



Financial Advisory Council Meeting

November 27, 2007

Rio Salado College, Room 515

2:00 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Carol Dichtenberg, Elias Franco, Ted Georgas, Rufus Glasper, Carmen Gonzales, Maria Harper-Marinick, Steve Helfgot, Maria Hesse, Jared Langkilde, Mark Mason, Rachel Naylor, Linda Rosenthal, Jim Simpson, Debra Thompson, Yvonne Zeka

Staff/Guests: Lulut Clow, Carl Couch, Ronnie Elliot, Joyce Elsner, Linda Hawbaker, Susan Horner, Gaye Murphy, Grady Wolfe

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Debbie mentioned the ground Rules, Vision Statement and Member Roles posted for today's Financial Advisory Council meeting. The Ground Rule chosen was "Keep an Open Mind," since we are discussing the sensitive issue of a proposed tuition increase.

Agenda Items

October 23, 2007 Minutes – The October 23, 2007 FAC minutes were reviewed and approved.

Dashboard Presentation – Linda Hawbaker

Linda Hawbaker from Institutional Effectiveness presented an overview of the 2007 Monitoring Report Update – "Indicators of Institutional Effectiveness." This information is available at <http://www.maricopa.edu/business/ir/reports.php> under Monitoring Update, November 2007.

Proposed Tuition Increase

Members discussed support for a \$5.00 tuition increase. We need to provide CEC with a proposal for a tuition increase no later than January 2008.

The members received documents containing information on historic tuition and fees, revenue data for possible expenditure allocations and student financial scholarships data. Comparison data and graphs on MCCC's peer's colleges were also distributed. The per capita income in our area is relatively low in comparison and we are the ninth highest in tuition and fees.

A question was raised regarding tuition increases and the possible related increase in funding to scholarships. The response was that if we increase tuition, we have traditionally increased our allocation towards our MCCC's scholarships funding.

In early December, Dr. Glasper and some of the University Presidents will unite and propose to the AZ Legislature a request for state funding to support the community colleges and universities of Arizona. Dr. Glasper and Mrs. Rosenthal heard talk of the use of rainy day funds as well as to let public schools pay for their schools along the way instead of pay as they go.

The state legislature has proposed some potential budget cuts such as a 50% cut in Dual Enrollment, elimination of capital funding for Dual Enrollment FTSE, elimination of Hold Harmless for Fund 1, a \$27K funding cut as well as no future funding for equalization.

How would the District Office reduce the budgets if funding were reduced by \$800K?

- Every district would have to increase tuition significantly
- Allied health programs could be impacted
- Those districts who have plans for new buildings would have to be curtailed

FY2008-09 Fund 2 Allocation – This item was removed from the agenda. Debbie stated Fund 2 data will be sent via email for review and approval.

FY2008-09 Fund 7 Allocation

There are three types of allocations. There is the ongoing allocation of capital state aid, technology and occupational education. The members agreed to forward the Fund 7 Allocation proposal to CEC for approval.

Plus / Delta

- + ended early
- + Linda Hawbaker's presentation was helpful and insightful
- + the budget office's graphs on tuition & financial aid were excellent
- not enough money
- not everyone here

Meeting Adjourned: 3:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Rio Salado College in Room 515