

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes May 13, 2021 3:05-4:45 Via Zoom

**Members Present** 

Administration: Ron Perez-Co-Chair, David Loverin, Zach Patterson

Faculty: Mike Skaff–Co-Chair, James McDonnell, John Sorber, Manlia Xiong

Adjunct Faculty TBD

Classified: Angela Iniguez, Nick Terry

Confidential:

Students:

Non-Voting Member: Linda McCauley, Leangela Miller-Hernandez

Members Absent-

Administration: Louann Waldner

Faculty:

Adjunct Faculty:

Classified: Mary Schaefer

Confidential:

Student: Nadalie Cosme, Molly Brackett

Non-Voting Member:

Guest:

- 1. Call to Order Ron Perez called the meeting to order at 3:07.
- Approval of the April 22, 2021 Budget Committee Minutes Nick Terry moved to approve the minutes of 4/22/21, with
  the correction to the title of number 5, and James McDonnell seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion
  carried.
- 3. Report to the Committee
  - a) **District Governance Senate Actions** Shared the BC end-of-year report, and the academic calendars for the next three (3) years were also reviewed.
  - Board of Trustees Actions and Items The CCFS 311 financial report and the budget accountability reports were presented at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. A resolution to amend and restate the bylaws for the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Tulare and a resolution to reopen fund 413 to accept the deposit of the bond funds were passed. Also, a resolution to approved the transfer of \$5.7M out of the COVID Special Reserve Fund (reviewed with BC at the last meeting). These are 25-year bonds and the \$22.8M was deposited into the bank on Tuesday.
- 4. Budget and Fiscal Items on the Board Agenda-None
- 5. Budget Committee End-of-Year Survey Evaluation Results- Ron Perez reviewed the survey questions and responses. He shared that a district-wide decision has not been made about meetings returning to face-to-face, but would like to do a hybrid model for the fall. As we get closer to the fall semester we will get more information on this. There was discussion about the meeting with more substantial content being face-to face and meetings that are basically updates being held via Zoom. The committee was asked to send their thoughts to KP (Karen Pauls). Ron Perez thanked the committee for all of the work that they do.
- 6. Base Budget Augmentations and Classified/Management Staff-Ron Perez reviewed the three-legged stool and a recap of the 21-22 base budget augmentations and management/classified staffing requests. The requests totaled \$2.7M and \$745k of general fund unrestricted continuous funding was approved by Senior Management (\$44k-base budget augmentations & almost \$701k-management/classified staffing). There were no classified staffing increases in 20-21, so the majority of the positions approved were for classified staff. These are either new positions or .50 positions converted to 1.0 or .75 positions.
- 7. Bond Update-Sold \$22.8M in bonds for Tulare to move the CTE Programs from the downtown Tulare Annex to the main campus. The current estimated cost for this project is \$30M. We have the \$22.8M plus the \$5M just transferred, so in the next few years we will have to add more to this project as we are hoping to open the doors in fall 2024. We will be advertising in the newspaper in May and June for a Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) for the Tulare bonds. Their role is to ensure we spend the funds as we promised the taxpayers. The committee is made up of seven members representing different categories of the public. The President will meet with the Board to select the members and that recommendation will be presented at the July board meeting and the COC will have it's organizations meeting in September. The COC will meet quarterly until the building is built and all of the funds are spent 100%. The COC



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information will be posted on the COS website so if you know anyone that would like to serve on this committee please direct them to the website.

- 8. Other Business-The Governor will release the May Revise tomorrow. This is a revise the initial budget he submitted in January. Ron Perez reminded the committee that our 20-21 budget was adopted with the state having a \$54B shortfall and COS having \$16M in deferrals. Now the state has a \$76B surplus, so we are hoping for the best. COLA is currently 1.5% and we are hoping that those that advocated to make community colleges whole, like K-12 districts, were successful and we will get 3.84% COLA (1.5% COLA for 21-22 and COLA not received last year). All of this information will be incorporated into the 21-22 tentative budget that the committee will review on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - The auditors started their preliminary audit on Monday and will be making their request for documents throughout the week.
  - There was discussion about FLEX paperwork for faculty. Mike Skaff will follow up with Nicole Tudor on accepting minutes as proof of attendance for FLEX credit.
- 9. Next Meeting June 3, 2021
- **10.** Adjourn 3:40