



# Districtwide Executive Council

Monday, July 7, 2003

Heritage of the Americas Museum

## MEETING NOTES

Present: O. Suarez, J. Althaus, J. Austin, M. Meador, G. Perri, D. Quittner, P. Setzer, B. Smith, B. Tiffany

Absent: M. Amov, K. Brauer, J. Correia, T. Martinez, C. McMahan, R. Rose

Recorder: M. Watkins

### **Budget Update**

Suarez reported that Legislative Advocate Art Castanares, at today's SDICCCA Board Alliance meeting, indicated the state budget may be signed by next week. Senators Dede Alpert and Steve Peace have indicated support of a plan to equalize the system somewhat, and the Department of Finance has expressed an interest in correcting the system with some type of equalization. Quittner reported the Legislative Strategy Committee will disseminate information about contacting legislators to urge passage of the budget to ensure that students may receive education at community colleges.

On a related matter, Tiffany reported that, with registration beginning July 14, it will be necessary to have information about any increases in enrollment fees as soon as possible. He added that students will be informed via online and telephone registration that there may be fee increases based upon the state budget. DEC members discussed various methods for collecting fees from students retroactively.

Suarez commented that the budget update recently sent to faculty and staff describes the seriousness of the situation and the fact that the District has had to borrow resources in an effort to keep the doors open and meet the payroll.

### **Review of July 15, 2003, Special and Regular Board Meeting Agendas**

Suarez reviewed the agenda for the special Board meeting, a capital projects workshop, which will take place July 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage of the Americas Museum. Austin called attention to a draft outline which will be distributed with the agenda.

The July 15 regular Board meeting agenda was reviewed.

### **Proposition R Update**

The Proposition R update will be presented at the joint DEC/DSPBC meeting, which follows this meeting.

### **DEC Meeting Notes**

The June 9, 2003, DEC meeting notes were distributed previously via e-mail.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

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