

Financial & Budget Planning Advisory Council (FABPAC)

July 15, 2009 – 1:00 pm Board Room Adopted Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Andrew Cornelius ASSC
Richard Crapuchettes Local 39
Jay Field VP, T & LS
Tom Grube SCFA
Les Hubbard SCFA

Jeff Lamb Academic Senate
Jowel Laguerre Supt/President

Debbie Luttrell-Williams

Mary Ellen Murphy

CSEA

Lillian Nelson

ASSC, Alt

Terri Pearson-Bloom

SCFA

Dave Redfield Ed. Administrators

Susan Rinne Chair, Interim Dir, Fiscal Svcs

Robin Steinback VP, Academic Affairs
Marge Trolinder Classified Managers
John Urrutia Ed. Administrators
Lisa Waits VP, Student Services

Visitors:

Phil Andreini Dean, Humanities
Bob Myers Dean, PE/Athletics

Ab<u>sent</u>:

Dorothy Hawkes Academic Senate
Gail Kropp Academic Senate

Jeff Lehfeldt Local 39

Louis McDermott Academic Senate
Barbara Pavao Academic Senate

Cynthia Simon CSEA, Alt

Thomas Watkins Academic Senate

Diane White SCFA

I. Approve July 15 Agenda:

 Motion (Richard Crapuchettes), second (Les Hubbard) to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approve July 1 Meeting Minutes:

• Motion (Jeff Lamb), second (John Urrutia), to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Accreditation Status:

- Dr. Laguerre announced that with the District's improved accreditation status, much work is still ahead of us, with a follow-up report due October 15.
- The items noted in the ACCJC letter will be on the next agenda for FABPAC to go over. The committee is prominently noted in the letter and it will play a key role in continuing to show how we tie budget to the planning process (ACCJC Letter-Recommendation #2).
- Jeff Lamb reported that an Accreditation Advisory Group met just prior to FABPAC. The plan is to utilize the same structure and report format from the Show Cause Report. He advised that FABPAC can do much of the preliminary work—it was the de facto core group for the Show Cause Report. He said when faculty returns full-time on August 19 (start of fall semester), it will be all hands on deck to brainstorm, gather evidence, and write the report. FABPAC will make significant contributions to completing the report.
- Concern was expressed that ASSC wasn't represented on the advisory group. A notice will be sent to Shirley Lewis to designate a rep to serve.

IV. State Budget & District Budget:

- Susan Rinne distributed the People & Things List—Version 12—no changes from last time. Staff has begun work on 2009-10 and 2010-11 columns.
- Discussion on eCollege. Its contract is on tonight's Board agenda. As a result of the savings on the contract, at least one District position can be saved.
- The college has flexibility if it decides to modify the contract, cancel it, or move to another platform. There are academic/pedagogical implications to making any change and costs associated with it. However, the college will still do everything to save jobs.
- Ms. Rinne reviewed general apportionment, how it's calculated, and Solano's allocations and projected reductions from the budget cuts.
- The District was in restoration for 3 years. This means the District's last reported FTES base, 9182, wasn't reached for three years. The State backfills, or continues to fund for three years. We restored back to our base in 2008-09. The District grew its enrollment and the new base is 9368 FTES for 2009-10.
- The League projects that Solano will lose \$1.36 million from the State for 2009-10...we have accounted for \$706,000.
- In applying a deficit factor, it was calculated that Solano will receive \$98 for every \$100 the State allocates.
- For every \$1 the State raises in enrollment fees, we get to "keep" 20 cents.
 We do not generate additional revenue when enrollment fees go up.
- The college plans to improve its student accounts receivables in tracking, collecting, and mitigating. A line item in the September adopted budget will include a line item for "bad debt." VP Waits explained that receivables are steadily improving, with most monies coming in during late spring and summer.
- Kudos expressed to Susan Rinne for her work on the budget and giving excellent budget presentations at the Board meetings.
- Ms. Rinne provided a handout on various personnel-related reductions and estimated costs. She advised that a furlough day could affect retirement amounts. Taking an average salary for each group is projected to save \$123,669 each day. Also shown were estimated costs on healthcare benefits and step & column increases.

- It was reported that the reconvened Health Benefits Committee generated recommendations that went forward for negotiating w/ bargaining units, but were not accepted.
- The college should explore year-round 4/10 schedule and furloughs for faculty during flex-cal. Another challenge during the budget emergency is the community's need for more flexibility/offerings/access, and probable impact on growth and revenue. This issue is being grappled with State-wide.
- Dr. Laguerre noted that campus budget presentations are slated in the near future—with FABPAC involvement so it's not all coming from administration the committee plays a crucial role and it's part of its responsibility. We should do this regularly—not only when we're hurting.
- Ms. Rinne indicated she is working on the budget break-outs of the centers, etc. Also will research & work on operational costs.

V. Budget Process-Broad Discussion:

- Dr. Laguerre would like FABPAC to review its Role & Responsibilities at the next meeting. A copy will be sent to all members. He stated an eventual longrange goal is to build reserves so the college has capacity to weather tough budget conditions. We need to revisit, adjust if necessary and adhere to it.
- The "traditional" and "modified" budget development calendar will go out again—along with the strategic planning process calendar.

VI. Continue Work on List of Encroaching Programs:

- Still unknown is the exact amount of categorical program cuts—it widely varies from 10 to 62%. The college is planning around an "average" 57% cut (translates to \$2 million for SCC). The Student Services dept. is working on a spreadsheet. It's anticipated the State will remove/suspend mandates so districts have flexibility. Categorical monies to be allocated in the form of block grants to give local control.
- The college must determine what is legally mandated as opposed to "fringe" services. Student Services is already getting feedback on why some services cannot be done, and it's a difficult time for students.
- Once specific amounts are known, a spreadsheet will be prepared showing total allocation amount by area and projected cuts amount.

VII. Issues/Items for Next Agenda:

- Review FABPAC Roles & Responsibilities.
- Begin addressing ACCJC follow-up report due October 15.
- Better merging the Integrated Planning Process & Calendar with FABPAC.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

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