



Santa Monica Community College District  
**District Planning and Advisory Council**  
MEETING - DECEMBER 2, 2008  
MINUTES

A special meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 in the Board Room (Business Building Room 117) at Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Boulevard. Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order: 2:04 p.m.

II. Members Present

Chui L. Tsang, Superintendent/President  
Randy Lawson, Administration, Chair Designee  
Jeff Shimizu, Administration Representative  
Kiersten Elliott, Management Association President  
Erica LeBlanc, Management Association Representative  
Richard Tahvilidaran-Jesswein, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair  
Eric Oifer, Academic Senate Representative  
Mitra Moassesi, Faculty Association President  
Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative  
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA President  
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative  
Cameron Henton, Associated Students Representative

Others Present

Chris Bonvenuto  
Tron Burdick  
Mary Colavito  
Leonard Crawford  
Mike Eghbali  
Dennis Frisch  
Janet Harclerode  
Amber Katherine  
Lesley Kawaguchi  
Connie Lemke  
Mona Martin  
Judy Penschansky  
Lee Peterson  
Christine Schultz  
Al Vasquez  
Charlie Yen

DPAC Staff Support

Lisa Rose

### III. Agenda

#### *Public Comments - None*

#### A. Budget Discussion

Superintendent/President Chui L. Tsang commenced the meeting by requesting Chris Bonvenuto to provide a budget outlook.

Given the magnitude of the anticipated state deficit, Santa Monica College will experience a declining fund balance this year (2008-09) and the next two years (2009-10 and 2020-11). The overview included the following points:

##### Overview

- State Legislature Emergency Session to Address to Budget Again
- New Session - New Players
- Gone Key community college supporters - Legislators John Laird and Jack Scott,
- New Legislators, Former CC Trustees- Marty Block (SDCCD) Paul Fong (FDCCD)
- Governor \$332 million vs. LAO \$100 million cut to community colleges, (2008-09)
- All A Guess

##### In the PIT (Personal Income Tax)

- 56% of General Fund comes from personal income tax revenue
- 27% of PIT revenue is from stock options and capital gains (SOCG)
- The peak-to-valley decline in SOCG from 2000-2002 was \$12.2 billion, shaving 25% off total PIT revenues.
- 2007-2009 peak-to-valley unlikely to be as large, but still significant.

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One possible scenario was presented based on the assumptions that there will be a \$12.16 million reduction to the fund balance for 2009-10, no COLA and no funding for growth.

The LAO forecast is that it will take three years to get back to the 2008-09 level.

(see LAO website at:  
<http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/main.aspx?type=3&CatID=10>)

Superintendent Tsang suggested a two-step process to address the budget cuts, safeguard the reserve and reduce the operating deficit. He suggested a targeted reduction of \$2.5 million for the current year, and requested that DPAC and the Budget Planning Subcommittee be the vehicles to accomplish the following:

- **Recommend a targeted reduction for the current year as soon as possible:** Consider the suggested targeted reduction of \$.2.5 million for the current year and recommend the target for the current year as soon as possible. It was agreed that this item will be included on the agenda for the next DPAC meeting on December 10, 2008. Senior administrative staff

members will be invited to the DPAC meeting to provide input and guidance to facilitate a recommendation.

- **Submit recommendations for achieving the reduction by the end of January, 2009:** Consider austerity measures (6 points) outlined in Dr. Tsang's email to the College Community on November 6, 2008, develop scenarios, review suggestions for cost-cutting measures previously provided by the Budget Planning Subcommittee, and submit recommendations for achieving the reduction while preserving enrollment by the end of January, 2009.

It was agreed that additional meetings of the Budget Planning Subcommittee and DPAC will be scheduled during the winter session to continue budget discussions and planning.

It was suggested that the Budget Planning Subcommittee schedule a town hall meeting after recommendations for achieving reductions are developed.

Dr. Tsang is committed to and encourages collegiality and respect during this budget planning process.

IV. Adjournment: 3:34 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June, 2008 (second and fourth Wednesdays each month at 3 p.m.)

December 10  
January 14, 28, 2009  
February 11, 25  
March 11, 25  
April 8, 22  
May 13, 27  
June 10, 24