



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

**NOVEMBER 18, 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, November 18, 2009 at 2:06 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Library Conference Room (275), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. Call to Order 2:06 p.m.

II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Chris Bonvenuto, Administration (Absent)
Bob Isomoto, Administration, Co-Chair
Eric Oifer, Academic Senate Representative
Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Academic Senate Representative (Absent)
Teresita Rodriguez, Management Association Representative
Erica LeBlanc, Management Association Representative
Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative
Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair
Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA Representative
Tron Burdick, CSEA Representative (Absent)
Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative
Connie Lemke, CSEA Representative
Kyle Szesnat, Student Representative
Jennifer Barry, Student Representative
Cameron Henton, Student Representative
Reza Ayazi, Student Representative

Interested Parties:

Randy Lawson, Administration (Absent)
Maggie Benjamin, Student Representative

III. Review of Minutes: Minutes of November 4, 2009 approved.

A. Discussion Of Rejected Savings Recommendations

Bob Isomoto shared information with the Committee regarding the rejected Savings Recommendations proposed by the Committee last academic year.

With regards to the proposed closing of the Airport campus, the District maintains that this space is needed for the Ceramics and Photo-Voltaic programs. The large kilns used by the Ceramics program would be difficult and expensive to move. It was also reported that the new Master Plan may include plans to renovate the buildings at the Airport Campus.

With regards to the proposed 1/22 reduction in administrative expense, the District is committed to the adopted Board policy that supports full-time employment. In its earlier rejection of this item, the District does not wish to suggest any connection between FTES and employment costs.

With regards to using GASB trust funds to pay the increase in 2009-2010 retiree health costs, the District is committed to following the recommendation of the Board of Trustees.

With regards to the collection of parking fees at satellite campuses, the District maintains its sustainability and Big Blue Bus initiatives would be harmed by these new fees. The idea behind free parking at satellite campuses is to reduce the need for parking on the main campus by encouraging the use of the Big Blue Bus lines.

B. Unemployment Insurance Costs

Bob Isomoto reported that the District participates in an unemployment insurance pool with other community colleges and K-12 schools. Apparently, K-12 employees rarely qualify for unemployment which helps to reduce the rate the District pays for this insurance. While no dollar figure or percentage was provided, it may be the case that this rate could increase in the future.

C. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Marcie Wade will be attending the December 2 meeting. The December 16 meeting has been cancelled. The January 6 meeting is being held open but may be cancelled. The January 20 meeting will occur as scheduled.

D. Associated Students Motion On The Feasibility Of Conversion From Print-Based To Online Class Schedules

Associated Student President Cameron Henton presented the Committee with the unanimously approved Associated Students resolution to stop printing class schedules. Committee members expressed support for and against this resolution. Supporters of the resolution felt this step would result in significant printing and postage savings with little long-term impact to the District. Those speaking against the resolution felt there would be a negative long-term impact to this action, as 80% of our student body comes from outside the District boundaries and that printed class schedules serves many different marketing and advertisement purposes that might be hard to quantify.

The discussion ended with the following motion.

MOTION: "The Budget Committee supports the Association Student resolution against printing class schedules and recommends to DPAC that the District implement this policy as soon as possible."

Made: Moassessi Seconded: Ayazi Vote: 9 For; 3 Against; 0 Abstain
PASSED

Adjournment at 3:17 p.m.