



Santa Monica Community College District
Budget Planning Committee a Subcommittee of the
District Planning and Advisory Council

**AUGUST 18, 2008
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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, August 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Drescher Hall 300-E (the Loft), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order 2:14 p.m.

II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Chris Bonvenuto, Administration
Randy Lawson, Administration
Eric Oifer, Academic Senate Representative
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Academic Senate Representative (absent)
Mona Martin, Management Association Representative, Co-Chair
Leonard Crawford, Management Association Representative
Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative (absent)
Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA Representative (absent)
Tron Burdick, CSEA Representative (absent)
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative
Miguel Reyes, CSEA Representative (absent)
David Chun, Student Representative (absent)
Kamil Gazizullin, Student Representative (absent)

No representatives of the public were in attendance.

III. Budget Update (Mike Hill)

Mike Hill, a consultant for SMC in fiscal services, presented the committee with an overview of the budget situation in California and the financial situation at SMC. Mike pointed out that the statewide financial problems will not be resolved with this year's adopted budget, but would be with the state for at least several years. California's budgetary problems will impact funding for community colleges. Mike pointed out that SMC has a very healthy fund balance at this time, which is very good news. This will allow SMC time to develop a plan to bring expenditures in line with revenue (our goal is to do this within the next three years). The 2008-09 proposed budget shows an operating deficit of \$ 8 million. It was also pointed out that 87% of SMC's budget goes to salaries and benefits. The easy cost-saving measures have already been made in previous periods of budget reductions, making this round more difficult. The Budget Planning Sub-committee will need to develop a plan for expenditure reductions. Mike's suggested process was that the committee agree to a plan that includes annual targets/goals and timelines. There are different approaches to making reductions, including across the board cuts, looking at efficiency rate of classes, etc. Mike pointed out that it is important to take an approach that is least harmful to the institution.

Adjournment at 4:06