

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
April 8, 2003

The Finance Committee Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District opened in the Isensee Board Room, Harvin Center, Del Mar College East Campus, Baldwin and Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, with the following present:

From the Committee:

Ms. Beverly Winters, Chairperson; Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minnie Arriaga, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, and Mr. Guy Watts.

From the College:

Dr. Gustavo Valadez Ortiz, President; Mr. José Alaniz, Vice President of Business and Finance; Mr. José Rivera, Interim Vice President of Learning and Academic Affairs and Vice President of Student Development and Community Learning; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations; Mr. John Johnson, Internal Auditor; Ms. Theresa Cox, Director of Equity and Human Resources; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Barbara Riley, Executive Administrative Assistant to Vice President of Business and Finance; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Stephen Hilmy.

Others:

Other interested citizens.

Ms. Beverly Winters, chairperson of the Committee, presided and called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, she requested a moment of silence.

The meeting opened with public comments. Ms. Marilyn Venegas, representing the East Campus Student Government Association, emphasized the need for continued communication between College administration and the student body concerning the effect of the budget cuts. Ms. Venegas suggested that the College consider charging a fee for the catalog and class schedules in an effort to help with the mandated reductions.

Ms. Laura Parr, speaking on behalf of the Faculty Council, informed the Board that the Council had passed a resolution supporting an increase in student tuition and fees beginning in the fall semester.

(Mrs. Adler arrived.)

No one else signed up or requested to address the committee.

Mr. José Alaniz, Vice President of Business and Finance, provided an overview of the current budget. He presented different scenarios for budget reductions in expenditures, and the effect tuition increases would have on the income side. (Mrs. Arriaga arrived.) Mr. Alaniz pointed out that there would not be any salary increases in the proposed budget, and that the College may have to fund 65% of insurance premiums for employees. He explained that more would be known at the end of the legislative session. Mr. Alaniz stressed the need to review both income and expenses in the planning process.

The Committee talked about several bills in legislation that would have an impact on the budget. Discussion followed on the possibility of increasing tuition and fees, and Ms. Ruth Cude, Comptroller, reviewed the various increases and the revenue each would generate. The Committee also talked about the levels of reductions in expenditures taken by different departments.

After further discussion on budget issues, Mr. Alaniz informed the Committee that he would prepare a preliminary budget using a zero-base concept for their review the first week of May.

Mr Watts made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spann, to recess the meeting at approximately 12:16 p.m.

The Finance Committee reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

Mr. Rivas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to adjourn, and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.