



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

**OCTOBER 1, 2008
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, October 1, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Library Conference Room (275), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

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

II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Chris Bonvenuto, Administration
Randy Lawson, Administration (absent)
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
Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA Representative
Tron Burdick, CSEA Representative
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative
Connie Lemke, CSEA Representative (for Miguel Reyes)
Samir Ahmed, Student Representative
Kamil Gazizullin, Student Representative (absent)
Darya Barbakova, Student Representative (for Khalid Namooos)
Vicky Qian Jiang, Student Representative

No representatives of the public were in attendance.

III. Minutes approved with one correction

IV. Fiscal Services Update

State budget has been approved; more information will be given at the Chancellor's Office Budget Workshop next week. The budget currently proposes a .068% COLA. Colleges will receive July, August and September payments in the next few days, however, there may be a deferral for January, February and March payments to community colleges.

V. Cost Comparison Analysis

Bernie Rosenloecher restated the difficulty in determining cost savings of hiring full-time employees instead of contracting out since there are multiple variables to consider and incomplete data. The need for establishing a centralized clearing house with oversight on contracts was discussed, specifically, the creation of a department or hiring of an individual with responsibility of packaging, standardizing and keeping a database of all contracts. The following motion was made and approved for submittal to DPAC:

“Direct the District to establish a contracts department for reviewing, monitoring, bidding and performing all the proper steps involved in creating and completing a contract and maintaining a database for all contracts in order to have a standardized and uniform process for all the contracts and be more cost efficient.”

Moved: Mitra Moasessi
Second: Tron Burdick
Votes: 13 - Unanimous
Noes: 0
Abstention: 0

VI. Classified Vacant Positions

Discussion continued regarding methods for prioritizing the vacant classified staff positions. Questions were raised on how the process works and how positions are prioritized by the administration. Committee needs more information and will extend an invitation to Randy Lawson and Marcy Wade to explain the current process and how prioritizing of positions is done. One suggestion, for classified input and transparency purposes, was that the classified hiring process mirrors the faculty ranking hiring process. Possible recommendation to DPAC was discussed; however, the motion was tabled after much discussion on the lack of information on current vacant positions.

Adjournment at 4:05 p.m.