



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Districtwide Executive Council

Monday, December 8, 2003
District Annex Conference Room

MEETING NOTES

Present: J. Althaus, P. Anderson, J. Austin, J. Correia, M. Herman,
C. McMahan, G. Perri, D. Quittner, P. Setzer, B. Smith,
O. Suarez, B. Tiffany,

Absent: D. Agosto, M. Amov, M. Meador, R. Rose

Others Present: Pat Murray (for R. Rose)

Recorder: J. Danks

Review of December 16, 2003, Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Suarez reviewed the agenda for the December 16, 2003, Governing Board meeting.

Pre-Board Meeting Presentation/Tour

Suarez announced there will be no pre-Board meeting presentation/tour prior to the December 16, 2003 Governing Board meeting.

Budget Update

Suarez stated news reports concerning the state budget show no indication where community colleges stand in regard to the budget. The Governor is going to ask for some mid-year return of money from the two major university systems, UC and CSU. We are waiting to see the impact on community colleges. The District has a plan in place that focuses on two major issues: 1) fund the enrollment plan at each of the two campuses; and 2) maintain positions/jobs. The District is going in the right direction to plan for the upcoming year.

Austin reported the proposed debt repayment bond was not approved by the Legislature. There is conjecture as to whether it will be placed on the March 2004 ballot. There is also the problem of the state's on-going debt, currently out-of-balance more than \$15 billion. It is anticipated Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget will not be specific as to community colleges as he has had little time to put the budget together prior to the printing deadline in December. Austin added the May revisions would provide the first indication as to what the District can expect.

Quittner stated she would be in Sacramento on December 9, 2003. The UC and CSU systems are targeted, as well as the outreach programs, health, and social service programs. The District's Legislative Strategy Committee has provided input to the Assembly Higher Education Committee consultant responding to three questions, those being: 1) should the state be concerned that per-student apportionment funding varies among districts; 2) what is the best strategy to equalize the funding among the districts; and 3) how should growth funding be allocated.

Proposition R Update

Austin reported Environmental Impact Reports (EIR's) are being prepared for both campuses to identify potential environmental impact and mitigation for all future District projects. The Cuyamaca Student Center Initial Project Proposal (IPP) will be presented at the December 16, 2003, Governing Board meeting. The District is at the final stage in selecting architects for the Grossmont Student Center and Parking Structure, and the Cuyamaca Student Center. RFP's have been received, and the committees have narrowed the field to a few architectural firms for each project. The architectural firms selected will prepare in-person presentations to the Select Committee for each campus. There will be a recommendation to the Governing Board in January 2004.

The Way Forward

Suarez stated *The Way Forward* principles have served the District well since inception, but that it is now time to update it. The reasons for update are: 1) to communicate externally as well as internally; 2) focus on teaching and learning; and 3) to include human resources, as people are our most important resource.

DEC Meeting Notes

The October 13 Districtwide Executive Council meeting notes are posted on the District website.

Other

Quittner circulated a newsletter for the Under-Funded Districts Caucus. This document shows there has been no reduction in the \$1200. difference in funding per FTES funding.