PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Board Room

Members Present: Stacey Bartlett, Monica Boyes, Les Jauron, Al Renville, Belinda Sonnier, Trevor Stewart, Andy Suleski, Brad Zuniga
Members Absent: Peter Dahl, Lisa Husar, Carrie Roberson, Samia Yaqub
Guest: Cheri Taylor, Ashley Brian

I. DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS

At 3:35 p.m., Brad Zuniga called the meeting to order.

a. Consider approval of the 01/14/14 minutes

The minutes of the 01/14/14 meeting were approved as presented. MSC: Renville/Sonnier; Abstention: Bartlett

b. Grants Update

Cheri Taylor presented an update on grants. Cheri gave the committee handouts regarding the grant awards for 2013-14 and 2014-15.

c. Budget Update

Andy provided a budget update with a handout on the January budget proposal and the impact to Butte College. The District will have to close a $2.4M budget gap due to the increase in fixed costs and the low statutory COLA of 0.86%. The COLA doesn’t provide a lot of money to work with as the bulk of that money will go on the salary schedule. We will await the release of the May Revise.

d. Planning Update

Les handed out a Planning Way Ahead document for the Committee to review. The Education Master Plan has been approved by Associated Students, MSC, and Academic Senate and will be on the next Classified Senate meeting for approval. It will then go to the Board for approval. Committees are meeting on the functional plans and are on track.

e. May Forum Planning

Stacey will check with Academic Senate to determine which date, May 22 or May 27, would be best to hold the May Forum. She will report back at the next meeting.

f. Training: Health Benefits

Trevor reported that next month, May, is open enrollment. We, along with the K-12 districts in Butte County, are in a pool called the Butte Schools Self-Funded Program JPA (BSSPJ PA) and as we go through the process of rate setting, we have to keep in mind not only the districts, but the employees as well. As we set rates and create plans, we try to find a mix for those who use the plan and for those who don’t use the plan. Over the years, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), has added a lot of costs to health care and part of the premiums that we pay, pay for the ACA for Covered California. In the 2014-15 plan year, $60 of the premium per member, per year is what is paid to Covered California for premiums. In general, the cost of health care goes up about 10% from year to year. The BSSPJ PA have been able to keep costs down by lowering the benefits. This year all of the plans are different and the costs are only increasing by 4.3%.

II. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA - April 22, 2014 @ 3:30 p.m.

- Budget Update
- Augmentation Lists from VP Areas
- Planning Update
- Future meeting – unit planning process training
III. ADJOURNMENT
   At 4:58 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.