

# **VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

## **Audit, Budget, Foundation Relations Committee**

Committee Members: Trustee Heitmann (Chair) and Trustee Hernández

***Thursday, July 23, 2009***  
***11:00 A.M.***

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Trustee Heitmann.

#### **PRESENT**

Members: Trustee Heitmann and Trustee Hernández

Staff: Dr. Meznek, Pam Eddinger, Robin Calote, Richard Duran, Sue Johnson,  
Mary Anne McNeil and Deborah LaTeer

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

#### **FY2009-10 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

The FY10 Tentative Budget was distributed and discussed. Ms. Johnson explained that the FY10 Tentative Budget is based on the information provided by the Legislative Budget Conference Committee, but is still based on assumptions. The General Fund budget revenue is 2.4% less than the FY09 Adoption Budget (General Fund). This equates to approximately \$3.3 million in revenue for the district.

Ms. Johnson reminded the Committee that the Board of Trustees took action in December 2008 to reduce FY09 site budgets by 2% in anticipation of mid-year cuts. Those cuts were placed in a reserve account which will be used to fund the prior year and budget year mid-year revenue reductions.

Although community college fees have been increased, it was noted that with CSU/Cal State fees also being increased, VCCCD may see an increase in demand. It is important to keep in mind that we will not be paid for an increase in enrollment, and in fact our funded FTES is being reduced for FY 10 (by a minimum of 250 FTES, perhaps more).

There was a discussion regarding core classes versus community education classes.

Ms. Johnson pointed out that the narrative highlights the legislature's use of federal stimulus funds to mitigate the true reduction to community college funding. It is important to keep in mind that these funds are one-time, and they will not be available again in July 2010. This defers a portion of the real deficit into next year.

It was also noted that FY10 Tentative Budget salary and benefit costs are approximately \$3 million less than FY09 Adoption Budget. However, the total percentage for salary and benefits has increased from 85.3% for FY09 Adoption to 86.2% for FY10 Tentative Budget. Although salary amounts have decreased, the amount for benefits increased by nearly \$900,000 from FY09 actual expenditures.

A schedule detailing the assumed Categorical Program Budget Cuts (dated 7/23/09) was distributed. The schedule clarified the percentage of cuts in each program, as well as proposed net funding. The tentative budget has been built assuming only \$90 million in federal stimulus, instead of the \$130 million assumed by the legislature. (Reports have been released by the League that the stimulus funding available to community colleges may be as low as \$60 million).

There was discussion regarding other funds and issues specific to FY10 and beyond.

There was a discussion regarding the core services we provide to students. It is the desire of the Committee to maintain as high of a level of quality and service as possible while eliminating costs.

The Committee recommended that the Tentative Budget be forwarded to the full Board for approval.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The proposed action related to reduction in force and how the colleges will maintain core and mandatory services while recognizing the reality of the budget was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.