

Los Angeles Community College District

District Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017

1:30-3:30 pm, Educational Services Center, Board Room

Roll Call X Indicates Present

Academic Senate

Holly Bailey-Hoffman	X
Angela Echeverri	X
Jeff Hernandez*	X
Joseph Perret	X
Robert L. Stewart Jr.	
Dan Wanner	X

L.A. Faculty Guild

Nabeel Barakat	
Joseph Guerrieri	X
Sandra Lee	
John McDowell	
Olga Shewfelt	X
Joanne Waddell	X

Unions/Association

Kathleen Becket; SEIU Local 99	
Velma Butler/Shirley Chen Page; AFT Staff Guild	
Paulina Palomino; Local 911 Teamster	X
Iris Ingram; Class Mgmt. Rep	X
Hao Xie; Sup Rep Local 721	

College Presidents

Kathleen F. Burke*	X
Erika A. Endrijonas	X
Larry Frank (Mary Gallagher)	X
Otto W. Lee (Bob Suppelsa)	X
James M. Limbaugh	X
Marvin Martinez (Myeshia Armstrong)	X
Renee Martinez	X
Denise Noldon**	X
Monte Perez	X

Student Trustee Rep

Mandie Dixon

* DBC CO-chairs

** Interim

Also Present

Resource Persons

Ryan Cornner
Jeanette Gordon
Deborah La Teer
Bob Miller
Albert Román
Maury Pearl

Guests

John	al-Amin	Rasel	Menendes
Violet	Amrikhas	Fernando	Oleas
Grace	Chee	Sarah	Song
Dan	Hall		
Mike	Lee		

1. Call to Order by Jeff Hernandez at 1:36.

2. Approval of Agenda – Approved with no changes.

3. Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2017 & October 11, 2017 – September 13, 2017 minutes approved with no changes. October 11, 2017 minutes approved with no changes.

4. Chancellor’s Remarks/Updates

- The Chancellor was attending the fall Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) as a new 3-year commissioner and had his report read to the committee:
- Enrollments - Declining enrollments for fall continue to be a major concern for our colleges and district, and will be discussed today and at the board’s IESS and Budget meetings next week. An enrollment and retention strategies presentation, following up on the Enrollment Summit that occurred in October, will be delivered to board on December 6 during the monthly board meeting at LA Pierce College.
- California College Promise - AB 19 Signed! - Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 19 (Santiago, Chiu and McCarthy) today enabling all Californians to benefit from a year of high quality community college education without having to pay fees for one full year. The California College Promise, authored by Assembly member Miguel Santiago, passed the State Legislature with bipartisan support. AB 19 restores the intent and spirit of the 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education, stating that public higher education, “shall be tuition free to all students.” AB 19 is an extension of policies and practices already happening in Los Angeles. With the support of Mayor Eric Garcetti and other local partners, including the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, LACCD launched the inaugural L.A. Promise Program this fall. More than 4,000 Los Angeles Unified School District high school graduates accepted the L.A. Promise that provides tuition free community college education at one of Los Angeles’ nine college campuses.
- 2018/19 State Legislative Priorities for LACCD
 - a. Base Allocation Increase: Community colleges continue to grapple with operating cost increases (PERS, STRS, OPEB, CBAs, Health Benefits, and Minimum Wage) that are greater than the statutory COLA increase. Additionally, districts are still trying to catch up to cost increases that occurred during the “Great Recession,” a period when community colleges went without COLA increases. We anticipate that costs will continue to increase and the cost of educating a student will increase along with general operating cost increases.
 - b. Growth/Transition Funding: This proposal would call for a minimal amount of growth funding being allocated in the budget; this would be approximately 1%. At the same time, the proposal calls for an additional year of stability being applied across districts in order for a smoother transition to a new funding formula. After the additional stability year, districts would have a “trickle down” reduction that would go, 1/3, 1/3, 1/3. This compromise would ensure that those districts that are growing are funded for the students they are serving while districts that are declining remain stable in a time when the state is discussing a new way to fund community colleges.
 - c. Implementation of the Community College Promise: Now that AB 19 has been signed into law, the measure will need to be funded in the next budget cycle. Not only will it need to be funded, but we will also need to ensure that it is adequately funded to waive all fees for first-time, full-time students. Additionally, we may need some clean-up amendments to ensure that the bill is implemented as intended.
 - d. DACA Work Study: Undocumented students are prohibited from participating in the federal work study program limiting their access to certain financial aid. We’ll explore legislation that would establish a state work study program specifically for AB 540 students that would allow

them to “work” or volunteer in exchange for a stipend or grant. These are some of the most vulnerable students in our system and they are disadvantaged when it comes to financial aid opportunities.

- e. CCCApply: Currently, CCCApply is a barrier for many students who are seeking access to community college. We hear that the process can take close to an hour and many students are discouraged while going through the process. The abandonment rate is much higher than it should be, especially for LACCD colleges. Let’s look at ways to streamline the application process, while still enabling the state to collect the data that it needs.

5. ECDBC Reports and Recommendations

- There was no ECDBC meeting.

6. Enrollment Update (Cornner)

- Winter enrollments have started and numbers should be more concrete when open enrollment arrives.
- FTES calculations have begun and more definite numbers are expected to be reported at the next DBC meeting. Preliminary enrollment projections show that FTES is a bit higher than enrollment and additional FTES is expected beyond the 5% enrollment decrease.
- The Board approved a contract with Interact Communications for student recruitment for Spring at the last meeting. There are two target groups: students who applied but never attended (46% of applicants) and students who attended in Fall but have not registered for Spring. Communications to encourage students to enroll will begin on December 8, 2017.

7. FON Update (Román)

- Currently, the full-time faculty number is 1,679.3. The FON target was 1,654 for 2017 and the District was 31.5 over the FON number.
- Estimated “Early” Separations for 2018 was 40. However, due to SRS retirements, the District expects fewer separations. The new projection is approximately 10-20 separations.
- Faculty hires are being processed for Spring 2018 and will count towards FON reporting in 2018. The District anticipates 15-20 more hires, which will bring the total number of hires to 119 full-time faculty members for next year.
- A plan with detailed information about hires for each college is expected to be presented next month.

8. Prop 98 tests and impact on LACCD (Dr. Miller)

- Prop 98 is the mechanism in which K-12 and community colleges receiving funding. In the calculation of funding distribution under Prop 98, there are three tests that can be chosen. Due to current economic conditions, the Prop 98 test B3 can be waived and would result in a reduction in allocation to K-14 institutions.
- California Community Colleges funding could result in a total reduction of \$450 million. LACCD funding could be reduced \$4.1 million in 2018-19, \$2.7 million in 2019-20, and a little over \$1 million in 2020-21.
- California Community Colleges are organizing and working with legislators to overturn the decision to waive Prop 98 test B3.

9. DBC Recommendations to the Chancellor

- No recommendations to the Chancellor.

10. Items to Be Addressed by ECDBC

- ECDBC will share visits from Harbor and Southwest.
- Functional mapping of District to be taken to ECDBC for review.

11. Other Business

- Discussions about the District Contingency Reserve. A more targeted discussion on this can be brought in future meetings.
- The District Strategic Plan states that the District needs to do Integrated Planning. The District Planning Committee will fine tune the plan and send to the DBC for review in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Future DBC Meetings: Jan 31, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 16, Jun 13

Future ECDBC Meetings: Nov 28, Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 29, Jun 26