

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, February 16, 2011 at 2:02 p.m. at Santa Monica College, Library 275, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

- I. <u>Call to Order</u> 2:02 p.m.
- II. Budget Planning Committee Members

Chris Bonvenuto, Administration Bob Isomoto, Administration, Co-Chair Eric Oifer, Academic Senate Representative Janet Harclerode, Academic Senate Representative Teresita Rodriguez, Management Association Representative (Absent) Albert Vasquez, Management Association Representative (Absent) Mitra Moassessi, Faculty Association Representative Howard Stahl, Faculty Association Representative, Co-Chair Bernie Rosenloecher, CSEA Representative Leroy Lauer, CSEA Representative Connie Lemke, CSEA Representative Mike Roberts, CSEA Representative Kevin Kurtzman, Student Representative

Interested Parties: Randy Lawson, Administration Jere Romano, Management Representative Mario Martinez, Faculty Association Representative Tiffany Inabu, Student Representative

- III. Review of Minutes: January 19, 2011 accepted as amended
- IV. Agenda:
  - A. Budget Scenarios For Academic Year 2011-12

Fiscal Services distributed the budget scenarios for 2011-12 that were first presented at the Board of Trustee Study Session held February 15, 2011. Scenario A assumed a \$5.537 million state reduction. Scenario B assumed a \$9.737 million state reduction. In addition, certain budget goals were also discussed. One goal was to achieve a balanced budget, addressing both the state funding deficit as well as the current operating deficit. Both scenarios A and B attempted to fully close the operating deficit by 2013-14. Another goal was to maintain a 7.5% fund balance during each of the next three years. Certain committee members felt this level of reserve was arbitrary, unachievable as well as undesirable during this period. Other committee members felt this level of reserve enabled the District to meet any unforeseen changes while being able to build and grow in later years, once this current funding cycle ends.

In its discussion of the budget outlook for the upcoming fiscal year, the Budget Committee made the following request of Fiscal Services:

"The Budget Committee requests that Fiscal Services review all college programs and operations to seek areas of savings."

This request received the unanimous support of the Committee and was passed by general consent. Fiscal Services agreed to perform this task. The Committee will agendize a review of this effort once completed.

B. Review Of Strategic Budget Plan Elements (February 15, 2011)

Following the Board Study Session held February 15, 2011, the Board of Trustee asked for the Budget Committee to review and provide input and feedback on the latest revision to the Board's Strategic Plan Element's Objectives and Principles dated February 15, 2011. The Committee reviewed both the Objectives and the Principles. After much discussion, the following motions were offered:

MOTION: "The Budget Committee recommends to DPAC to that Objective #1 be revised as follows:

1. Develop a budget plan that brings available ongoing revenues and expenditures in<br/>balance with the adoption budget for 2013-14."Made: RosenloecherSeconded: LemkeFOR: 8AGAINST: 3MOTION PASSES

MOTION: "The Budget Committee recommends to DPAC to that Objective #3 be revised as follows:

Protect the College's ongoing operation by maintaining a fund balance with a 3. minimum goal of 3.5% going forward from 2011-12." Made: Moassessi Seconded: Lemke **FOR: 9** AGAINST: 3 ABSTAIN: 0 **MOTION PASSES** 

The Budget Committee also had issues with Principles A, F, I, J, L, and N as currently written and recommended that these principles be reconsidered and/or revised as appropriate.

Adjournment at 4:25 p.m.