BUDGET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes December 17, 2008
(Approved at the Meeting of 1/21/09)

Members Present:  Adam O’Connor, Dan Willoughby, Cyndi Grein, Ken Collins, Marcus Wilson, Chrystal Van Beynen, Sharon Kelly, Robin Kim, Shajin Hashemi

Absent: None

Meeting commenced at 2:08 p.m.

Meeting notes of December 3, 2008 were accepted.

Budget Principles (white handout)—Ken Collins presented DRAFT Budget Development Principles for Fullerton College based on a request from Faculty Senate and our previous discussion. There was much discussion and the four principles were accepted with three changes. Adam will make the changes to the document and send it out to the members. The committee discussed the process for filling vacancies during a budget shortfall and suggested that a process be established—possibly having the dean provide justification for replacing a position, send it through the VP, then to BDC, BDC would then recommend to PAC and Dr. Hodge.

Budget Update (yellow handout)—Still no action at the state level. Adam then reviewed the DPC Subcommittee Meeting Recap. The subcommittee won’t be meeting again until January 5, 2009. He informed the committee that there will be a suggestion box at convocation for last minute budget cut ideas. Adam indicated that Fred Williams will be providing the number of faculty, staff and managers at each budget center since 1999 or so. The committee suggested that the district should make the “big” cuts and the campuses should make their own cuts after exhausting district cuts. We should be spending time thinking about making cuts for next year and discussion will begin at our next meeting.

Adam stated that he would appreciate a copy of any recommendations from the constituencies before sending them to Ned.

State discussion—roll back to Prop 98 funding level. The students indicated that they would not like to see classes cut. District possibly cutting back 1500 FTE.

Fullerton College Cash Allocation W/Est. 5% Cut (green handout)—Adam brought this handout as a starting point for discussion—showing what a 5% decrease in cash allocation looks like. According to our previous recommendation any other cuts may be programmatic. Across the board cuts—everyone needs to feel the pain. It was suggested that some items listed on the green handout could be eliminated—for instance Saturday Services since we will probably not be offering classes on Saturdays. How do we identify which cuts to make? Pick a base year to compare these budgets to. Possibly roll
back to a certain year and look at the services provided then. Roll back to a year that we had a similar number of FTES. How do the budget cuts tie into accreditation? Should we tie into the student equity plan?

Adam will be taking a look at the vacancy list and the costs related to the positions. Faculty are cased in at the D7 level and classified at an A.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.