



**Financial Advisory Council Meeting**

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Rio Salado College

Room 515

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Elizabeth Arvizu, Mary Kaye Allen, Joe Bodell, Jeanne Christen, Larry Christiansen, Arthur DeCabooter, Ted Georgas, Rufus Glasper, Maria Harper-Marinick, Steve Helfgot, Maria Hesse, Jared Langkilde, Linda Rosenthal, Dennis Shaw, Les Strickland, Debra Thompson, Rene'e Young, Yvonne Zeka

**Guests:** Lulut Clow, Matt Ortega, Gaye Murphy, David Burns, Jerry Davis, Charles Jeffrey, Jane Saldana-Talley, Jim Moore, Mark Velarde.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Everyone was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

**Agenda Items:**

**Ground Rules:** This is a safe zone

**Meeting Minutes 9/26/2006:** The September 26, 2006 meeting minutes were approved.

**Legislative Update** – Matt Ortega, Director of Governmental Relations, gave a presentation on the positive review of the second phase of the bond process by the Legislature.

**Tuition Discussion/Recommendation:**

Debra Thompson provided the background and process of tuition and fee recommendations. FAC members were asked to provide tuition recommendation for approval by CEC and Chancellor. The recommendation will be forwarded to Governing Board as Information Item at the February meeting and as an Action Item at the March Board meeting. The question was whether we should increase tuition while we have declining enrollment. Gaye Murphy provided explanations of the projected revenue and the anticipated new expenditures. Two scenarios were used to include \$2 tuition increase and no tuition increase and the impacts to the available fund for top priority expenditures. The top priority new expenditures include 16 New Faculty Matching, ASRS rate increase, Flex Benefit increases, Bond operating cost, and the district-wide inflation and business cost.

Prior to the tuition discussion and recommendations, members were reminded that we don't want to tie together a tuition increase and specific expenditures such as bond operating costs or meet and confer items. Some members were concerned with the recent

bad publicity and thought a tuition increase would further impact the enrollment. Other members were concerned that no tuition increase or a \$2 tuition increase will have impact on employee salaries because employees will take home less money because of the ASRS contribution rate increase and higher medical cost. It was also mentioned that community members are concerned about salary increases for Maricopa's employees and questioned why we keep doing it during the tough times.

When asked for the vote for tuition increase, 4 members voted for no tuition increase, 7 members voted for \$2 increase, 2 members voted for \$3 increase, and 1 member voted for \$4 increase. This recommendation will be forwarded to CEC and the Chancellor.

**2004 Capital Development Program:**

- The committee approved bond operating cost seeking CDAC approval in FY2007.
- Revised Bond Operating Support Policy: a revised policy was reviewed. It was recommended that the new policy would include specific criteria for bond operating cost approval. Gaye Murphy will draft new language to be discussed in FAC Subcommittee meeting.

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- + JCCR news successful
- + Labeling of Attachment A
- + Getting out early

- Education & information sharing