



Members Present

Administration: Ron Perez-Co-Chair, David Loverin, Vicky Parra, Louann Waldner
Faculty: Mike Skaff–Co-Chair, John Sorber, Manlia Xiong
Classified: Nick Terry
Non-Voting Member: Leangela Miller-Hernandez, Rainbow Park-Moore

Members Absent

Administration: Vicky Parra, Zach Patterson
Faculty: James McDonnell
Adjunct Faculty: -
Classified: Angela Iniguez
Student: Toby Shirk

1. **Call to Order** – Ron Perez called the meeting to order at 15:07.
2. **Approval of the October 10, 2024 Budget Committee Minutes** – Nick Terry moved to approve minutes. Louann Waldner seconded. Motion carries with unanimous approval.
3. **Report to Committee**
 - a. **District Governance Senate Actions** – None
 - b. **Board of Trustees Actions and Items** – Ron Perez discussed election results. Connie Diaz will replace Trustee Lori Cardoza starting in December.
4. **Budget and Fiscal Items on Board Agenda**
 - a. **Budget Accountability Report** – Ron Perez discussed the report that was submitted to the Board in November. Our General Fund Surplus decreased from \$2,775,409 in October to \$674,922 November due to new union contract adoption.
 - b. **CCFS-311 (First Quarter)** – Ron Perez discussed the report that was submitted to the Board in November. He noted that the report is old and was created before the District settled with the unions. The report is the same as discussed in previous Committee meeting.
5. **FY 2024-25 Above-Base Process, Timeline, & Rubric**
 - a. **Status Update** – Ron discussed timeline and process. We have received 55 requests for Above-Base funding with a total budget of \$300,000 for this year. The Budget Committee has a limit of no more than 20% of our budget be rewarded to individual projects. The ranking is due from management on 11/29/2024 and will be presented to Budget Committee at our next meeting.
6. **2025-26 Faculty Hiring Recommendations**
 - a. Ron Perez discussed the recommendations. The District is recommending hiring 7 new faculty members. There is an 8th hire for a grant funded position. The recommendations will be taken to the Board at their December meeting.
7. **Other Business** –
 - a. **FY 2023-24 Audit Status** – Rainbow Park Moore said we are on track for a clean, unmodified audit. Ron Perez said the report will be submitted to the Budget Committee in January.
 - b. **CA Prop 2** – Ron Perez discussed the passing of Prop 2 which is a \$10 billion facilities bond for schools. Of that, \$8.5 billion will go to K-12 and \$1.5 billion to community colleges. It is not clear how the money will be divided. COS has requested funds for refurbishing of the performing arts theater.
 - c. **Palm Apartments** – Ron Perez updated the group. The apartments have been demolished. The next step is the strip mall area. COS owns two thirds of the strip mall. However, the owners of the remaining third have recently decided to sell. COS will keep Foster’s Freeze as is.
 - d. **Applied Technology & Trades Complex** – Louann Waldner updated the group. January 30th, 2025 at 4pm will be the ribbon cutting for the new building. The building will be holding classes starting this Spring 2025. Ron Perez noted that COS Food Services and Bookstore will need to expand due to the increased student traffic in Tulare.
8. **Next Meeting** – December 12, 2024
9. **Adjourn** – 15:34