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Glossary

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Section I

MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Glossary**Academic Support**

A functional category of expenditures reflective of support services for instructional programs and academic functions such as funding for learning centers, libraries, and honor programs.

Administration

A functional category of expenditures related to management, business and human resources operations, and planning. Examples include: office of the president, fiscal operations, human resources offices, information technology staff and legal services.

College Activities

College Activities is an Auxiliary Fund (Fund 2) division. It includes the activity fee portion of the per credit hour charge to students, other student fees, and the use of Fund 2 fund balances for one-time capital and operational projects. Funds are used for a variety of activities including athletic programs, scholarships, student insurance, counseling, business office operations, drama and music, intramurals and the repayment of revenue bond debt (see section D for detail). It is the District's practice to dedicate all student activity fee revenues resulting from enrollment growth to the Tuition and Fee Rebate program; the funds, therefore, are budgeted as a transfer from Current Auxiliary (Fund 2) to the General Fund (Fund 1).

Communications and Utilities

All costs related to telephone, postage, electricity, water, sewer, etc. are charged to communications and utilities object code.

Contractual Services

Expenditures such as funding for professional services, advertising, marketing, etc. are budgeted in the contractual services object code series. Additionally, the cost of teaching services and course development for concurrent enrollment as well as employer-sponsored programs may be charged to this object code.

Course Fees

Course fees are budgeted in the Auxiliary Fund. They cover the cost of materials for credit courses that rely on special equipment or supplementary materials.

**MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Glossary (cont.)****Employee Benefits**

These object codes account for the employee paid costs of employee health insurance, District retirement contributions, social security and Medicare, life insurance, worker's compensation, etc.

Enrollment Growth Funding

A formula based funding allocation based on full time student equivalent (FTSE) growth (formerly called Tuition and Fee Rebate).

Expenditure Limitation

A provision of the State Constitution and Arizona Revised Statutes that limits the expenditure of local tax revenues (e.g. primary property taxes and State Aid). The limitation is set by the Economic Estimates Commission (EEC) by applying growth in enrollment (FTSE) and inflation over a base budget year.

Fixed Charges

Expenditures for facilities rentals, etc. are budgeted in fixed charges object code.

Food Service

This Auxiliary Fund division includes revenues and expenditures from directly operated food service operations.

Full-time Student Equivalents (FTSE)

A calculated estimate of enrollment, based on credit hours divided by 30 (the number of credits in a year that is considered to be full-time). In the case of Skill Center or ABE/GED students, clock hours are used and divided by 640.

Functional Categories

To ensure comparability and standardization in the presentation of financial information, all colleges and units are required to budget and account for the expenditure of funds by functional categories.

**MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Glossary (cont.)****General Institutional**

A functional category of expenditures including activities that provide safety, security, printing, travel, marketing, and insurance.

Headcount

The number of students enrolled in classes. Headcount may be duplicated or unduplicated.

Instruction

A functional category of expenditures accounting for instructional activities. An example is salaries and wages of faculty and supplies and other department chairs.

Misc. & Transfers:

The miscellaneous and transfers object code includes reserve, holding and transfers accounts. Examples are: a contingency for taxes that are budgeted but not collected; a basic contingency for unexpected needs as prioritized by the Governing Board; allocations for the Tuition and Fee Rebate program reserved to help fund additional courses for increased student enrollment; funds for incremental costs from capital development facilities; a funding supplement for the retirement programs, a reserve for insurance costs and college carryforward.

Non Credit/Special Interest Courses

These are fees that support the costs of these course offerings. This is an Auxiliary Fund division.

Object codes

Expenditures are budgeted and accounted for by object code categories to detail the use of funds. Revenues also are budgeted in object codes to distinguish different types of resources.

**MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Glossary (cont.)****Other Auxiliary Programs**

The activities of this Auxiliary Fund division are supported by several sources including interest on cash balances, bookstore commissions and facility rentals. Expenditures are for such purposes as scholarships, rental costs, faculty training (Lodestar), campus security training and revenue bond repayment costs.

Physical Plant

A functional category of expenditures allocated for the operation and maintenance of the physical plant, such as utility costs and staff responsible for the maintenance of buildings and grounds for all units.

Public Services

A functional category of expenditures that account for non-instructional services of benefit to the community; examples include public lectures, and community service programs.

Salaries and Wages

Compensation provided to all regular Governing Board approved faculty and staff, and also temporary staff is recorded in salaries and wages object codes.

State Aid

The State of Arizona provides financial support to community college districts based on formulas that are set in statute. These formulas largely are based on enrollment levels. The formulas use the most recent audited full-time student equivalents; hence state aid is provided for enrollment growth that occurred two years before the fiscal year under development.

Student Services

A functional category of expenditures reflective of support services provided to students, such as counseling, testing, admissions, student financial aid, and career development.

**MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Glossary (cont.)**

Supplies & Materials

The cost of classroom and office supplies and materials, software, audiovisual aids, etc. are budgeted in supplies and materials object code.

Tax Levy Limit

A provision of the State Constitution and statute that limits growth in taxes on existing property.

Travel

Travel related object codes include mileage, in and out of state travel, registration, hotels, airfare, etc.

Tuition and Fee Rebate

A formula based funding allocation based on full time student equivalent (FTSE) growth (now called Enrollment Growth Funding).

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