

Los Angeles Community College District

District Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2013

1:30-3:30 p.m., Board Room, District Office

Roll Call X Indicates Present

Academic Senate

David Beaulieu X
Joseph Perret
Dana Cohen X
Jeff Hernandez X
Lauren McKenzie
Allison Moore

L.A. Faculty Guild

Joanne Waddell X
Olga Shewfelt X
Sandra Lee
John McDowell* X
Armida Ornelas X
Rudy Ordonez

Unions/Association

Bobbi Kimble X
or Allison Jones
Lubov Kuzmik
Leila Menzies X
James Bradley
Velma Butler
Richard A. Rosich
Jim Adams

College Presidents

Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh X
Kathleen F. Burke* X
Sue Carleo X
Jack E. Daniels III X
Larry Frank
Farley Herzek**
Marvin Martinez X
Renee Martinez X
Monte Perez X

Student Trustee Rep

LaMont Jackson

* DBC CO-chairs

** Interim

Also Present

Resource Persons

Adriana Barrera
Jeanette Gordon
Yasmin Delahoussaye
Cathy Iyemura
Maury Pearl
Vinh Nguyen
Karen Martin
Betsy Regalodo
Michael Shanahan
Tom Hall
Jim O'Reilly
Falicito Cajayon

Guests

Leticia Barajas
Violet Amrikhas
Daniel Villanueva
Paul Carlson
Ann Tomlinson
Ken Takeda
John Freitas
Maureen O'Brien
Greg Mazzarella
Carlos Covarabbius
Tom Furukawa
Josh Miller
Deborah Kaye
Michelle Fowles
Monica Moreno

1. **Call to Order** by Co-Chair John McDowell at 1:45 pm.

2. **M/S/P Agenda as presented**

3. **M/S/P Minutes for July 17, 2013** – with the following changes: remove the names Sandra Lee and Rudy Ordonez who were not yet members of the DBC; on 4.b. add “as requested” so the motion would read **M/S/P provide supplemental funding as requested from the contingency reserve for accreditation activities to Mission and Valley Colleges**; on 4.c. Reserve Policy add the words “once approved” at the very end of that sentence; on item 6 change the dates to 2012-13; and finally, on item 7 change the dates to 2013-14.

4. **Executive Committee Report & Recommendations (Gordon)**

a. College Debt Repayment

Executive Committee Proposed Debt Repayment Policy was presented which included: 1) Limiting annual repayment to no more than 3% of college budget; 2) Policy for giving colleges a method of receiving debt relief upon fulfilling certain conditions; and 3) Suspension of debt payments for one year when colleges have a new president.

These proposals were discussed at some length and numerous changes were offered, then all but the first item of limiting debt to 3% were referred back to the Executive Committee.

M/S/P Limit annual college debt repayment obligation to 3% of the college’s final budget allocation.

b. District Office Positions

Chancellor Barrera reported that 5 new positions at the District Office were included in the tentative budget. She stated that, though she was not present, the Board has requested these positions at a retreat. The item was being presented as information only as this was a *fait accompli* since the district has increased its budget \$789,856 by assessing the colleges.

Numerous members raised concerns about failure to bring this item to the DBC in advance, and Chancellor Barrera pledged that in the future this will not happen again. It was suggested that the chancellor formulate a policy on communication from the chancellor to the DBC.

c. Funding for Accreditation Activities

Valley and Mission Colleges requested (and DBC recommended at the previous meeting) funding in the amount of \$279,000 and \$124,500 respectively to assist with accreditation activities as had been given previously to three other colleges. The issue was raised again to consider an ongoing fund for such costs, and that was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

DBC recommended that the source of supplemental funding for accreditation activities at Mission and Valley come from the contingency reserve, but a member of the Board Budget committee preferred it be funded in the final budget, not by the contingency reserve so Jeanette

Gordon stated that change had been made.

Also, it was suggested to follow up on the request to have the Executive Committee examine an institutional approach to the issue of supplemental funding for accreditation assistance and recommend a long term approach.

5. District-wide Initiatives on Student Recruitment 2013-14

Perrin Reid presented a brief report was given about various campus recruitment activities.

6. FON Update

Dr. Barrera presented a brief report on full time faculty hiring.

7. 2012-13 Enrollment Update

Cathy Iyemura gave a brief update on enrollment.

8. 2013-14 Preliminary Year End Balances & Open Orders (Gordon)

Jeanette Gordon reported the preliminary ending balance of \$59.5 million (roughly 12%). The District is still working to finalize by the end of June. If any of the RDA funding comes in that would also be part of the ending balance.

9. Proposed 2013-14 Final Budget

Jeanette Gordon reported on the Board Budget committee and distributed copies of the tentative Proposed Final Budget.

M/S/P Motion to approved the Proposed Final Budget as presented.

M/S/P to extend the meeting 15 minutes to 3:45

10. DBC Recommendations to the Chancellor

Recommendations for the Funding of a 2% above state funded growth cap and Funding for Accreditation Activities at Mission and Colleges will be forwarded to the Chancellor for considerations.

11. Other Business –

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm. The next meeting will take place on September 18