



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

**AUGUST 5, 2009
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 5, 2009 at 2:04 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Library Conference Room (275), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

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

II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Chris Bonvenuto, Administration
Bob Isomoto, Administration, Co-Chair
Eric Oifer, Academic Senate Representative
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Academic Senate Representative (Absent)
Mona Martin, Management Association Representative (Absent)
Leonard Crawford, Management Association Representative
Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative
Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative
Tamorah Thomas, CSEA Representative
Tron Burdick, CSEA Representative (Absent)
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative
Connie Lemke, CSEA Representative
Kyle Szesnat, Student Representative
Ian Skjervem, Student Representative
Cameron Henton, Student Representative (Absent)
Vicky Qian Jiang, Student Representative
Christabella Adams, Student Representative

III. Review of Minutes: Minutes of July 1 approved as perfected.

A. Discussion Of DPAC Actions With Regards To Committee's Budget Recommendations

The Committee discussed the delay in getting a response back from the Superintendent/President on the set of 21 savings recommendations forwarded to DPAC in June and July. The Committee expressed a desire to track quantifiable, numerical savings for whichever savings ideas are adopted by the Superintendent/President and incorporated into the 2009-10 Budget. VP Isomoto agreed to seek a response in time for our next meeting.

B. Discussion Of Latest State Budget Solution

Chris Bonvenuto reported on the latest state budget deal and its impact to the District. The District faces a deficit factor for 2008-09 of 1.49% which reduces revenue by \$1.618 million. This is the largest deficit factor in the past five years. Part of the budget reductions have been implemented as a workload reduction. As a result, the District is facing a reduction of 809 additional credit FTES in 2009-10 which reduces revenue by \$3.694 million. As a result of these cuts, General Apportionment revenue is being cut from \$109 million to \$105.3 million in 2009-10. In total, the District enters 2009-10 with 2,049 unfunded credit FTES.

The state budget is based on a number of different assumptions, including an expectation that \$130 million dollars of Federal stimulus monies will be used to backfill categorical program reductions. With these stimulus monies, categorical program reductions are between 16 - 32%. While these cutbacks are very unfortunate, the reductions are must less than the originally proposed reductions of 58.8%.

There is some sense statewide that the current budget assumptions are not actually matching state revenues or expenses. Mid-year reductions are possible. More information will be learned from those who attend the Chancellor's Annual State Budget Workshop on August 18 at North Orange Community College.

C. Adopted Budget Timeline

Fiscal Affairs will be preparing an Adopted Budget soon to be reviewed by this committee. The Adopted Budget will then be agendized at a future DPAC meeting before it is reviewed and adopted by the Board Of Trustees. Given the time necessary for all these approvals, it has been suggested that the Board Of Trustees meeting to approve the Adopted Budget might get pushed to September 15 which has the beneficial side-effect of giving the Budget Committee an extra meeting to perform its review.

Adjournment at 3:30 p.m.