



SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2007

Library Media Room 4246, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Roberts (Co-Chair).

Members present: Barbara Croteau, Ted Crowell, Jeanne Fadelli, Ken Fiori, Kate Jolley, Doug Kuula, Maryanne Michaels, Brian Phifer, Doug Roberts, Deborah Sweitzer

Also present: Linda Close, Sydney Fang, Susan St. Clair

1. Introduction of Members

The committee members introduced themselves and welcomed Doug Roberts, the new Vice President of Business Services.

2. Budget Update

Barbara Croteau shared a Community College League of California handout with the committee outlining the analysis and recommendations from the State Legislative Analyst Office. Although more firm information will not be known until the May Revise, Doug Roberts said a big issue is deficit funding of \$1.454 million for 2007/08. He continued by saying that unless the district can produce adequate savings to off-set the deficit, the reserves will suffer as a result.

Maryanne Michaels expressed concern that many of the categorical programs would have funding linked to block grants.

Kate Jolley said an important question is will the State remedy the projected \$84.4 million property tax shortfall, or will it end up being a \$3 million problem for SRJC over two years, rather than the \$1.454 million deficit this current year? She added that SRJC's reserve balance is low as it is, and she wants to protect it in order to avoid any possibility of SRJC being added to the Watch List. Kate thinks that if SRJC can achieve significant savings this year, it will not need to dip into the reserves.

Deborah Sweitzer stated that AFA (All Faculty Association) considers the GASB account to be part of the reserves.

Doug Roberts said with the size of the deficit, the May Revise probably will not resemble the final budget. Regardless, Doug thinks there will be no COLA.

The committee was interested in having Dr. Agrella conduct regular budget forums as new information becomes available. Barbara Croteau suggested a forum after the May Revise, when the faculty return in the fall, and/or after the budget has been passed.

Linda Close distributed the 2008/09 budget calendar.

3. Next BAC Meeting

It was consensus of the committee to hold the next meeting on April 22, 2008, and cancel the meeting scheduled for April 11, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m., in Race Conference Room 4061.