# FUNDING FORMULA COMMITTEE | MINUTES

Meeting date 02/01/2019 time 3:00 | Meeting location District Office Board Room

Meeting called by Recurring Meeting

Type of meeting SCFF Budget & Planning

Facilitator Ron/Cynthia/Rajinder

Note taker Dawn

Timekeeper Ron

Attendees: Cynthia Gordon da Cruz, Kirti Reddy, Noell Adams, Virginia Criswell, Na Liu, Heike Gecox, Tamica Ward, Cindy Robinson, Amir Law, Trish Shannon, Paulette Lino, Diane Brady, Julia Dozier, Andi Schreibman, Mon Khat, Melissa Korber, Rachel Ugale, Guisselle Nunez, Matt Kritscher, Kathy Medina and Dawn Neideffer

### AGENDA TOPICS | MEETING COMMENCED AT 3:05

Time allotted | 3 min | Agenda topic 1.0 APPROVE MINUTES | Presenter RON

**Discussion** Ron asked all present to review the December 7<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**Conclusion** Roanna made a motion to approve the minutes. Heike seconded the motion. Motion

passed.

Action items Person responsible Deadline

1. Minutes approved Committee Action Completed

Time allotted | 2 min | Agenda topic 2.0 APPROVE AGENDA | Presenter RON

**Discussion** No discussion.

**Conclusion** Agenda approved.

Action items Person responsible Deadline

1. Agenda approved

Time allotted | 30 min | Agenda topic 3.0 Framing Intro | Presenter Ron

**Discussion** 

Ron framed the scope of the meeting: funding model needs a broader view and collective voice, so we as a District can better ourselves. FFC is recommending resources to the PBC in light of the SCFF change as we try to understand and utilize this shared governance process. CLPCCD held a Region 9 SCFF Workshop on January 9, 2019. State representatives and other districts looked at SCFF data and we were able to speak to colleagues in other districts. Ron reviewed the <u>Governor's Budget Proposal</u>. Two areas of focus are 1) COLA and 2) Newsom may be open and receptive to changing the SCFF based on the fact that two dozen community colleges will be negatively impacted by the current SCFF. Also significant is the metric for points awarded to colleges in regard to students completing college level math and English. Currently, if a student registers in spring, said student only has one

semester to complete the two courses. The state's Advisory Work Group that Ron is a part of, made a recommendation to have metric changed so the student gets one full year to complete the two courses. If a student transfers to another state community college, the last college where the student was enrolled and completes said course work, gets the points. A discussion about state metrics ensued.

#### **Conclusion**

In regard to SCFF, comparatively speaking, CLPCCD is in good shape. Heike said there is a potential for the students to get hurt if the metrics only look at the dollar amount.

#### Action items

Person responsible Deadline

None

## Time allotted | Time **45 min** | Agenda topic Topic **4.0 Philosophy Statement** | Presenter Names | **Cynthia**

<u>Discussion</u> Conversation about the current philosophy statement and the survey sent to

members ensued to determine what to keep in the philosophy statement and what to

put in the rubric.

<u>Conclusion</u> Matt made a motion to accept the philosophy statement as currently presented. Ron

called for a show of hands. Eight members voted to for the motion, zero opposed the

motion.

### Action items Person responsible Deadline

1. Motion passed to accept and approve the Funding Formula Committee's Philosophy Statement as drafted for the 2/1/19 meeting.

Committee

Action completed

## Time allotted | 20 min | Agenda topic 5.0 Facilitated Conversation on Rubric and Application Process | Presenter Rajinder and Cynthia

<u>Discussion</u> The members and attendees split into two groups. One group discussed the rubric and the second group discussed the application.

#### **Conclusion**

Cynthia noted the following outcome from the facilitated conversation about the rubric: 1) clearly define criteria of how to measure the mission. Rubric needs concrete examples for the strong, adequate and limited evidence boxes; example-'how is equity defined?' or 'how will criteria to meet educational goals be scored' 2) weighing different aspects of the rubric by assigning value to said aspects; not all criteria should be equally weighted 3) cost benefit analysis is important; including concrete way to measure: 'should business offices be involved?' 4) get moving on the project 5) Manager and Dean support is needed 6) alignment is not always relevant 7) demonstrate and make clear that this project is contained and is not ongoing: Multi-year funding limit 8) make the rubric as simple and straightforward as possible 9) [proposed project] demonstrates it is best-suited for this budget and not another categorical fund. Rajinder noted the following outcome from the facilitated conversation about the application: 1) proposals will need to be signed off

by the Dean, Director, VP and President before coming to FFC 2) 'should the applicants be required to present to the FFC with a Q & A period following presentation?' 3) a direct relationship needs to exist between proposed projects and increased supplemental or student success outcomes, including a projected outcome in the application 4) only proposals that are likely to produce high number of supplemental or student success will be considered 5) Stakeholders of funded projects will need to agree to report their actual outcomes to the FFC. Ron asked for a show of hands to vote for one FFC subcommittee or two. Sixteen voted in favor of one subcommittee, two voted in favor of two committees.

#### Action items Person responsible Deadline

1. Members and attendees voted for one subcommittee Committee Action completed under FFC.

Time allotted | 15 min | Agenda topic 6.0Subcommittee Discussion and Volunteers | Presenter Ron

<u>Discussion</u> Ron called for volunteers for the FFC Subcommittee.

Conclusion Volunteers are: Bruce Griffin, Dr. Stacey L. Thompson, Dr. Patricia Shannon and

Diane Brady.

Action items Person responsible Deadline

1. Schedule the Subcommittee's first meeting Dawn 2/22/19

### Time allotted | 5 min | Agenda topic 7.0 SCFF Metric Presentation on Financial Aid | Presenter Andi and Kathy

#### **Discussion**

Kathy and Andi presented their slide on Financial Aid (FA). FA application can be very difficult, especially for ESL students. ESL students also have trouble getting through FAFSA. Many applications get rejected because they are incomplete. Regular email communications are sent to students to complete applications but largely go out without a response. Texting option may be a solution through a software program called Campus Logic (CL). Regarding file review and awarding, it is currently a manual and very detailed process. Issues with signatures and other incomplete criteria create delays and/or students not receiving FA when they are eligible. There has been a chronic problem of lack of staffing in FA. Proposed software is compatible with Banner and Class Web and will free up staff time. Applicants can e-sign applications. CL is a more modern and intuitive for staff and students.

#### Conclusion

Current Financial Aid is largely a manual process. Thousands of students apply for FA and do not get it because of mistakes on the application; there is a low student response to correct applications, hence students who qualify for FA are not receiving it. Bruce pointed out that text messages may get ignored if too many are sent. Initiatives proposed are to free up staffing. More staff is needed to get more

applicants awarded FA. CL will provide a much higher rate of application completion rates. CL reduces phone call volume, students get paid faster, and forms can be completed with commonly owned devices such as Smart Phones. CL is expected to improve financial aid document submission and completion, significantly reduce the gap between the number of students who do not complete FAFSA application, CL will free up staff time so staff can do further outreach to students in order for more students to apply which will increase awarded college grants. Bruce feels this project hits all the touch points to reach goals and fits in the hold harmless timeframe.

None

Time allotted | Ongoing | Agenda topic 8.0 Wrap-Up | Presenter ALL

Discussion Conclusion
None Were noted.

Person responsible Deadline

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None

**Future Agenda Items** 

No discussion.

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

March 1

April 5

May 3

| Meeting adjourned at 5:05