District Budget Committee (DBC)

Meeting Minutes – 11/21/2019, 2:00 pm, Boardroom Extension

A. Welcome & Introductions

Larry Strong opened the meeting at 2:01 as Chair Jose Torres was not in attendance. Introductions were made for the benefit of new member Laura Van Genderen who is replacing Naomi Lara as representative for CHC’s Classified Senate.

B. Approval of Minutes of 9/19/2019

Rania Hamdy made a motion to approve the minutes from September 19, which Jeremiah Gilbert seconded. Rose Hansen pointed out that the term, “white sheet” on page 2 should be changed to “white paper”. Committee members agreed and unanimously voted to approve the minutes with this revision.

C. Current Business

1. SBCCD Program Review Resource Request Rankings

Jeremiah Gilbert spoke to the committee about the current process. The rankings developed by the District Services Planning and Program Review Committee are evaluated and decided upon in Chancellor’s Cabinet. They are brought to the DBC as an informational item. He shared that this year, Chancellor’s Cabinet decided not to fund any of the requests. Celia Huston mentioned, and Jeremiah confirmed, that any request for the TESS Division should be notated with the statement, “On hold pending IEPI review.”

Rania questioned Resource Ranking #4 requesting $109,000 for the Inland Futures Foundation (IFF). It was believed that the IFF positions were grant funded. She stated that people in the campus community do not understand what the IFF is. Jeremiah replied that the EDCT and KVCR foundations were dissolved and IFF established as the combined foundation.

Yendis Battle expressed concern about the use of $490,000 in donations to KVCR being used to fund IFF personnel, and the lack of experience in fundraising for the station.

Rania reiterated that the campus community has not heard of the IFF; and made a motion to request a presentation to the DBC from IFF Development Director Ashley Gaines. Yendis seconded the motion, which was then discussed by the committee. Mike Strong questioned if such a request was in line with the DBC’s purview and, after a review of the charge, committee members concluded it was. The motion was unanimously approved.

Celia commented on Resource Request #11 for a Director of Distance Education. She felt this position has the potential to usurp the faculty director of distance education. Jeremiah advised that if the position requested in #5, Instructional Technology Specialist, were to be funded, the department would not need a Director of Distance Education.
Rose Hansen made the request that the program review resource requests for positions be separated from requests for equipment. Rania commented that the campuses divide positions from equipment and then prioritize both lists. She felt District Support Services should do the same. Jeremiah pointed out that the requests were already categorized as personnel and equipment and advised he would look into prioritizing them separately.

2. 2020-21 Budget Calendar

Larry addressed the committee regarding the annual budget calendar board item. The process will begin in the next couple weeks.

D. Updates

It was reported that no revisions for the committee charge had been received and that the charge will remain as is for the time being.

E. Future Business

1. Commercial Property Profit & Loss Report – There was no discussion on this topic.

2. Evaluation of Resource Allocation

Celia questioned when the committee will begin to discuss SBCCD’s resource allocation. She mentioned that accreditation calls for the use of an established resource allocation model and expressed a desire for this topic to be moved to Current Business. She also discussed a desire for the ability of staff to have access to object code level expenditure reporting similar to what was available under Financial 2000. Larry advised that Fiscal Services can work with Celia to accommodate this request.

Rania shared that SBVC Academic Senate members have had questions about the EDCT budget, including how much is funded by the general fund vs. grant money. Committee members recalled that they have asked Richard Galope to attend a DBC meeting in order to enlighten members about EDCT’s funding source, programs, etc.

Larry confirmed the committee’s desire for Richard to attend an upcoming meeting. Committee members would like to see a budget for EDCT and information about how the positions are funded.

Rose mentioned that the DBC had previously requested EDCT and KVCR be displayed differently in the budget document. Instead of being listed as departments, the committee had proposed they be depicted as separate entities, the same way as the campuses.

Mike stated that the information being requested would promote understanding of the District’s budget as a whole by increasing clarity on the parts of it which are unclear, such as EDCT and IFF.

F. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2019 at 2 pm in the Boardroom Extension.