



Budget Resource Allocation Committee (BRAC)

Thursday, April 23, 2020 - 2:30 – 4:00pm

MINUTES DRAFT

1. Call to Order

M. Bush called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes – *Thursday, March 26, 2020*

(m/s/p) (/G. Potts) Move to approve minutes. Minutes approved.

4. Federal CARES Grant – *Presented by Mike Bush, Vice President- Business & Admin. Services*

M. Bush updated BRAC members on the Federal CARES Education Emergency Relief Fund.

- The grant approved by the legislature is very different from the originally released. C. Weingart applied on behalf of PCC and the College was only allowed to apply for half of the original amount (\$15.2 M). Also, only a portion of the updated guidelines was released.
- Student Services is ready to begin distributing the funds once they are released to PCC. The distribution of the money will be based on a Student Service's formula based on the grant guidelines. The grant guidelines continue to change and adjustments to the qualifications must be adjusted.
- It is anticipated that once the funds are received by the College, 2/3 of the funds will be distributed immediately to the qualifying students, and the balance of the funds will be distributed until September 2020.
- The Federal Grant portion for institutional funding was just opened and PCC will be applying soon.
- C. Weingart shared that fiscal submitted an application for the FEMA grant.

Q: D. Miller: *Can some of the Federal grant funds be used for computers?*

A: M. Bush: Yes. Some of the funds will be utilized to replace the Chrome books taken from the labs. Returned laptops will be placed in a lending library. PCC is working on providing Wi-Fi that students can access in Lot 3 since several businesses that normally provide free Wi-Fi are currently closed.

Q: S. Talaoc: *Will there be a faculty hiring Freeze?*

A: M. Bush: There is no hiring freeze. Instead, hiring will be based on a case by case situation. Currently, there are faculty members that had planned to retire and it did not materialize. PCC is moving forward with hiring 20 new faculty members. Classified hiring will be placed on a temporary hold. Classified hiring will resume when the College fully reopens.

Q: D. Miller: Is it possible for the Kinesiology department to lend equipment to students?

A: M. Bush: No.

5. State Budget – Presented by Mike Bush, Vice President- Business & Admin. Services

M. Bush provided the highlights of the budget crisis the State of California is experiencing as a result of Covid-19 and the impact it has on the community colleges:

A. PCC 2021 Budget Timeline

- For the fiscal year 2019-2020, the Department of Finance announced that funding will consist of work-load allocated funds for 2019-2020 plus COLA.
 - The May revised and State adopted budget figures will be workload and funding for the additional expenses resulting from Covid-19.
 - The current time-line plan is to adopt the budget in June
 - Once State taxes are known in August, it is anticipated that there will be an August special session for the legislature to modify the State budget.
 - Higher Ed will not know their budget until September and will be required 45 days to revise their budgets.

Q: J. Bajah: *Is PCC getting their budget until September?*

A: M. Bush: September is only an estimate based on information from the Chancellor's office.

6. Future BRAC Meetings

Next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourn at 3:15 pm.