

Budget Committee Meeting
December 7, 2011
Minutes

Present: John Oester (Administrative Services), Betsy Regalado (Student Services), Bob Sprague (Academic Affairs), Olga Shewfelt (AFT Faculty Guild), Dionne Morrissette (AFT-Classified), Vidya Swaminathan (AFT Faculty Guild), Adrienne Foster (Academic Senate), Rob Hager (Academic Senate), Colleen Matsuhara (Academic Senate), Francine Zexter (Academic Senate), Hansel Tsai (Resource) Maureen O'Brien (Resource), Helen Lin (Resource), Fran Leonard (Guest)

1. Minutes of the October 19 meeting:

Minutes of the October 19 meeting were approved with one correction -- Vidya Swaminathan represents the AFT Faculty Guild.

2. District Budget Situation

The Legislative Analyst Office projects a \$3.7 billion shortfall. Tier 1 and 2 spending reductions will be triggered in December 2011. Enrollment fees will increase from \$36 per unit to \$46 per unit in summer of 2012. There will be a \$102 million revenue reduction for community colleges statewide. For fiscal 2011-12, LACCD has already reduced \$29 million in spending. District will absorb the additional \$11 million reduction when Tier 1 and 2 reductions go into effect. For 2012-13, LACCD may have a funding reduction of \$23-\$46 million. The Governor is introducing tax initiatives to increase state revenues.

3. West LA College Current Budget Projection

Latest financial projection shows an ending balance of \$898,511. If we did not have the prior year's ending balance carry-over, WLAC would end the current fiscal year with a \$900k deficit. We are estimating that the college will end 2012-13 with a deficit in excess of \$1 million. We are not yet projecting a significant workload reduction in 2012-13. The FON requirement for fall 2012 has been suspended due to insufficient state funding.

4. Draft VP Priority List

This is an information item only. All items were taken from Program Review requests. Items on the list include: Online Library Subscriptions, a Financial Aid Technician, 2 Custodians, a Research Analyst, a B-Shift Exam Proctor, a HVAC Lead Technician, Physics Equipment, an Auto Mechanic and a Registration Assistant. The only item that has commenced is the online library subscriptions at an expense of \$47,000.

5. Community Services Budget

Presentation made by Bob Sprague. The community services program (Westside Extension) began 15 years ago as a result of a recommendation from the Accrediting Commission. The total 2011-12 budget is \$849,671. Projected revenues are \$850,000. The college general fund receives a quarterly assessment of 10% of gross revenues from the community services program. Westside Extension also contributes in non-financial ways to the college in the areas of process development (online enrollment system) and marketing.

6. Budget Projection Comparisons

Two handouts were distributed to the Budget Committee. One handout compares the financial projection of November 2010 with the November 2011 financial projection. The other handout compares the financial projection on 10/26/10, showing a projected deficit of \$317,235, with the 2010-11 year-end actual, showing an ending balance of \$1,864,130.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in Winlock.