



Santa Monica Community College District
**Budget Planning Subcommittee of the District
Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)**
MEETING MINUTES – March 6, 2024

A Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Santa Monica College's Student Services Center (SSC 396), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. The public may join the meeting via zoom with the following link: <https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/85009325229>

I. Call to Order 2:04 pm

Members:

- Mitch Heskel, District Representative
- Chris Bonvenuto, District Representative, Co-Chair
- Teresita Rodriguez, District Representative
- Tracie Hunter, District Representative (Absent)
- Elisa Meyer, Academic Senate Representative
- Jamar London, Academic Senate Representative
- Matt Hotsinpillier, FA Representative, Co-Chair
- Peter Morse, Faculty Association Rep (Absent)
- Martha Romano, CSEA Representative
- Kennisha Green, CSEA Rep (Absent)
- Dagmar Gorman, CSEA Representative
- Cindy Ordaz, CSEA Representative
- Cecilia Jeong, Associated Student Representative
- David Duncan, Associated Student Representative
- Vacant, Associated Student Representative
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Interested Parties in attendance: Jason Beardsley, JR Stevenson, Stephanie Amerian, Elaine Roque, Teresa Huber

II. Public Comments

- III. Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Dagmar Gorman Second: Teresita Rodriguez
Minutes were approved unanimously

IV. Reports/Discussion

1. P1 Update

The Chancellor's office (CCCCO) has released the 2022-23 Recalculation and 2023-24 P1. For 2022-23 the Recal contained a one-time Prior Year Apportionment Payment of \$1,479,798 million related to the elimination of the 22-2023 deficit factor. This payment was unforeseen and therefore will result in a one-time increase to revenues. Unfortunately, in the 2023-24 P1, the Chancellor's office (CCCCO) has applied current year deficit factor of 3.5512% due to the underperformance of property taxes, resulting in a reduction of current year funding of <\$5,928,805>.

Unrestricted GF – Five YR projections FYs 2022-23 thru 2027-28, FY 2023-24 Projected Q2

Chris Bonvenuto shared the multi-year budget projections; SMC is on pace to see an approximate 60% reduction in reserves in the last 24 months. The District needs to improve the fund balance before the tentative budget and adopted budgets are presented to the Board of Trustees.

*If the District meets the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) goals, SMC is projected to exit Hold Harmless in 2027-2028. Starting in 2025-2026, the SCFF language eliminates COLA adjustments to Hold Harmless Districts, meaning the District would receive no increase in State apportionment funding for several years. The Districts ad hoc SCFF Legislation committee will work on trying to get the State to extend Hold Harmless COLA adjustments for several years as enrollment increases materialize and the District, along with many others, exit Hold Harmless.

2. Tentative Budget Planning

The district has a significant deficit this current year and 1.5 months before the Tentative Budget. Using attrition in staffing, no more replacement and not adding new positions is a long-term solution.

The Budget Committee needs to come up with short-term solutions to identify \$7.5 million in budget solutions to meet the Chancellors Office 5% Fund Balance Reserve recommendation for the 2024-2025 Budget.

3. Continued discussion:

- a. Developing methods and guidelines for allocating campus resources

The committee discussed pg. 7 Diversity Report –
Comparison # Employees Similar Sized Single-College Districts in Los Angeles County
<https://www.smc.edu/administration/human-resources/diversity-equity-inclusivity/documents/DiversityReport2023.pdf>

The committee will research other colleges that have metrics to allocate campus resources, like San Diego Community College District's Resources Allocation Formula:
<https://www.sdccd.edu/docs/humanresources/employee%20relations/Collective%20Bargaining%20Agreements/Resource%20Allocation%20Formula.pdf>

V. Adjournment: 4:05 pm

For all documents, visit www.smc.edu/administration/governance/district-planning-policies/budget-planning-subcommittee.php

Future Budget Planning Committee Meetings: Meetings will be on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, except as noted, and will begin at 2:00 pm.