

BUDGET COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2008  
MINUTES

Present: John Oester (Chair), Isabella Chung (Resource), Eloise Crippens (Academic Senate), MD Haque (SEIU), JoAnn Haywood (Classified AFT), Meric Keskinel (Academic Senate), Helen Lin (Administration), Christina Misner (Classified AFT Alt), Olga Shewfelt (AFT Faculty), and guest Vidya Swaminathan (Math Department)

Absent: Betsy Regalado (Administration), Brandy Ruiz (ASO Treasurer), Hansel Tsai (Resource)

Minutes for May 29, 2008 were approved.

I. MEMBERSHIP

A list of committee members was distributed. One member and one alternate are still needed for AFT faculty. Olga will let us know the representatives by the end of the month. One member is still needed for AFT Classified.

II. STATE BUDGET 2008-09

Both houses say they are going to pass the agreed upon State budget. Governor said he will veto. Houses may override. However, the Governor will refuse to sign all bills if they override, so further compromise may be forthcoming.

Handout: Letter from Jeanette Gordon, 2008-09 State Budget/Cash Flow, Sept. 16, 2008

- Vendor payments will be made as late as possible without incurring a penalty.
- Purchasing freeze on non-instructional supplies and equipment.
- Hiring freeze: SFP hiring will be okay unless it is funded by the State.
- Suspend employment to general purpose unclassified assignments in Program 10100 (except student workers).
- No Cal Grant can be distributed until budget is signed. Glenn Schenk believes that SEOG grants which are federal funds can be distributed earlier, and Cal Grant when the budget is signed.
- \$800 million to \$900 million State funds already due to community colleges in July and August. LACCD did not receive any funds, and will not receive September.
- LACCD reserves cover payroll until the end of September. District will borrow money in October, if needed, to meet payroll.

III. 2007-08 DISTRICT-WIDE BUDGET (JUNE 30, 2008)

Handout: 2007-08 Open Orders and Ending Balances

- West was one of five with positive balance.
- West surplus was \$582,074
- District reserves are \$35 million with a \$13.8 million reserve belonging to East and Pierce with a small portion from West.

IV. WLAC YEAR END BALANCE COMPARISON

Handout: WLAC YE Balance Chart

- Comparison from 2002-03 to 2007-08
- 2006-07 and 2007-08 West had balanced budgets.

## V. FTES STATUS

- 2007-08 achieved 7,265 FTES.
- 2008-09 budget currently predicated on 8,000 FTES.
- Confident we will reach 8,000. Expect head count to reach 12,000+.
- 8,000 FTES projection includes:
  - Summer 2 500 (reached 590)
  - Fall 3,240
  - Winter 485
  - Spring 3,240
  - Summer 1 535
- We will have a Fall 2 starting October 27.
- If every vacancy was filled, nobody retired mid-term, and we spent everything budgeted, we need 8,133 FTES to break even. We won't fill every vacancy, people will leave mid-term, and we won't spend everything budgeted. We should still reach 8,133 FTES.

## VI. 2008-09 PLANNING AND BUDGETING CALENDAR

Handout: 2008-09 Planning and Budgeting Calendar for 2009-2011 Fiscal Year

- Column 1 includes dates for Program Review and deadlines for department chairs.
- Column 2 Vice Presidents
- Column 3 President
- Column 4 is Committees. The Budget Committee meetings were set for the Wednesday following the District Budget Committee.
- Column 5 is shared governance. Need dates on FPIP process and Planning Committee dates. Some meetings were plugged in by how they met last year.
- Column 6 is Business Office
- Column 7 is District Office. Some of these items refer to 08-09 such as monthly and quarterly reports. The other items are mandated events.

Olga stated that this is a good road map for steps for planning and budget and meets accreditation's request for coordination of committees.

## DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

- District needed 24 F/T faculty to avoid a fine. Deadline is October 15. Several other colleges still have four or five positions they are intending to fill.
- FPIP makes the recommendations and it should then come to budget committee to see how the positions would be funded.
- Isabella suggested that the planning and budget committees be combined. Olga suggested that this idea be brought to College Council. Olga mentioned that each committee has specific and different charges. She prefers joint meetings when the need arises.
- It was also suggested that we hold a line item in the budget for ancillary activities for potential jobs for adjunct faculty.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be October 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Winlock Lounge.