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February 8, 2010

Chancellor's Chat

News from the District Office

Bruce Baron, Acting Chancellor (Ext. 4021)

Rendering of new Learning Resource Center at Crafton Hills College - schedule for completion Summer 2010

Dear Jackie,

Good morning!

It's a great day to work at the San Bernardino Community College District. One of our goals is to share more news and information with the campus community. This introductory issue of "Chancellor Chat" is an informal way of letting you know what's happening at the District.

Let me know what you think and thanks for reading.

Bruce Baron, Acting Chancellor

Budget Update

Governor's Budget for 2010-2011

On January 8th, Governor Schwarzenegger released his budget proposal for the remainder of this fiscal year and for next year. While the budget has some problems for the Community College System, it is NOT the "slash-and-burn" budget we were anticipating. The Governor recommended no mid-year cuts for the community colleges and made a strong commitment to education for next year.

This Weeks News

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Save the Dates

District Budget Committee
 Thursday Feb. 11, 2pm in PDC 104
 Thursday March 11, 2pm in PDC 104
Resource Allocation Committee
 Monday Feb. 8, 1pm Room TBD
 Monday Feb. 22, 1pm Room TBD
 District Strategic Planning
 Friday Feb. 26, 10am, ATTC

Here are some of the highlights of the budget:

Friday March 12, 10am, ATTC

- No mid-year budget cuts.
- Funded enrollment growth of 2.21% in 2010-2011 (about 300 FTES for SBCCD). We are already serving about 1,600 unfunded FTES!
- Continues the budget cuts to categorical programs started this year. Plus there will be no further federal backfill funding. The District added \$800,000 from the General Fund to support the categorical programs this year.
- A negative COLA of .38% for what the Governor said is negative cost-of-living adjustment.
- An additional cut of \$10 million to EOP&S state-wide.
- A cut of \$10 million to part-time faculty compensation state-wide.
- Increases in career technical education (funded from EOP&S and part-time faculty funding).
- Same student fees of \$26 per unit.
- Suspension of competitive CalGrant financial aid program.

The SERP plays a big part in balancing the budget

The SERP that is currently being offered plans for the addition of \$2.4 million to the general fund budget based on 17 faculty, 16 classified, 5 managers and one confidential employee taking the incentive. The savings is based on fully funding the SERP and only filling 50% of the vacant positions at lower rates on the salary schedule.

If the Governor's Budget and the SERP work out as planned the District will recommend to the Board the following budget plan:

- Continue the savings plan of \$3.8 million that was implemented in 2009-2010.
- Continue to support the Categorical Programs at current year levels.
- Fund all step and column increases for existing staff.
- Restore supply budgets to current year beginning levels.
- Fund PERS and STRS projected contributions.
- Fund special Program Review allocation for highest priority budget items that come from Program Review process.
- Fund short-term utility cost increases.

If the Governor's Budget and the SERP DO NOT work out as planned we will begin to eliminate the items above and additional staffing savings may be necessary.

Yes, this budget has problems, but they could have been much worse. We do not know how the Legislature will work with the Governor on this budget and there has been much criticism because the Governor has made a number of financial assumptions such as receiving an additional \$6 billion from the federal government (which is unlikely).

Congratulations to...

- **Mr. Steve Sutorus was appointed as the District Business Manager.** Steve has worked for the District as the Internal Auditor since 2005 in addition to working as Assistant Director of the Professional Development Center from 2000 to 2005.
- **Board President, James Ramos was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Northern Arizona University for his strong support of higher education.**

Other District Office News

Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

The Board received a report from Mr. Ron Coats, Chairman of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee who commented on the District's annual [Report to the Community](#). (Follow link to the report).

District Office Program Review

District Office staff have been hard at work on a new Program Review process which will allow each department at the District Office to measure it's success based on objective criteria (including customer service) and establish goals to improve. The process is about 25% complete with a survey to all staff coming up next month. The survey will provide much needed feedback regarding the District operations and how well they provide their services. The entire Program Review will be completed later this spring and we will share more information with the campus community as we continue to make progress.

District Office Strategic Plan

As part of the Accreditation site team recommendations, the District Office is working with the shared governance representatives to develop a strategic plan to guide it's activities over the next three years. The Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting very frequently to review Board imperatives, college goals, and other important data and information that will become part of the plan. The campus community will have an opportunity to read the District Office Strategic Plan and make comments before the plan is finalized this summer and presented to the Board of Trustees in the fall.

Let me know how the District Office can help to support you in the important work that you do for our students.

Sincerely,

Bruce Baron
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