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Agenda

Date: Monday, March 5, 2018

Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

President's Conference Room (FH 1901)

Time	Topic	Discussion Leader	Expected Outcome
1:00-1:05p	A. Review and approve previous meeting's minutes. https://foothill.edu/gov/opc/pdf/OPC_Minutes_02-05-18.pdf	Watson	Approval
1:05-1:20p	B. Budget Reduction Update. https://foothill.edu/gov/parc/2017-18/jan31/Budget-presentation-jan31-2018.pptx	Watson	Information
1:20-1:35p	C. Bond Update-Measure C.	Watson	Information
1:35-1:55p	D. Basic Aid.	Watson	Information
1:55-2:00p	E. Set next meeting date. Please bring your calendars.	Watson	Confirm date

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Approved.

b. Resource requests (unscheduled item).

Send dean's rankings to VPs as they come in. timing will be critical as PaRC requires two reads of the final OPC graded requests. Committee may need to set weekly meetings to go through all requests.

c. Budget Reduction Update.

Bret Watson reviews ppt presentation, slide 18 regarding dates for participatory governance and town hall consultations. Encourages sharing of information and participating through meetings and providing feedback, for example department and other work group meetings. Denise Perez and Watson share examples of staff meetings in their areas where budget reduction information was disseminated and feedback was given.

Elaine Kuo asks when more definitive numbers will be available. Watson estimates April or May.

d. Bond Update-Measure C.

Watson gives update on measure C bond, the bond ends in 2022 and there are still projects on the bond list that are being worked on. Remaining money is being looked at to distribute between remaining list of projects, for example parking lot 5 removing portables and repaving to add student parking; 2500 and 2600 PE roofs, 1500 renovations. District Facilities are looking at remaining money and cost of remaining projects and possibility of augmenting funds with existing money such as facilities upgrade money or other district funds.

Kuo asks if November ballot is still target for next bond measure. Watson confirms but there are still surveys and other information to gather from community, still not official though. Campus and district representatives are still going out into the community to discuss possibility of new bond measure.

Nanette Solvason comments that national tax code has changed and asks if that has been taken into account for new bond measure? Watson confirms that new tax code has been part of conversations campus and district reps have had with community members and organizations. Parcel tax could change and that could also affect support of new bond measure.

e. Basic Aid

Watson reviews budget presentation slide 14, enrollment. Due to downward trend in enrollment and upward trend in property taxes, combined with new funding formula from State Chancellor's office (which is less favorable to FHDA than current formula), the district has looked into possibility of becoming Basic Aid district. To fully get to Basic Aid level there will be further declines in enrollment and funding.

Lee asks for clarification on basic aid. Watson states that basic aid funding comes from enrollment fees and local property taxes, which is different from state apportionment based on FTES. If this new funding formula is passed then the margin between FHDA's apportionment and the Basic Aid level becomes much less.

Ram Subramaniam asks what does it mean to be a basic aid district and why does that make people nervous? Watson and Kuo give information that Basic Aid colleges have enrollment/size caps and that for FHDA to get to that level programs may need to be cut to get down to the qualifying level. Elias Regalado goes over budget and funding information from State Chancellor's office website. Categorical, lottery, and other funding sources will still be available, just in different quantities.

Simon Pennington asks how much FTES will need to be cut for FHDA to qualify for Basic Aid. Watson and Regalado note that property taxes could rise to the point where being in Basic Aid could happen with no change to FTES. It could be conceivable that changing variables cause districts/campuses to go in and out of Basic Aid category. Regalado also notes that ERAF funding from taxes could affect campus operating revenue.

Watson notes that becoming a basic aid district would mean changes in staffing and operational organization. Kuo asks if there have been any discussions to actively seek becoming Basic Aid. Watson and Regalado both note that the process, if it happens, will be more organic and be based off of actual enrollment declines, changes to property taxes, and other factors and not some active strategy to pursue becoming Basic Aid status.

Lee and Amy Edwards also ask if any cuts in areas have been discussed or is it known where the reductions will happen? Watson highlights slide 8 from budget presentation showing where the suggestions for savings have been targeted. Group discusses benefits and risks of cutting faculty positions or replacing full time

faculty with part time.

Watson notes that there may be more information available on basic aid and funding cuts over summer.

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March 19 confirmed.