



Santa Monica Community College District  
**Budget Planning Committee a Subcommittee** of the  
District Planning and Advisory Council  
**AUGUST 19, 2015**  
**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, August 19, 2015 at 2:08 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Drescher Hall Loft, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

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

II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Interested Parties

Bob Isomoto, Administration, Co-Chair  
Chris Bonvenuto, District Representative  
Roberto Gonzalez, District Representative (Absent)  
Laurie McQuay-Peninger, District Representative  
Mitra Moassessi, Academic Senate Representative  
Fran Chandler, Academic Senate Representative (Absent)  
Matt Hotsinpillier, Faculty Association Representative  
Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair  
Robert Hnilo, CSEA Representative  
Debra Locke, CSEA Representative  
Marcia Lewis, CSEA Representative (Absent)  
Douglas Forsyth, CSEA Representative (Absent)  
Sam Ross, Associated Student Representative  
Jesse Randel, Associated Student Representative

Peter Morse

III. Review of Minutes: July 1, 2015 accepted as presented

IV. Agenda:

A. 2015-2016 Adopted Budget

Chief Director of Business Services Chris Bonvenuto shared the 2015-2016 Adopted Budget with the Committee and answered all the questions posed by the Committee. The 2014-2015 fiscal year ended quite strong. Revenues were ahead of projections by +1.5% (over \$2 million) and Expenditures were less than expected by -1.64% (over \$2.4 million). The Ending Fund Balance closed at \$13.7 million.

The Adopted Budget shows \$171.1 million in revenue and \$163.6 million in expenditures. The Adopted Budget is based on a very strong State budget and assumes a deficit factor of 0.93%, COLA of 1.02% and Access Funding of 2.07%. This year, the District is planning on serving 53.5 unfunded FTES. The District intends to serve 21,397 Credit FTES, 624 Non-Credit FTES, 174 CDCP Non-Credit FTES and 4,717 Non-Resident FTES. The 2015-2016 Adopted Budget shows an Ending Fund Balance of \$21.3 million. There was much discussion about the appropriate handling of designated reserve items. Revenue increased over 2014-2015 due to increases in apportionment funding, mandated costs, support for full-time faculty positions, non-resident tuition, increase in non-residents FTES, access funding and COLA offset against decreases in fee-based revenue and a deficit factor.

Following much discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: "The Designated Reserve Item 'Reserve For Future PERS And STRS Increases' should be eliminated from the Adopted Budget"

MADE : Moassessi                      SECONDED : Stahl  
FOR : 4                      AGAINST : 2                      ABSTAIN : 3  
PASSED

B. Review Of The Committee's Charge And Self-Evaluation Discussion

After reviewing the charge of the committee, members believed that the committee was doing a good job meeting its responsibilities. Members believed that we were substantially addressing our charge. Long-term members have seen positive progress addressing our charge and look forward to continual improvement in the future.

C. Resolution Regarding Full-Time Faculty

Following much discussion about the State budget item for full-time faculty hiring, the following resolution was made:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING FULL-TIME FACULTY HIRING**

WHEREAS the 2015-2016 California Budget includes \$62.32 million dollars for "increasing the number of full-time faculty within the community college system" (SB 97 – Budget Act of 2015),

AND WHEREAS the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges system has estimated that Santa Monica College's share of this \$62.32 million will amount to \$1.158 million in new, ongoing revenue,

AND WHEREAS Santa Monica College has been ranked by the Chancellor's Office in the lowest (worst) quartile based on the District's FTES-to-FON ratio,

AND WHEREAS Santa Monica College remains over our Faculty Obligation Number even with the new obligation increase that these funds will support,

BE IT RESOLVED that the DPAC Budget Committee recommends to DPAC that all of this new, ongoing revenue be targeted for the hiring of new full-time instructional faculty at Santa Monica College.

FTES = Full-time Equivalent Students

FON = Faculty Obligation Number

MADE : Stahl                      SECONDED : Moassessi  
FOR : 6                      AGAINST : 2                      ABSTAIN : 1  
PASSED

V. Adjournment at 4:19 pm