

## DSP&BC Evaluation Survey Results, Fall 2013

### Overall Effectiveness

Table 1: Overall, how would you rate the effectiveness of the committee in meeting its charge? (n = 11)

Very Effective	73%
Somewhat Effective	27%
Somewhat Ineffective	0%
Very Ineffective	0%
DK/NA	0%

### Feedback regarding charge and membership

1. The council seems to work as a very cohesive and cooperative group. The size and membership is appropriate to the work performed.
2. Overall, the discussions are very useful.
3. I believe we have the correct charge and membership. Although the group is large, it has been effective and has allowed all voices to be heard.
4. yes
5. Charge & membership are fine.
6. I think it's current membership is OK - it includes members from all the different groups.
7. The council has a broad cross-representation from throughout the district and serves an important role of keeping constituencies informed about the budget process.

### Feedback regarding committee meetings

1. The length of the meetings is appropriate to cover the agenda. The participants' questions/concerns are addressed during the meetings, with follow-up information to be provided as necessary. The environment and tone seem to be comfortable and conducive to free expression of ideas and the discussion of issues. Transparency of information appears to be a clear goal of the DSP&BC. The minutes are not always posted in a timely manner; but there may be a good reason for the delay.
2. Seems OK.

3. I believe the meetings times are the appropriate length. I think we should format the meetings so that items that require discussion, deliberation or some sort of action are placed first on the agenda, and items that are for information only should be placed at the end of the agenda. This way we get to the heart of the meetings first and if we run late the informational items can be postponed or simply provided to the council members to read on their own.
4. seems like one way dialog sometimes but it might be the complexity of the budget stuff and the formatting of complicated spreadsheets. It's a big group and sometimes it's hard to hear all the speakers so microphones, standing up and projecting might help.
5. Sometimes it is unclear when you want feedback from the Council and when you are merely informing us. It's clear an enormous amount of preparation goes into the budget reports for the meeting. As with every meeting, it would be helpful to reiterate any decisions we've made at the end of the discussion and confirm what the next steps are.
6. There are times which I think the Council does NOT have enough time to fully discuss all the different matters presented at the meeting or discussion is being cut short because of the time issue.
7. Meetings stay within the schedule and the time is appropriate for the amount of information presented.

### Feedback regarding committee participation

1. I feel comfortable to speak freely and express concerns during the meetings. The Chancellor does an excellent job in setting an inclusive and supportive tone for the meetings. The Vice Chancellor and Associate Vice Chancellor, Business Services both do an outstanding job of providing clarification and further explanation of all presented information. The council members who are also participants in other councils/committees seem to have an especially good grasp of the presented information. Follow-up requested in prior meetings is identified and provided as appropriate.
2. The discussions include representation from all areas.
3. I feel my comments all those of every council member are valued. I feel we have good group and it seems that everyone participates. Meeting preparation has improved and the agenda items are getting up on the website quicker. I believe we are good at following up, if this is a problem we could track assignments and send out reminders regarding follow ups that are due at the next meeting
4. for the most part yes.
5. I feel valued. I think sometimes participation is stifled in order to avoid conflict, mis-interpretation, or to avoid stepping on someone's toes. Perhaps that is the nature of the beast when we are in the midst of BAT and when there have been stresses due to administrator vacancies and turnover. (I'm even considering erasing this comment, but truly, this occasional tension is the elephant in the room.)
6. Those who wish to participate, they do come prepared, they do follow-up any issues that needed further clarity (sometimes by e-mail), so all-in-all, the Council and it's members are doing a great job.
7. Meetings appear to be mainly for information-sharing by presenters, who are well-prepared.

## Respect of Stakeholders

**Table 2: Our committee has the respect and support of key stakeholders within the district. (n = 10)**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	90%
<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	10%
<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	0%
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	0%
<b>DK/NA</b>	0%

## Other Suggestions for Improvement

1. I think the council is very effective in providing transparency of information to its members, which can then be disseminated as appropriate to other groups. It might be helpful to simplify some of the budget worksheets and explanations to the council members who are new or not familiar with some of the terms (or who are a bit mathematically-challenged).
2. Not at this time.
3. The presentations by members on planning ,outcomes need to be better rehearsed and thought out. They aren't always meaningful or accurate.
4. Only possibly the time issue or the lack there of at some meeting to continue the discussion.
5. No.