isomoto, District Representative, Co-Chair
Chris Bonvenuto, District Representative
Roberto Gonzalez, District Representative (Absent)
Laurie McQuay-Peninger, District Representative (Absent)
Eve Adler, Academic Senate Representative
Fran Chandler, Academic Senate Representative (Absent)
Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative
Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair
Nilofar Ghasami, CSEA Representative (Absent)
Robert Hnilo, CSEA Representative (Absent)
Jeanne Laurie, CSEA Representative (Absent)
Crystal Lagunas, CSEA Representative (Absent)
Ali Khan, Associated Students Representative (Absent)
Hasun Khan, Associated Students Representative (Absent)

Interested Party:
Mario Martinez, Faculty Association
Peter Morse, Faculty Association
Tom Chen, Faculty Association
Matt Hotsinpiller, Faculty Association
Robert Espinoza, Associated Students Representative
Daniel Kolko, Associated Students Representative

IV. Agenda:

A. Update on Governor’s State Budget Proposal

Bob Isomoto and Chris Bonvenuto shared information regarding the Governor’s budget for 2014-2015. For the community colleges, Governor Brown has proposed many different revenue increases, some one-time and others on-going. Until the May Revise comes out, his first proposal is subject to change.


Chris Bonvenuto shared the 2nd Quarter Financial Report with the Committee. According to these figures, the District intends to serve 21,075 Credit FTES and 552 Non-Credit FTES. At the present time, the college is behind on its FTES projections by 86 FTES. Spring enrollment will be closely monitored to track efficiency trends. For the first time in many years, it appears that the college will not have any unfunded FTES.

Overall, the District expects Total Revenue and Transfers to total $149.666 Million while Total Expenditures and Transfers to total $152.7 Million. The projected Ending Fund
Balance is expected to be $8.6 Million not including $2.255 Million in Designated Reserves. The Vacancy List shows 78 positions (4 Administrators, 61 Fund 1.0 positions and 12 Fund 1.3 positions and 1 Auxiliary position) totaling $5.692 Million in Salary plus Benefits costs. 5000 Contracts and Services are projected to total $12.44 Million, an increase of $70K from the Adopted Budget largely due to increases due to accreditation and professional development costs.

Between the Adopted Budget and the 2nd Quarter, projected revenues have increased by a total of $1.5 Million while projected expenditures have decreased by a total of $400K. Revenues increased above the Adopted level due to increases in mandated cost claims and various prior year apportionment changes but were reduced due to decreases in state apportionment. Expenditures increased because of increases in hiring and separation and increases in hourly instruction and non-instruction but decrease due to the discounting of the outstanding vacancy list.

Overall, class fill rates and enrollment demand appear to be softening as compared to the recent past. Efficiency (which the District calculates as FTES per WTH) was 86% in Summer 2014, 92% in Fall 2014 and 84% in Winter 2015. The plan is to reach an efficiency target of 91% in Spring 2015.

V. Adjournment at 3:25 p.m.