



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

**NOVEMBER 19, 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, November 5, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Library Conference Room (275), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order 2:12 p.m.

II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Chris Bonvenuto, Administration (absent)
Jeff Shimizu for Randy Lawson, Administration
Eric Oifer, Academic Senate Representative
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Academic Senate Representative
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 (absent)
Tron Burdick, CSEA Representative (absent)
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative
Miguel Reyes, CSEA Representative (absent)
Samir Ahmed, Student Representative
Kamil Gazizullin, Student Representative (absent)
Malena Hagerman, Student Representative
Vicky Qian Jiang, Student Representative (absent)

Guest: Cameron Henton

III. Minutes of November 5, 2008 approved with two corrections.

IV. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein informed committee that a special DPAC/Budget Planning Subcommittee meeting would be held December 2, 2008 at 2:00. Dr. Tsang will be there; purpose of meeting to give members updated information on budget situation and to provide direction for the committees.

V. SMC Operating Deficit

There was discussion regarding the 6 areas identified by Dr. Chui Tsang in his e-mail to the district for possible cost reductions. In addition, committee discussed role of the Budget Planning Sub-Committee, whether it should simply be reviewing and responding to budgets and plans after they are developed, or rather it should take a more proactive position and participate in the development of budgets and plans for cost reductions. It was recommended, as an example, that the committee look at the Program Review summaries each year as part of the process. The following motion (moved by Eric Oifer, seconded by Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein) was passed unanimously.

The budget committee will review the Program Review summaries each year as they become available to guide the budget planning recommendations.

Some committee members expressed the desire to start working on a plan of action to aid in any potential financial crisis in the in near future while other committee members expressed the need for additional information in order to formulate a practical plan.

It was also articulated during the discussion, that some community colleges would be cutting their winter intersessions, reassigned time, and other services since they would not be receiving full funding for growth.

Adjournment at 3:00 p.m.