
LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 8, 2017

District Office – Main Conference Room

3:00 p.m.

(Approved 5/10/17)

Members Present

Greg Rose, Julie Oliver, Cory Wathen, Laduan Smedley, Kuldeep Kaur, Joany Harman, Steven Meyer, John Halberg, Troy Myers, Kelly Irwin, Tracy Clark, Rose Ramos, Theresa Matista

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Greg called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the November 9, 2016 minutes by consensus with minor changes.

III. DISTRICT BUDGET ITEMS

A. State Budget Update

Theresa followed up on the question raised at the November meeting about mental health resources. As of right now, there is no funding for that program in the Governor's proposed budget. The Governor could still include this in the May Revise, but if he does not, the legislature can put it in their budget. Meanwhile, the District has been surveying students and working with college faculty and staff regarding a health services fee to help expand mental health services for our students.

Theresa presented a summary of the Governor's budget proposal. She provided the Committee with a detailed handout and gave an overview. The Governor's proposed budget funds the statutory COLA of 1.48%. He also proposes \$79.3M to fund 1.34% growth and \$3.8M to offset decreased student enrollment fees. He is proposing \$150M in one-time funds for a guided pathways initiative. That could mean \$6-7M for Los Rios. On schedule maintenance and instructional equipment, the proposed budget provides only \$43.7M in one-time funds. Theresa also said the Governor proposes \$52.3M in one-time funds for Proposition 39 energy efficiency program grants. The Governor is proposing \$10M for the Online Education Initiative, \$6M for the Integrated Library System proposal, and \$5.4M to provide the COLA to several categorical programs. Theresa highlighted the Governor's proposed increase of \$23.6M to base to support increased expenses. This is welcomed although the system needs much more to cover cost increases. The handout included the executive summary from the Department of Finance about the budget proposal, and Theresa focused on the Governor's interest in paying down debts and liabilities related to retirement costs of employees. Theresa reported that the Governor only funded five capital projects from the bond approved by the voters in November. One reason we have heard for the limited number of projects is that the Governor does not want to incur more debt for this purpose. As a result, Los Rios may have to revisit its bond program which was predicated on state capital outlay funds supporting certain projects.

The Board adopts its tentative budget in June and the adopted budget in September. Over the course of the year, Theresa periodically submits budget revisions to the Board for further action. We typically submit a budget revision in February and June if the District receives additional revenue or we make changes to the spending plan. Theresa presented the proposed PDF schedules to the Board in January and

the Board will officially approve the PDF allocations with the February budget revisions. She highlighted that the budget revision increased Apprenticeship funding to \$1.2M. Theresa highlighted the changes on Schedule II where the total state categorical and restricted monies in the revised budget have increased to \$62.4M which is significantly above past years, including pre-recession levels.

B. Spring Enrollment

Theresa presented the enrollment report. Overall, spring enrollment is down. The District total WSCH is down around 5% and headcount is down a little less than 4%. There may be growth in some areas and some of the outreach centers are doing well. Theresa turned to the pink schedule which shows the FTES projections at P1. We hope to grow summer by 6.6% over 2016-17. For fall and spring, we are predicting 44,890 FTES and when we add summer, we will reach a total of 48,983 FTES. To reach our base funded FTES level, we will need to report 52,177 FTES. That means, we are currently short 3,194 FTES. We should be able to shift summer 2017 to the 2016-17 year to meet our base of 52,177 FTES. Looking at summer 2017, we project same FTES as last year at 3,943 FTES. So, if we shift 3,683 FTES, the District will still have a small cushion.

C. 2017-18 Initial Planning

Theresa turned to the Instructional FTEF and Access Report from summer 2016. Based upon our enrollment projections and the amount of summer 2017 that will be shifted, we will be in stability again in 2017-18.

IV. MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

We plan to meet in May around the time of the May Revise has been issued.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm.