

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
District Budget Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, March 17, 2023

[Zoom Conference Link](#)

Phone: 1 (669) 444-9171 Meeting ID: 834 4461 4634
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - January 20, 2023
- III. State and District Budget Update
- IV. Other
 - Workgroup on Grant Post-Award Policies, Processes, and Procedures Update
 - Unique Program Allocation Recommendation
- V. Future Meetings (Zoom)
 - Friday, April 21, 2023
 - Friday, May 19, 2023
 - Thursday, June 15, 2023

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Zoom Conference Call Meeting Recording:
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Aaron S. Brown	(District)
Misty Griffin	(District)
Felipe Galicia	(Moreno Valley College)
Mark Sellick	(Riverside City College)
Jennifer Bielman	(Riverside City College)
Liz Tatum	(Riverside City College)
Kristine DiMemmo	(Riverside City College)
Majd Askar	(Moreno Valley College)
Nader Ghopreal	(Moreno Valley College)
Michael Collins	(Norco College)
Courtney Buchanan	(Norco College)
Paula Barrera	(Norco College)
Esmeralda Abejar	(Norco College)
Gloria Aguilar	(Recorder)

Members Not Present

Elia Blount	(Riverside City College)
Kimberly Bell	(Norco College)
Asatar Bair	(Riverside City College)
Edd Williams	(Moreno Valley College)

Guests Present

Rebecca Goldware	(Riverside City College)
Laurie McQuay-Peninger	(Riverside City College)
Maria Romero-Tang	(Norco College)

I. CALLED TO ORDER

A. By Aaron Brown

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Once a quorum was achieved, DiMemmo moved, and Collins seconded approval of the minutes for November 17, 2022. Sellick Abstained.

III. STATE AND DISTRICT BUDGET UPDATE

A. Brown reviewed the FY 2023-24 Governor's Budget Proposal handouts and presentation. He shared that many changes have occurred since last year. A lot of deferred maintenance and special programs were assigned. Currently, it looks like a \$22.5 billion shortfall.

1. Prop 98 revised to \$108.8 billion for FY 2023-24. Community Colleges' share is 10.93%, and the remaining balance goes to K-12.
2. Growth at .50%, COLA at 8.13%, and significant adjustments for property taxes, enrollment fees, and changes in the Educational Protection Act results in a decrease of funding by \$314.4 million. These reductions are reflected in the Student Center Funding Formula. Currently, there are no one-time restricted revenues in the budget proposal.
3. Restricted ongoing revenues and restricted one-time revenues were reviewed briefly.
4. Deferred maintenance and instruction equipment funding, reductions, and potential challenges reviewed.
5. Capital projects (10 continuing projects) included in Prop 51 State GO Bond. One of the 10 includes the Norco College project – Center for Human Performance and Kinesiology. However, we are obligated to come up with our portion of the match, or we will not receive the allocation. The funding is not due as of yet, and it is included in the budget.
6. Briefly reviewed the Pension Relief (not included at this time), Hold Harmless Protection (no changes, expiration is still FY 2024-25), Emergency Conditions Allowance (will end FY 2022-23), Student Housing Grant Program, Enrollment Recovery Monitoring, and Dual Enrollment Service Learning.
7. Ghopreal asked a question on the Joint Analysis on page 12 regarding Fire Protection and asked for further understanding on how this applies to RCCD. Brown stated that no further information had been provided yet and is not sure at the moment.
8. Ghopreal asked a question in PowerPoint Presentation – CalPERS increased to 27%. Brown shared that no funding is provided for CalPERS or CalSTRS employer rate increases. These costs become part of the employer's cost structure.
9. Askar asked if the PPIS funding was redirected to enrollment funding. Brown said the funding has shifted and is not final until May.
10. Galicia inquired about the reduction in maintenance and equipment funds. When the final reduction is in place, will this be reduced by the current funding formula for the colleges? Yes, and Brown has requested Hussain Agah and the Facilities council to begin reviewing this potential issue and begin developing contingency plans should this reduction occur.
11. The group expressed no further comments or questions.

IV. OTHER

A. GRAN POST – Award Policies, Processes, and Procedures.

1. The FCMAT engaged with various departments across the district in 2021. Their report and recommendations have been received.
2. Personnel from the Business Services and Grants departments from the colleges and district offices will form the group to review the recommendations.
3. Business Services: Misty Griffin (DO), Michele Arnold (DO), Nader (MVC), Elia Blount (RCC), and Esmeralda Abejar (NC).
4. Grant Offices: Laurie McQuay-Peninger (Do), Mark Figueroa (MVC), Gustavo Segura (NC), Rachel Weiss (RCC), and Kanani Hoopai (DO).
5. Chair Rebecca Goldware, Co-Chair Aaron Brown

6. Cristina Cervantes will assist with administrative needs for the group.
7. Goldware shared that the post-award group will identify items from the report they would like to move forward with and develop comprehensive recommendations.
8. Brown is recommending a structure for the group: this workgroup will report up to DBAC, will be a standing item on the DBAC agenda, have monthly reports on updates and progress, have a definitive charge for DBAC to review, have detailed timelines on what is planned to be accomplished, provide ongoing progress reports of achievements and discussions for DBAC to review and provide input, bring recommendations to DBAC for review, and recommendations to move forward.
9. Discussion surrounding if the workgroup will cover the pre-award and grant application process occurred. The report is mainly focused on post-award grant management and does touch on these areas.
10. Goldware and Brown are requesting for DBAC to approve the temporary subgroup and reporting structure formally
11. Motion to approve the Grant Post – Awards, Policies, Process, and Procedures workgroup. 2nd Sellick.

B. SOLAR PROJECT FINANCING UPDATE

1. The financing for the solar project, Certificate of Participation, went to market last week. The rates decreased from the November/December period. The final rate was below 5%. The project will begin as soon as possible.

C. UNIQUE PROGRAM ALLOCATION UPDATE

1. The Physical Plant & Instructional Equipment allocation in FY 2022-22 was \$14 million, and the allocation of \$19 million in FY 2022-23. The disbursement of the funds: \$5 million for the solar project; and \$14 million for the colleges.
2. \$28 million in the last two fiscal years have been disbursed to scheduled maintenance and instructional equipment.
3. Briefly provided the definition and criteria of a unique program. Shared the subgroup's charge of standardizing the funding for the unique programs.
4. Provided detailed results of the various methodology attempts to standardize the funding and outcomes. The outcomes rewarded low FTEs generation and not efficiency. The missing component is an efficient method to apply and analyze or calculate the efficiency based on the actuals vs. the potential of the unique class of these programs.
5. During this ongoing process, the VP of Academic Affairs, the VC of Educational Services, and the Dean of Educational Services have been consulted for feedback and input.
6. The subgroup will work on developing a calculation that is applicable to all unique programs and a method to standardize the unique programs.
7. The next step is to meet with Educational Services to extract data from EMD to obtain target FTF numbers to analyze how efficiently the programs are running.
8. Galicia inquired about the three methodologies attempted. Asked if the reward was enrollment, not efficiency. Griffin clarified that some of the program outcomes were if they spent more money, they were rewarded with more money, whether the program was efficient or not. Stabilization and fairness is needed.

9. The subgroup comprises Maria Romero-Tang, Nader Ghopreal, Elia Blount, Sendy Powell, Esmeralda Abejar, and Vice Presidents of Business Services from the colleges. It was discussed that the workgroup subgroup makeup is fine with the subject matter experts. The Faculty and program experts will join the conversation when a methodology is ready for review and discussion.
10. Galicia inquired about the unique programs and a further understanding of the programs. Brown shared that Askar has been involved from the beginning and is a resource to seek further information about MVC's unique programs.
11. Buchanan inquired if the group has looked at other colleges' unique programs. Brown shared that yes, and little information was received; funding methods and programs are operated differently. The variation was widespread and provided difficulty in establishing a standard.
12. Buchanan inquired how the efficiencies are being established and mentioned the work towards closing the equity gap work. Brown shared that the word efficiencies may not be the final preferred terminology. And course caps will not be established by the group, and the group is trying to gather course cap information, etc.
13. Askar shared that in EMD, the word used is 'potential' vs. the actual. Other areas of consideration deep in the details are contractual caps, and accreditation standards, which need to be considered in this group. Brown shared that these are the various reasons for the complexity of this task.
14. Sellick was thankful for the workgroup's hard work and for Buchanan's comments. He shared that the college and district-wide disciplines will have conversations regarding course caps and funding programs along the lines of tradeoffs. Further conversations on how to fund programs for growth and problematic programs could be curtailed and stated there would be ongoing conversations. Again, he appreciates the questions, comments, and hard work from the workgroup.
15. Griffin shared a reference document listing the unique programs that will be provided to the members for review. Brown asked Griffin to send the document to Aguilar to forward to the group.
16. The group expressed no further comments or questions.

V. NEXT MEETING

- A. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2023.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED