



RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BUDGET ALLOCATION AND PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE – WORKGROUP



**Meeting Notes – September 17, 2008**

Members Present: Peter Hardash, John Hernandez, John Grindel, Steve Kawa, Noemi Kanouse, Gina Huegli, Thao Nguyen, Sergio Sotelo, and Jeff McMillan

Peter opened the meeting at 2:30.

**Topics Discussed:**

1. **State Budget Update:** The 2008-09 state budget has not been approved. The Governor plans to veto the budget passed by the Legislature as of 9/16/08. For California Community Colleges, most features were unchanged from the Governor's August Compromise; enrollment growth at 2%, funded categorical programs at 2007-08 levels. The notable exception was an inclusion of a .68% COLA on general purpose apportionment (no COLA is provided for categorical program funds). The current budget passed by the Legislature is guaranteeing midyear cut.

No apportionment payments have been received for July, August, and September. It was instituted in order to address cash flow concerns. Due to this, many districts will be out of cash and forced to borrow. Rancho has board approval to borrow funds from other fund (ie. Self Insurance Fund) that has money except the bond fund. After that, Rancho will borrow from the County Treasurer. It would only cost us the lost interest we would have earned. The Board also approves the advancement of Cal Grant B & C.

2. **2008-2009 District Proposed Adopted Budget:**

The General Fund balance for June 30, 2008 was expected to be near \$18 million. With the frost and freeze that we had; however, the final number came in at \$15.7 million. This balance includes carryovers of unspent one-time money received in 2007-08. We have been deficit spending, and even though we already have cut \$3 million for the Tentative Budget and approximate \$3.5 million for the Adopted budget. We may need to cut an additional \$4 million more before the year's over in order to not have a reduction in force.

The current list of vacant positions will be defunded and if there is a need for any positions, a proof of needs and funding source need to be provided to cabinet for approval. Mr. Hernandez is concerned about the freeze with the implementing of the Datatel student system. Also we should only match for special project what is requires of us to match.

3. **FTES:** We are over the 2008-2009 target by 1,032 FTES. Since we are over target, and that most if not all other Districts are growing. There is an additional District being added to the System, we probably will not be funded for the extra FTES due to budget cuts, the critical task is not to increase class sections and instructional cost but to be more efficient. SAC is considering 25% cut to Intersession.
4. **Others:** Questions was raised about positions offered but not board approved? Mr. Hardash directed the questions needs to be addressed to John Didion. Everything that is on the Board Agenda for September 22, 2008 would be a done deal. Questions were raised about Sabbaticals and whether

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the District will honor it? Mr. Hardash said, for all those that were approved, they will honor it, for other requesting for Sabbaticals, the College needs to look at it carefully before granting it. Banked Leave was also brought up, and that Banked Leave is the Faculty prerogative, when using Banked Leave it will be the District prerogative to allow or disallow it. The presidents will decide based on the Colleges needs at the time.

Mr. McMillan shared the Question about BAPR from Bonnie Jaros for the accreditation with questions. Mr. Kawa will follow up with the answers.

Mr. Kawa shared a list of Recommendations Based on Feedback from Survey and Opinion of the Group. It will be taken to Budget Allocation and Planning Review Committee as an action items.

**Upcoming Work Group Meetings:** Garden Grove Room, DO, Wednesdays; 2:30 – 4:00

October 22, 2008

November 12, 2008

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.