

**Minutes of the Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC)
Ocean Avenue Campus, Room R518
2007 August 30**

Present: John Bilmont, Ronald Bixler, Denton Crews, Philip R. Day, Jr. (Chair), Carlota del Portillo, Robert Gabriner, Christopher Gomora, Stephen Herman, Marc Kitchel, Donald Lind, Susan Lopez, Madeline Mueller, Alice Murillo, Dennis Piontkowski, Lisa Romano, Fred Teti, David Yee

1. PBC Minutes from 2007 April 25: approved.
2. California State Budget, 2007–2008: Update

Chancellor Day discussed the State Budget and, in particular, Governor Schwarzenegger's veto message.

- The Governor claims that his office did not receive the list of noncredit certificate (CDCP) programs, but the CCC State Chancellor has a receipt for the delivery.
- The Department of Finance opposes basic skills funding unless it entails the CCCs focusing on 18–25 year old students, pay-for-performance criteria, and accountability measures. The CCCs summarily reject the first two, but Dr. Day chaired a meeting of the CCC CEOs and the Department of Finance in which the CCCs proposed accountability measures for which data is readily available.
- The vetoed noncredit funding cannot return without action by the Legislature, and the pundits suspect the Legislature will adjourn early this session.

3. Faculty Position Allocation Committee (FPAC) Requests, Fall 2007

Vice Chancellor Murillo reported that FPAC is accepting requests for consolidation (including some held over from last year), retiree replacements, and sabbatical replacements.

4. Budget Review and Recommendation Process: Update

Vice Chancellor Gabriner disbursed a chart showing the Joint Working Group's (JWG) progress. The JWG has made recommendations on 7 of the 14 units under review; the rest are in progress.

5. Improving the Presentation of the Budget to the Public: Discussion

In response to a WASC recommendation, the College is seeking a way to make the Budget reports, ordinarily somewhat opaque except to an expert, easy for a layperson to use.

- Ideally, a layperson would be able to see where tax money is going, and that the money is well-spent.
- Dr. Day proposed making an appendix out of the many tables, usually the body of the reports. The new report would feature pie charts for revenue and expenditures, explanations of growth and enrollment caps, projections of future changes, and goals.
- The group discussed some ideas for improving the annual planning system in accordance with a WASC recommendation. It was suggested that perhaps we could organize the Annual Plan by division instead of by strategic priority, with metrics added for later evaluation of plan implementation. At the next meeting a more concrete proposal for such improvement will be brought forth for discussion.
- Dr. Day also proposed resuming the Board Budget Retreats. These ceased because the Board exhausted the office's resources with increasing demands for detailed information.