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SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Senate Chambers, 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Root (Co-Chair).

Members present: Russ Bowden, Barbara Croteau (Co-Chair), Ted Crowell, Andrew Dolcini, Bob Flores, Peg Goebel, Micca Gray, Michael Ludder, Maryanne Michaels, Cole Perry, Ty Ronquillo, Ron Root (Co-Chair), Ed Sikes, Deborah Sweitzer, Sandi Tassano.

Members absent: Joe Morello, Jamey Ransford.

Also present: Robert Agrella, Nick Caston, Richard Fiorentino, Bea Griffiths, Wende Wahl, Patie Wegman, Kathi Bradbury, Eileen Cichocki, Kat Lewis, Lamont Royer, Susan St. Clair.

1. Approval of Minutes—December 6, 2002

The minutes from the committee's December 6, 2002 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Discussion of Ralph Black Memo

Ron Root summarized the Ralph Black memo regarding fees and under what circumstances they may be charged. The committee conducted a brief discussion about assessing fees.

3. Budget Challenges and Projections for Next Fiscal Year

Ron Root distributed handouts to the committee, including two pending Board items relating to revenue enhancement measures: non-resident tuition, and increased parking fees.

Nick Caston pointed out that budget reductions have resulted in reducing the available on-campus work international students can find, and the increase in non-resident tuition would be another financial hurdle for those students.

When Deborah Sweitzer asked that the recommendation for fee increase be amended so that it applies for a one-year period, Ron Root replied that the college is required to review this fee each year.

During a discussion regarding the recommended increase in parking fines, Ron Root indicated that an additional \$100,000 might result from this increase but in the future when construction disrupts the availability of parking, it will be difficult to project the net increase in revenue. Ty Ronquillo suggested raising the parking citation fine to \$35, and there was some dialogue about having SRJC's parking fines at a higher rate than assessed by the city of Santa Rosa. Nick Caston pointed out that when an individual parks in a SRJC parking space without a parking permit, that person is stealing the space from someone who has purchased a permit for parking. The committee agreed to endorse the parking citation fee increase to \$25 and then reconsider this next fall to examine the results.

Ron Root reviewed a spreadsheet about the budget as enacted by the state. When Sandi Tassano asked about Partnership for Excellence (PFE) funding and whether faculty paid with PFE funds will lose their jobs, Ron Root replied not on that basis.

There was some discussion regarding the size of class offerings as compared to last year. When Peg Goebel asked about cutting classes by 10% and the ripple effect when a student whose class gets cancelled just drops the rest of his/her classes, Greg Granderson responded that this seems to be what the governor wants.

Ron Root stated that although SRJC has \$12 million in reserves, if it does not take extra measures, the district will become insolvent by the end of next year. He added that Dr. Agrella, the Board of Trustees, and the component administrators are working on alternatives, some of which would need to be addressed at the bargaining table.

While the committee discussed grant funding, Ron Root said some caution is warranted because typically these grants are not meant to fund existing operations and that very few colleges can net enough funding to absorb the costs of a grant writer. Wende Wahl pointed out that SRJC has some experienced grant writers and perhaps release/reassigned time could be instituted to utilize their expertise.

4. Additional Agenda Item: Senate Bill 76, Block Grants

Maryanne Michaels distributed a handout relating SB 76 and block grant funding. Maryanne thinks the impact of these block grants would be devastating to categorical programs such as EOPS and CARE because the integrity and legislative intent of these programs would be lost. She asked the committee to voice its opposition to SB 76. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Maryanne Michaels, seconded by Michael Ludder, and consensus of the Budget Advisory Committee to recommend opposition to Senate Bill 76.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The committee agreed to schedule its next meeting on February 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.