

Bakersfield College Budget Committee - Report to Academic Senate
May 3, 2023

The Budget Committee held their regular scheduled monthly meeting April 23, 2023.

1. KCCD Chief Financial Officer, Mike Giacomini reported on the preliminary budget for the college. Highlights include:
 - a. A 3.91% overall increase, raising the budget from 189.3 million to 196.7 million.
 - b. COLA increase of 8.13% and Growth increase of 0.5%, yet there is an unknown technical adjustment that brings the effective rate down to 4.2%.
 - c. The budget contains funding for all full-time faculty retirement positions.
 - d. The budget contains funding for 20 temporary full-time faculty positions. (Note: KCCD's barely met its 50% law requirement this year – KCCD reported 50.005%)
 - e. KCCD is expected to receive 2-4 additional full-time faculty positions to meet its Full-time Faculty Obligation Number (FON). It is expected that BC will most likely receive 1 or 2 of such positions.
 - f. Beyond the normal increases in step/column (2.5%), PERS contributions will increase by 6.4%, STRS contributions will remain flat.
 - g. There will be a loss of deferred maintenance funds, requiring instructional supplies and materials to be picked up from the general fund.
 - h. Approximately an additional 1 million has been set aside for any overage on the campus housing project.
 - i. A very large solar project is expected to begin following graduation. The solar field will be in the southwest parking lot (corner of University/Haley).
 - j. Approximately 2.5 million has been allocated to furnish the third floor of the Southwest Center.
 - k. BC's portion of the district office expense will decline from 32.2 million to 29.5 million (primarily due to a decrease in a one-time expenditure last year to buy down an upside-down certificate of deposit.)

2. BC's current Vice President of Finance and Administration remains vacant. The position announcement will be closing Friday April 28, 2023. A call has been sent out for faculty representation on this committee.
3. The current BC Budget Decision Criteria document was reviewed. The document was created during a budget crisis to address primarily how best to make budget decisions during downturns and not necessarily stable/prosperous years. The committee made significant progress, making recommendations within the headings of The College Goals, The Core Mission, Student Success, and Program and Service Sustainability. The changes have been submitted to the Senate for consideration.
4. It was reported that the District Wide Budget Committee will meet on Friday April 28, 2023.

The KCCD Districtwide Budget Committee held a meeting on April 28, 2023. The committee reviewed:

1. 2021-22 Final Carryover Calculations Report which indicated a net change in the district ending balance of 8.4 million, increasing essentially reserve levels to 125 million or approximately 63.12% of district expenditures.
2. 2023-24 Revenue Allocation Report (Unrestricted Funds) which indicates BC will be allocated 70.59% of district unrestricted funds. The report also shows both CC (\$530,000) and PC (\$2,551,000) will receive from the districtwide reserve money for stabilization (decreasing FTES).
3. 2023-24 [District Office Budget](#). I will defer comments on this document to President Strobel (see below).

Regards,

Steven Holmes

Strobel's comments on [DO Budget](#): The overall DO budget is less than last year but the chargebacks continue to be based on the old FTES model (of which BC accounts for over 76% of KCCD) instead of the SCFF model we've used for [allocations to the colleges](#) (of which BC gets about 70.6% of GU001 funds) => a difference that comes to several millions of dollars. The DWBC really does need to get the chargeback model updated! Also, there was discussion about the fact that the new position of deputy chancellor position never went through the consultative process given in [AP 3100](#), a rely primarily upon procedure.