



Santa Monica Community College District

Budget Planning Subcommittee of the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)

MEETING MINUTES – December 6, 2023

A Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Santa Monica College's Student Services Center (SSC 396), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. The public may join the meeting via zoom with the following link: <https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/85009325229>

I. Call to Order 2:04 pm

Members:

- Mitch Heskel, District Representative
- Chris Bonvenuto, District Representative, Co-Chair
- Teresita Rodriguez, District Rep (Absent)
- Tracie Hunter, District Representative (Absent)
- Elisa Meyer, Academic Senate Representative
- Jamar London, Academic Senate Representative
- Matt Hotsinpillier, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair
- Peter Morse, Faculty Association Representative
- Martha Romano, CSEA Representative
- Kennisha Green, CSEA Representative
- Dagmar Gorman, CSEA Representative
- Cindy Ordaz, CSEA Representative
- Cecilia Jeong, Associated Student Rep (Absent)
- David Duncan, Associated Student Representative
- Vacant, Associated Student Representative
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Interested Parties in attendance: Elaine Roque, Sasha King, Don Girard, Jason Beardsley

II. Public Comments

III. Approval of Minutes: November 1, 2023

IV. Reports

1. Update from committee members

a. Ad hoc committee motion: Chris Bonvenuto

Don Girard, Senior Director, Government Relations/Institutional Communications will lead the ad hoc legislative committee. Each constituency group will email their appointed member to Chris Bonvenuto. Don spoke about the challenges with the state budget shortfall, wanting to identify partners, such as David Hawkins(Lobbyist) to get change or extension of hold harmless in 2025-2026.

b. Corporate sponsorship possibilities: Mitch Heskel

Mitch Heskel, Dean of Education Enterprise, due to rules/regulations concerning corporate sponsorship deals this is not a viable solution at this time.

c. Contract Education: Chris Bonvenuto

Jason Beardsley, Vice President, Academic Affairs – gave the following update; Contract Education was run through workforce, and it is a self-contained business that must generate enough profit to pay for staff and instruction costs. Therefore, a lucrative contract is needed to pursue running this department. Currently, this is not actively being pursued.

2. Continued discussions:

a. Revenue generation and other ideas for fiscal stability

-Pressian Nicolov – Dean, International Education will be invited at a future meeting to discuss resources that are needed in the department to generate revenue for the district.

-Olympic games want to use our facilities, that would mean a large part of the campus would be closed. More updates in the future from Elaine Roque.

V. Adjournment: 3:30 pm

For all documents, visit www.smc.edu/administration/governance/district-planning-policies/budget-planning-subcommittee.php

Future Budget Planning Committee Meetings: Meetings will be on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, except as noted, and will begin at 2:00 pm.