

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
District Council of Administrative Services (DCAS)

Thursday, November 20, 2008

District Administrative Office Multipurpose Room

NOTES

Attendees: John al-Amin, Dominga Chavez, P. Scott Corbett, Debra Cronin, Ray Di Guilio, Connie Jenkins, Sue Johnson, David Keebler, Deborah LaTeer, Mary Anne McNeil, Darlene Melby, Karen Osher, Peter Sezzi, Margaret Tennant

Absent: None

The meeting began at approximately 8:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The notes from the September 18, 2008 meeting were approved by consensus with Connie Jenkins

MID-YEAR CUTS FY 2008-09

Ms. Johnson provided an overview of the current budget situation. She explained that the Governor declared another Fiscal Emergency on November 6 in order to bring the legislature back into session to resolve the additional budget deficit. The Governor projects there is an additional \$11.2 billion shortfall (over the \$15.2 billion which was supposed resolved in Sept). The proposal would result in a \$332.2 million reduction to CCC, which equates to \$7.9 million for VCCCD. This includes the elimination of the partially funded COLA, a 5% general apportionment reduction system-fill general funds. The LAO agrees in general with the estimated shortfall over a two-year period. The LAO proposed a student fee increase (January 1 to \$26/unit; July 1 to \$30/unit), which would go to the state, not the districts, but would assist to offset the overall deficit. The legislature will meet on Sunday. There must be action taken at that session or the resolution will be deferred until the new legislature is seated on December 1.

Sue mentioned that we have experienced mid-year cuts in six of the last eight years. Last year being . The expectation is that the midyear cuts for 2008-09 will be permanent and lower the base for future years.

After meeting with the Vice Presidents, Ms. Johnson proposed that we recommend to the Board a balanced approach to resolve our local reduction, and that we not wait until the legislature takes action.

The recommendation is to use the \$2 million in the Contingency for Revenue Shortfall that was budgeted; apply a 2% cut to the general fund-unrestricted operating budgets for all four sites plus the return of COLA, which was held in site reserves; and take the balance of the reduction from unallocated reserves. A chart was distributed showing the impacts of that recommendation. DCAS agreed, through consensus, to recommend these proposals to the Board for approval in December.

