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Minutes

Thursday, September 3, 2015 3:00PM
Student Services Building, Room 414

Present:

Iris Ingram	Co-Chair, VPAS
Olga Shewfelt	Co-Chair, AFT Faculty
Hansel Tsai	Resource, Admin Services
Rasel Menendez	Resource, Admin Services
Helen Lin	Resource, Academic Affairs
Rebecca Tillberg	PIE Committee
Vidya Swaminathan	AFT Faculty
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1. Call to Order: 3:25 PM

The meeting was called to order by the co-chair at 3:25 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

The approval for the April 23rd meeting minutes was deferred due to lack of quorum.

3. Old Business

a. District Budget Committee (June 17 and August 12)

Co-chairs Shewfelt and Ingram shared with the group the topics discussed at the DBC meetings. Professor Shewfelt mentioned that FY 15-16 is the best budget year we have had in the past decade. Our annual budget allocation is already significantly higher than in FY 14-15. About \$57.7 million dollars from the State Mandate Reimbursements and additional base allocation are still to be allocated by the District to the Colleges. The DBC had completed its recommendations to the Chancellor on how to allocate the amount. The Chancellor has submitted to the Board his recommendations. The Board will decide on the recommendations during their next meeting, after its finance and budget sub-committee meets this month. Olga also shared that the Sheriff contract will be handled differently this year. It used to be paid by the District and expenses are allocated and assessed to the Colleges. This year, the budget to pay the Sheriff costs (about \$18M District-wide) is allocated to the Colleges. As a result, West's budget allocation this year is increased by about \$1.8M, West's share of the Sheriff's contract costs.

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b. Accreditation

VP Ingram reported that the write-ups for Standards III. A, B, C, and D are in various stages of review process. She also stated that once they are completely reviewed, they will be available for everyone to look at through the Accreditation Committee's website. Olga encouraged all the members of the committee to read and review the write-ups.

4. New Business:

a. District Permanent Budget

Iris did a budget presentation and explained West's general fund ending balance for FY 14-15 and budget allocation for FY 15-16. Iris mentioned that on her first day, she, along with the senior management of West, met with the CFO and District Budget group. The projected ending balance then was only about \$35,000. After receiving additional allocations from the District and other general fund cost saving measures implemented, West ended the fiscal year with a \$ 1,043,688 general fund ending balance.

For the FY 15-16 Budget (which is still to be adopted by our Board of Trustees) LACCD received from the State \$14,656,981 growth money. This growth money has been distributed to the Colleges. Iris mentioned that LACCD is about 9% of the State's budget. LACCD also got \$5,277,189, 1.02% COLA and has distributed this to the Colleges; \$57,669,052 State Mandate Reimbursement that it partially distributed to Colleges, partially retained and partially being reviewed for allocation. The State has increased Community Colleges' base allocation funding, to fund increases in operating expenses (i.e. increase in STRS and PERS contribution). This funding was allocated based on FTEs and LACCD received \$25,548,513. LACCD also got \$4,151,071 for Enhanced Non-Credit Rate Increase and \$2,919,963 for Ongoing Block Grant which have not been distributed to the Colleges. Full-Time Faculty Hiring funding allocation received by the District was \$5,756,401 and was distributed to the Colleges based on FTEs. West received about \$400K. Other funding received by the District this FY included Student Success, Student Equity, Deferred Maintenance and Basic Skills/Student Outcomes. West also received \$250,000 additional funding, which is to be spent for its Bachelor's Program.

Iris illustrated that so far, West was allocated about \$5.5M more than its final budget allocation in FY 14-15. She also shared with the committee the apportionment rates for credit FTEs (\$4,675), Enhanced Non-Credit FTEs (\$4,675) and Non-Credit FTEs (\$2,811). The rate for Enhanced Non-Credit FTEs doubled from prior year. Interim President Bob Sprague mentioned that there is room for West to grow in that area. Previously, West did not invest in that area because the costs to run those programs do not justify the low apportionment rates West gets from the State.

b. 4th Quarter Report/Meeting – deferred

c. Proposed Meeting Schedule



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Iris asked the group if Fourth Thursday of each month is still a good date for everybody for the Budget Committee meetings. She also asked if the committee should meet during the Summer. Iris will send the proposed meeting schedule to everyone. The discussion on whether the group will meet during summer or not will be postponed to the next meeting on September 24th. Ara Aguiar stated that she represents the Academic Affairs as acting VP. Therefore, Teamsters will need another representative. The committee also agreed to meet at 3PM.

d. Joint Meeting of Budget and PIE Committees- Recommendation -

Budget and PIE Committee members met on May 2015 and one of the recommendations during the meeting was:

“Members present at the May 28, 2015 joint meeting of the PIE and Budget Committees strongly recommend that the incoming Vice President of the Administrative Services consult with AFT 1521 and SEIU leadership, to produce a full draft of the Classified Staffing Plan, for presentation to the campus in September 2015”.

VPAS Ingram said she has been talking to the classified union leadership to address this recommendation. She said her target is to have a plan by October. She will present the plan to the Budget Committee during the next meeting on September 24th

Rebecca added that the next joint meeting will be on October 22, 2015. This meeting is to evaluate the processes that are currently implemented by the committees and to revisit the measures done that link planning with budgeting.

5. Adjournment: 4:30 pm

Next meeting: September 24, 2015