

BUDGET COMMITTEE
JUNE 24, 2009
MINUTES

Present: John Oester (Chair), Isabella Chung (Resource), Kathy Dickinson (AFT Classified), MD Haque (Resource), Christina Misner (AFT Classified, Alt), Hansel Tsai (Resource)

Absent: Betsy Regalado (Administration), Meric Keskinel (Academic Senate), Brandy Ruiz (ASO Treasurer), Eloise Crippens (Academic Senate), Marilyn Ingram (AFT Classified), Helen Lin (Academic Affairs), Ebonea Mc Alister (ASO), Matt Robertson (AFT Faculty), Abel Rodriguez (SEIU), Olga Shewfelt (AFT Faculty)

- I. Correction was made to minutes for May 27, 2009. On the list of budget reductions # 9 should read receiving \$2,500 a week (not \$25,000).
- II. Review results of preferences for budget options.
Handouts: Possible 2009-10 Budget Options and the tally sheet
 - # 1 – Two items ranked #1 which would reduce water usage and reduce power.
 - #3 - International Students: There is already an attempt to increase international students in next year's budget in the net amount of \$250,000
 - #4 – Eliminate Winter 2010: District has already made a decision to eliminate Winter 2010.
 - #5 - Don't hire any employees. President has canceled all faculty searches.
 - #6 - Two items tied for #6.
 - A. Increase parking fee. There has been some discussion on this. President should make a decision before September.
 - B. Close campus on Fridays. West chose not to close on Fridays.
 - #8 - Reduce NDA credit courses. These classes are valuable to the student, but do not transfer.
 - #9 - Reduce Summer 2. Summer 2 has been canceled by the Board of Trustees.
 - #10 – Voluntary one month furloughs for all “D” basis employees. Has been discussed and was rejected by District.
 - #11 – Off load all purchases to SFP. Does not seem achievable.
 - #12 – Scan documents: This is a goal.
 - #13 – Reduce release time. District canceling all release time on June 30. If college President strongly feels a release time position is needed, he can make his case to the Chancellor.

#14 – Reduce non-credit offerings.

This would include Westside extension. Kathy Dickinson discussed how Westside Extension classes work covering the cost of the class and instructor including a set amount above that to make some revenue. Classes that do not meet that standard are reviewed and some have a second semester to try and meet the standard.

#15 - Consolidate department chairs. This is an academic matter. Chair of CEMA is retiring and possibly his position will be consolidated with another chair or covered by a Dean.

III. Budget Status

Handout: Operating Statement dated June 24, 2009

Current year deficit of \$612,000 projected.

Stipends for Distance Learning doubled from Fall to Spring. For Spring it was \$111,000. This will add an additional \$61,000 to the deficit.

Have to carry forward into next year what is left this year.

Fall has been sharply reduced which would bring 2009-10 deficit down to \$1,075,329.

Furloughs will affect classified and administrators, but not full-time faculty. Estimated savings from furloughs for salaries and benefits is estimated to be \$415,996. Savings in benefits is probably overstated. This will reduce the \$1,075,329 to a deficit of \$659,000.

IV. Solving the budget problems – possibilities

A. Reduction in cost of medical benefits. However, this would only apply to half a year because benefits renew in January.

B. District Office reduction

\$6.9 million reduction for the current year

\$6.9 million reduction for next year

Should generate some flow back to campuses by September.

C. Increased fees from \$20 to \$26. \$80 million revenue statewide. This will backfill some cuts by allowing them to decrease the cuts in categorical programs.

If categorical cuts are so deep that the programs can't pay salaries, the operating budget must pay the remainder of the salary for permanent employees. This could cost \$100,000+ to support the people in Student Services. Academic Affairs has not reviewed their programs yet.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.