



## PLANNING AND BUDGETING COUNCIL (PBC) MEETING MINUTES

**Present:** Mike Bush (*co-chair*), Diane Eberhardy (*co-chair*), Graciela Casillas-Tortorelli, Catalina Yang, Armine Derdarian, Amy Edwards, Tom O'Neil, Jonas Crawford, Cesar Flores, Elissa Caruth, Alan Hayashi, Chris Renbarger, Veronica Isais, Lisa Hopper, Oscar Cobian, Carolyn Inouye, Linda Fa'asua, Linda Kamaila, Art Sandford, Cynthia Herrera, Luis Gonzalez

**Absent:** Leo Orange, Richard Williams, ASG Rep, Christina Tafoya

**Guest(s):**

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Meeting Date: **02/15/17**      Minutes Approved: **01/18/17**      Recorded By: Darlene Inda

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**AN = Action Needed    AT = Action Taken    D = Discussion    I = Information Only**

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### **DISCUSSION/DECISIONS**

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| I. Called to Order              | I,AT | The meeting was called to order at 2:03p.m.   |
| II. Public Comment              | I    | No comment.   |
| III. Adoption of the Agenda     | I,AT | The committee reviewed the agenda as presented. T. O'Neill moved to approve, C. Renbarger seconded and <i>the agenda was approved unanimously.</i>  |
| IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes | I,AT | The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from November 16, 2016. A. Edwards moved to approve the minutes as presented, L. Gonzalez seconded, and <i>the minutes were approved unanimously.</i>  |
| V. Governor's Proposed Budget   | I    | M. Bush said the State revenues are slipping but there is a maneuver they do under Prop 98 which has a minimum funding guarantee that gives you what you had before. The governor is not doing substantial cuts to the educational budget and should be viewed as a maintenance budget. He tends to have a more robust May revise. He also has guided pathways for community colleges and has some innovation grants and COLA for EOPS, DSPS and CalWORKs. The governor will fund 1.48% COLA for unrestricted general fund, growth and access will be 1.34% on statewide. 2% of our district was allowed to grow .5%. |

Another piece of budget news he spoke about was PERS and rates that are controlled by a Board. PERS board lowered the discount rate to what they feel they'll yield on their investments. They lowered it down to 7%. Currently, we pay 13.88% and by 2023-2024 we will pay 28.2%. This is the employers rate, not the employees rate. The Board could eventually change the employees rate and the District does not currently have a plan for this.

The state of California did pension reform and made changes in the law and you now have different generations on how your benefits will be paid out. You will gradually increase as you pass the legislation and should be on track. The number for actuarial's for STRS are cautious but looking good. As a district we continue to struggle with how we are going to pay for STRS and currently have a two-year plan.

Other issues are health, not just our health expense, but also our retiree health expense. We are looking to get enough money to pay into a trust and when we add up all our benefits, we are over 60% in salary. A. Hayashi added when the change was made to STRS, we have a 7-year projection and an idea of what the increased cost will be. There have been discussions on how to mitigate those increases.

M. Bush emphasized that it's not as bad as we were expecting, but there is another unknown, the federal administration. We did not speculate on the risks and budget does not account for any of them and it would not be prudent to budget for an administration that isn't in office yet. The biggest risk to the state is the Affordable Care Act.

The last item that is still an unknown is if our federal grants been apportioned already. He's working with the District on this and if it's already been done, it's likely it can't be touched. If not, it can be reduced. Dr. El Fattal is looking at those that may be at risk for a budgetary reduction.

## VI. Strategic Plan Update

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C. Azari invited the committee on January 27<sup>th</sup> for a "College Vision and Review" event. If you attend you get a barbeque. This is an interactive experience and it's important to attend for our internal organization and give your input. The event will be held at 12:00pm in Condor Hall.

Also discussed was the Charrette which will be held in the Performing Arts Building Black Box on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00pm-6:00pm. We will be inviting external partners and stakeholder's and will be opening it up to the steering committee and others on campus. We want feedback from our students who are transferring, and to find out what it means to have a successful student.

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| VII. Informational Item:<br>Accreditation Update | I | The college has not received the letter yet, but it is due this week and we are anxiously waiting. We are not anticipating any surprises.   |
| VIII. Other                                      | I | PEPC's recommendation on faculty hiring will be on the next agenda. C. Inouye said it was an amended list from over a year ago and added positions from this year. Non-instructional faculty will either come from Student Services program review or Instructional Services for support. |
| IX. Adjournment                                  | I | The meeting adjourned at 2:49pm.  |
| X. Future PBC Meeting                            | I | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ February 15, 2017</li> </ul>   |