

BUDGET COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009
MINUTES

Present: John Oester (Chair), Marilyn Ingram (AFT Classified), Eloise Crippens (Academic Senate), Helen Lin (Academic Affairs), Juanita Doris (ASO Treasurer), Matt Robertson (AFT Faculty), Betsy Regalado (VP, Student Services), Robert Sprague (VP, Academic Affairs), Meric Keskinel (Academic Senate), Rebecca Tillberg (Dean, College Planning and Research), Robert Hager (Instructor, PE), Fran Leonard (Chair, College Council), Isabella Chung (Resource), MD Haque (Resource), Hansel Tsai (Resource)

I. Discussion

- President Rocha wanted to attend the meeting. However, he had to go to a Board meeting. The message he wanted to convey to the members of the budget committee is that the budget situation does not look good for any of the nine colleges in the district. The colleges that enjoyed significant surpluses in the past have also experienced deficits in the last fiscal year. The situation is expected to get worse and the president urged the budget committee to come forward with a plan to increase revenues and decrease expenses.
- Future Budget Committee meeting dates will be scheduled one week after the District Budget Committee meeting dates
- Next fiscal year is expected to be worse than the current year with further cuts District-wide and State-wide. The college must come up with solutions to resolve current and future budget shortfalls.
- Vice President Sprague was asked about plans for the winter semester. He noted that Academic Affairs is planning to offer a very small winter session. Only 25 classes would be offered with a total target of 100 FTES. All classes would be for credit and transferable to four year colleges. It was also proposed that the course offerings for spring 2010 semester should be similar to spring of 2009.

II. Handouts

- WLAC 2009-10 Planning and Budgeting Calendar for 2010-11 Fiscal Year. This is an attempt to integrate planning and budgeting throughout the year with shared governance in mind. The information printed in red are relatively firm dates while those printed in black will firm up as new information is received.
- The WLAC Operating Statement was reviewed. Mr. Oester explained that the college is currently projecting over a million dollar deficit. The employee benefits expense was reduced due to changes in the health plan carrier. However, the district also reduced the college revenue by the same amount.

III, FTES Target

- A question was raised regarding the college's FTES target for FY 2009-10. The District has set an enrollment target not to exceed 2% above the recently

reduced FTES funding base. The cap for the District is 101,583 FTES. With a 2% margin, this is 103,617 FTES and the revised base for WLAC is as follows:

Revised Base 7,045 FTES

Revised Base with 2% 7,186 FTES

Based on the information provided by Academic Affairs, the college FTES target is at 7,312.

IV. Motion

- A motion was initiated by Ms. Eloise Crippens to keep the Winter 2010 session as planned. The motion was approved with a 6-1 vote.

V. Mr. Oester will provide the Committee members with detailed information on budget expenses and custodial vacancies at the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, at 2:00 p.m. in Winlock.