



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

**MARCH 18, 2009  
MINUTES**

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, March 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Library Conference Room (275), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order 2:07 p.m.

II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Chris Bonvenuto, Administration  
Jeanine Hawk, Administration  
Eric Oifer, Academic Senate Representative  
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Academic Senate Representative  
Randy Lawson, Management Association Representative (for Mona Martin)  
Leonard Crawford, Management Association Representative  
Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative  
Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair  
Tron Burdick, CSEA Representative  
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative  
Connie Lemke, CSEA Representative  
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA Representative (absent)  
Samir Ahmed, Student Representative (absent)  
Shanna Lehrman, Student Representative (absent)  
Cameron Henton, Student Representative (absent)  
Vicky Qian Jiang, Student Representative (absent)

III. Review of Minutes: Minutes of March 4, 2009 approved as presented with spelling corrections.

IV. Agenda

A. Fiscal Services Update

No update.

B. Budget Assumptions / Projections

Chris Bonvenuto discussed the updated budget spreadsheets sent out via e-mail to the committee members highlighting changes in deficit factor and P1 upload, for example.

Also, reminders to the committee that the voter initiatives will have impact on the budget, thus the preparation for best and worst case scenarios.

The following handouts were provided:

1. Tentative Budget Assumptions - Fiscal Year 09-10 with the different categorized scenario headings reflecting "tentative" and "alternative" instead of "best" and "worst" along with the new budget assumption information. Specifics outlined items outlined were out of state students, international students, hourly instruction.
2. Budget Assumption Information - other issues factored in the budget assumptions to included out-of-state-student, retiree H/W cost, employee H/W cost and STRS projections.
3. Tentative Budget - Fiscal Year 10-11 with projections to include 08-09 second quarter figures up to 09-10 and 10-11 assumptions and scenarios.

There was concern that the budget information did not appear to reflect the committee's approved cost savings recommendations requested by Dr. Tsang and forward and to DPAC. However, Chris explained that the budget information is being reflected in a different format making it some what difficult to identify those expressed recommendations. Jeanine also reassured the committee members that the recommendations were considered and accepted yet not adopted.

The committee reviewed the information with special focus on the board approved recommendation on retiree H/W obligation approved March 10, 2008 (GASB 45), staff vacancies, particularly the classified vacancies and deferral of partial hiring to future years (50% in 2011-2012).

Jeanine offered discussion regarding the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) allocations. Jeanine agreed to changes in the representation of vacant positions in the budget line item and asked the committee to support the budget assumptions currently being presented with concerns from the committee to be reflected.

A motion was made:

That the Budget Committee supports the budget assumptions as presented pending requested changes to the classified vacancy line.

Motion: Howard Stahl  
Second: Eric Oifer

Vote: Unanimous  
Yes: 10  
Nays: 0

Adjournment at 4:12 p.m.