



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

Meeting Notes – March 7, 2011

ATTENDING: J. Barnes, B. Blanchard, J. Buckley, J. Colson, S. Cooke, M. Copenhaver, T. Corcoran, T. Flood, S. Gonda, C. Houston, J. Mahler, D. Quittner, S. Rearic, A. Satele, P. Setzer, R. Steinback, M. Wangler, K. Widdes

ABSENT: N. Comer, C. Enders, B. Garber, J. Luis, C. Miles, B. Nath, S. Pereira

ALSO ATTENDING: S. Abushaban, L. Jensen

RECORDER: P. Tillery

1. Budget Advocacy

D. Quittner discussed the proposed tax extensions measure that is under consideration by State legislators, and the importance of the measure to the Community Colleges system. She explained that the proposed measure is an extension of increases previously approved, not new taxes. She urged Council members to contact their legislators by telephone asking them to place tax extensions on the June ballot. A list of legislator names and contact information will be sent to Council members via e-mail, including key points that could be included in messages to legislators.

2. State Budget

2010/11

- Income & P1, Next Steps: Exhibit C from the 2010/11 First Principal Apportionment, and a summary of Unrestricted General Fund 2010/11 income were reviewed. Unrestricted General Fund income included in the 2010/11 Adoption Budget was \$87,482,198. As the result of recognition of growth, 4.1% deficit, and unexpected revenue for mandated cost claims, the updated income for 2010/11 is \$5.8 million more than at Adoption Budget. Discussion followed concerning recognition of the 2010/11 additional revenue as a one-time solution to partially offset the 2011/12 budget shortfall. It was suggested that the additional revenue to be recognized and used to offset the 2011/12 projected deficit be referred to as *2010/11 Funds for 2011/12 Projected Deficit*, rather than one-time solution. There was further discussion regarding needing a clear title to not confuse the 2010/11 one-time funds with other contingency funds. Council members agreed.

It was also suggested that an income update and expenditure status be presented at the April or May DSP&BC meeting.

- 2011/12 Budget Challenges: A summary of the budget challenges that will be faced in 2011/12 was reviewed. The summary provided information on the reductions included in the Governor's tax package as approved, and the further reductions that would occur if the June tax extension fails, but Prop 98 is funded at minimum, or if the June tax extension fails and Prop 98 is suspended.

3. 2011/12 Budget Scenarios and Components

Budget scenarios for 2011/12, based on the three scenarios discussed above, were reviewed. The following documents were also reviewed:

- The fiscal impact of Step, Column & Longevity increases for 2011/12 - total Step, Column & Longevity increases are projected to be \$908,033 for 2011/12.
- Expenditure analysis by category - further analysis will be done regarding the increase in "Rents, Utilities, & Other Operating" expenses.

There was a brief discussion regarding employee benefits. Rearic reported that the Benefits Committee met on March 2, 2011. The committee membership has been updated and includes representatives from all employee groups. The focus of the committee is to discuss ways to improve communication on employee health benefits plans, as well as look at cost reduction options. The committee is a recommending committee and will look at issues from a collective view for all staff and eligible retirees, rather than for individual employees.

Rearic requested DSP&BC to establish a budget reduction target to help the Benefits Committee focus on a goal. Based on the percentage of budget for employees' and retirees' health benefits, the target ranges from \$245,000 to \$940,000, depending on the scenarios.

4. FTES Discussion

An FTES analysis based on budget scenarios for 2011/12 was reviewed. There was lengthy discussion concerning FTES options for the 2011/12 Tentative Budget and proposed additional schedule reductions.

The colleges will review their Summer schedules and work to provide the bare minimum of essential offerings that must be provided. This is anticipated to be no more than one-half of Summer 2010 for each college.

It was agreed that the April 11 DSP&BC meeting would be moved to Monday, March 28, and that the FTES Task Force would meet during the first portion of the meeting to continue discussion of FTES options for 2011/12 and proposed schedule reductions. The reductions to Summer would be incorporated in those overall 2011/12 targets.

President Cooke suggested that the April 11 date be held for possible budget forums.

5. Reduction Strategies

A list of options for addressing the 2011/12 budget shortfall, developed at the February 7, 2011, special DSP&BC meeting was reviewed. Information concerning the potential budget savings and impact of implementing options was provided for some options.

6. Meetings Calendar

The 2011 DSP&BC meetings calendar will be revised to reflect that the DSP&BC will meet on Monday, March 28, in place of the April 11 meeting. The first portion of the March 28 meeting will be dedicated to the FTES Task Force.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council will be Monday, March 28, 2011, as follows: FTES Task Force will meet 3:00-4:00 p.m., followed by DSP&BC from 4:00-5:00 p.m., in the Griffin Gate, at Grossmont College.