
Guest: L. Anceno (Student Senate)

The meeting came to order at 1:10pm in the Facilities Conference Room. Spreadsheets regarding the deficit reduction plan, proposed cuts, and the 2008-09 operational plan projections were distributed.

L. McKenzie began the meeting by relaying Jim Stanbury’s request for the college to have a single interpretation of what the fiscal problems of the college are. L. McKenzie referred everyone to the 08/09 projection spreadsheet. Our expenditures for 07/08 were $32,562,000, revenue was $29,203,000, leaving a deficit of $3.3M. For 08/09, we projected our expenditures to be the same as last year while our revenue was decreased to $28,910,000. This increases the deficit to $3.6M. This is the official fiscal picture of the college as requested by CPC. This may change depending on additional money or additional expenditures.

A. Tomlinson explained that the colleges with a deficit must present a deficit reduction plan to the Fiscal Policy and Review Committee which is a subcommittee of the District Budget Committee. She referred everyone to the budget deficit plan review packet. She reviewed the budget, expenditures, FTES and allocation for 07/08 and 08/09. Harbor’s expenditures were ranked with other district colleges. She also did a comparison of FTEF over the past three years.

Reducing the number of sections offered, closing sections with low enrollment, raising class size to the mid 30’s, changes to winter intercession and summer I, and fund raising were all discussed as a means of reducing the deficit.

A. Tomlinson discussed in detail the proposed cuts spreadsheet explaining how much each cluster proposes to reduce expenditures in their area. The total proposed cut is $1,435,908. In addition to over $1M in cutbacks, the college will have to operate with less money.
Questions were raised about the $84M district wide account and whether the district office was held to the same standards as the colleges. L. McKenzie reported most of the money in the district wide account is used for benefits and elections.

L. Spink reminded everyone of the Chancellor’s open forum on September 18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Some issues to discuss will be the deficit, FTEF goals, and centralization vs. decentralization.

Dr. Spink will present Harbor’s reduction plan to the review committee on September 24.

The meeting ended at 2:15pm. Future meetings will be scheduled as needed.