

BUDGET COMMITTEE
APRIL 29, 2009
MINUTES

Present: John Oester (Chair), Isabella Chung (Resource), Eloise Crippens (Academic Senate), MD Haque (Resource), Marilyn Ingram (AFT Classified), Meric Keskinel (Academic Senate), Helen Lin (Academic Affairs), Mark Rocha (President), Matt Robertson (AFT Faculty), Brandy Ruiz (ASO Treasurer)

Absent: Kathy Dickinson (AFT Classified), Betsy Regalado (Administration), Abel Rodriguez (SEIU), Olga Shewfelt (AFT Faculty)

I. Minutes for March 24, 2009, were approved.

II. Dr. Rocha attended the meeting and made the following comments:

- He thanked the committee members for serving on the Budget Committee in such a grim year.
- Budget Committee's central function is for shared governance to provide detail and recommendations to the College Council. College Council makes recommendations to the President.
- Present and upcoming year have difficult issues to deal with.
- 2008-09 bottom line projection is that West will end the year with a ½ a million deficit.
- Propositions on May 19 ballot will have an impact on the budget for next year. If the propositions do not pass, the legislators will have to deal with \$21 billion deficit. We project cut for LACCD is going to be \$20 million. The college will take a hit of \$1.1 million. This results in a \$2 million deficit. President urged the committee to shape the conversation about how the budget deficit can be handled.
- Top priority is to preserve the primary terms. Do not cut these two terms.

III. Revenue enhancement

Bob Sprague and Betsy Regalado are working on grant proposals to supplement general fund.

Handout: 2008-09 FTES 2nd period report

IV. Operating Statement

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- Winter and Spring hourly salaries higher than previously projected.
- Electricity higher than expected. Central plant project will create ice at night, save it, and use it for air conditioning during the day time. This will be the sole source of air conditioning for new Science building. Project will continue to General Classroom and Student Services Building. Project has been delayed and the utility budget will therefore be exceeded.
- Employee benefit cost is running higher than expected.
- May be possible to balance the books this year with the following actions:
 1. Drain all our carry-forward balances (cafeteria, bookstore, etc.)
 2. Offload expenses to SFPs as year end approaches.
- Any 2008-09 deficit will carry over to 2009-10.
- The District might suffer a \$20 million hit from the State. Current year won't be impacted after all by the \$1.1 million reduction proposed earlier in the year.

- District already reduced the District Office operating budget by \$6.9 million, but will not disburse any of this until later. If we get \$500,000 back, then we should be able to balance the budget.
- Mr. Oester reviewed a list of possible 2009-10 options. We do not want to get to option #9, which would require the layoff of full time employees. This would involve March 15 letters for certificated and bumping rights for classified.

Next meeting will be by May 27, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Winlock.