

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 17

Approval of Minutes of the July 17, 2012 Planning & Budget Committee Meeting

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 Board of Trustees Planning & Budget Committee meeting.

Committee Members and Trustees Present:

Ms. Charletta Rogers Compton

Mr. Bob Ferguson

Ms. Diana Flores

Dr. Wright Lassiter (secretary and chancellor)

Mr. JL Sonny Williams

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. Wesley Jameson

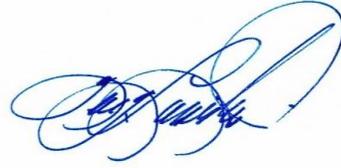
Mr. Bill Metzger (arrived 3:47 p.m.)

Mr. Jerry Prater

Trustee Compton convened the meeting at 10:47 a.m. Dr. Wright Lassiter certified the meeting notice had been posted.

**CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE POSTED
FOR THE JULY 17, 2012
PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
AND RICHLAND COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

I, Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Dallas County Community College District, do certify that a copy of this notice was posted on the 13th day of July 2012, in a place convenient to the public in the District Office Administration Building, and a copy of this notice was provided on the 13th day of July 2012, to John F. Warren, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, and the notice was posted on the bulletin board at the George Allen Sr. Courts Building, all as required by the Texas Government Code, §551.054.



Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary

Opening Remarks from the Chancellor

Dr. Lassiter read from prepared remarks as follows:

Members of the board – as you are aware, we are in the third year of significant actions to address the reduction in state funding; to accommodate the continued growth in enrollment; and to respond to the growing new demands for programs and services.

These comments, as in the past, are designed to provide the context for the proceedings of today.

We have previously reported on the impact of the Voluntary Retirement program; the range of actions to reduce expenditures at the location and district levels; and the actions to restructure and reorganization as a result of the diminished number of employees.

We have also reported on actions taken to more accurately fund the newly acquired space from the bond programs; how we have addressed the expanding technology requirements; the program enhancements enacted; and the one example of centralization, that being financial aid.

Over the past two years there has been significant growth in the pursuit of, and the awarding of skill development grants from the Texas Workforce Commission. Not only have those actions provided a source of added revenue, but our work has demonstrated our capacity to respond to workforce needs.

As you have noted in the college reports, several have had renewals of Title V and Title IV grants. These are important funding sources for enhanced services to students

The departure of 274 individuals through the VRI has made it necessary for each college, and district area, to engage in strategic restructuring in order to meet service demands with a reduced staff. You should have noted how this is being accomplished in the individual reports in your budget book.

As reported by EVC DesPlas, it is wishful thinking to anticipate any

additional revenue from the state. Our challenge is to position ourselves so that we will not be unduly impacted, negatively, by changes on the horizon regarding actions by the Texas Legislature and the Coordinating Board.

As you will note in a portion of your budget book, we have been to a certain extent treading water hoping that funds will be restored. That is just wishful thinking and there is no “rescue ship” coming our way. As you will note from Ed’s upcoming report, we have to “save ourselves.” As requested by you earlier, we are demonstrating our “will” by placing before you funding models designed to put the DCCCD in a position to continue to be a high-quality institution with our services to students and the community.

The reports also reflect our collective task of optimization in a constantly changing environment.

Multi-Year Financial Plan

Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Ed DesPlas presented the 2012-2014 multi-year financial plan.

2012-13 Proposed Budgets

Mr. DesPlas presented proposed budgets for DCCCD. Presidents Chesney, Wimbish, Conway, McCarthy, Zamora, Slejko, and Eggleston presented proposed budgets for their respective colleges. Other District administrators including Executive Vice Chancellor DesPlas, Vice Chancellor Justin Lonon, Provost Sharon Blackman, and Associate Vice Chancellor Betheny Reid, provided budget review and comment as well. Members of the Board asked follow-up questions after each presentation.

Questions/Comments from the Board and Chancellor

Trustee Flores shared concerns regarding Brookhaven customer service issues raised by a DISD staff member. President Chesney confirmed that follow-up would occur.

Trustee Flores asked the Chancellor to provide trustees with a report on the success of non-course based remediation after 2012-2013 implementation, as described in President Conway’s budget presentation.

Trustees Williams and Flores raised questions regarding weekend closures and inconsistencies noted among the colleges, which might limit student access.

Trustee Ferguson requested summaries of the books noted in President Eggleston’s presentation: *Great by Choice* (Collins) and *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* (Payne).

Trustee Flores requested that the handrail on stairs/ramp at the back of 1601 South Lamar be evaluated to improve usability during periods of high heat.

Trustee Flores requested that a summary of all cost reductions be developed for easier review. The Chancellor acknowledged the request, confirming that this report would be sent to the Board on Friday.

Based upon the information presented and extended discussion among the Board members present, staff was directed to produce a planning model reflecting a \$7 per credit hour tuition increase and a 2 cent tax increase. Mr. DesPlas indicated that this model could be prepared by Friday for forwarding to the Board.

Trustee Ferguson, joined by other trustees, acknowledged the long day and hard work required to deliver specific information as decisions on forward movement are made.

Trustee Compton was thanked for leading the meeting throughout the day.

Citizens desiring to appear before the board

There were none.

Executive Session

There was none.

Adjournment

Trustee Ferguson moved and Trustee Flores seconded a motion to adjourn. Trustee Compton adjourned the Planning & Budget Committee meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary