Los Angeles Mission College
Budget and Planning Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 2
Campus Center from 12:00-1:00 pm

Members Present: Tobin Sparfeld, Daniel Villanueva, Steve Nerud, Steve Ruys, Josefina Blanco, Estela Miranda, Angela Aghajanian, Sara Sanchez, Zoila Rodriguez-Doucette, Gayane Godjoian, Michael Climo

Members Absent: Bamdad Samii, Joe Ramirez, Cathy Brinkman, Milena Calderon, Rodrigo Austria

Resource Member: Frances Nguyen

Meeting called to order 12:12 pm

Approval of minutes for 9/4/14 meeting
Frances point out a mistaken on the wording on the last years adopted budget. Motion to approve Gayane Godjoian. Unanimous approval of minutes.

2014-2015 Financial Update
Daniel Villanueva: The State looks like it had a good 1st quarter.

The college looks like it will meet its FTES growth. The only challenge for the summer was due to the early start of summer classes. The college had a 2 week encroachment of payroll for last year, but those FTEs are counted towards this year’s goal.

We will have a Winter Intersession and his recommendation is to offer classes that have a high head count, like English, Math, and Online classes. If we can replicate last Springs numbers for FTEs, we will be in good shape to meet our growth.

Steve Nerud: What constitutes a higher load classes, would that be anything over 30 or 40?

Danny: 35-40 for non-laboratory classes and faculty can go up to 80 for online classes.

Zoila: How do you mix that with the mandatory guideline that you cannot offer 100% of your department’s classes online?

Danny: I believe that is for the whole year not each term.

Our college has the lowest cost of education in the District, but the highest operational cost. Our utility cost have increased significantly. If the Media Arts building opens without the Central Energy Plant we will have to rent portable cooling units that cost around $40,000 a month.
Angela: Are the solar panels still working?

Danny: We do not get as big of an economic benefit as people think because we are restricted on how much PV we can have and DWP buys back from use at pennies on the dollar.

We will have some more installed, but we do not save as much as you would think.

Zoila: Was the premise environmental?

Danny: I believe before I got here the focus was on being environmental instead of sustainable, but focusing on environmental is expensive.

There is no new budget information from the District.

We are doing more filming on campus to generate revenue and we are getting hand held parking devices to make it easier to cite vehicles that park illegally. This quarter we are also starting a medical administrative activities program to generate additional revenue.

Steve: Will we be able to utilize that in Athletics for the treatment we do on our athletes?

Danny: Yes.

Josefina: Is there going to be a COLA this year.

Danny: In the Governor’s budget COLA is .085%. Membership probably wants to know how much of a raise are they going to get this year. The faculty unit is at the table and finalizing around a 4% raise. As I understand it, in this District I believe if one Unit gets something every other Unit gets the same thing.

Tobin: I have let the VPs know that they need to get their over base requests back to us. They will turn them in in 3 weeks and meet with us at our next meeting. If we can follow this timeline, we will not be in such a time crunch to finalize it.

Are there any suggestions the membership would like to make with the over base request format.

Danny: I think we should look it over and make sure it lines up with our planning.

Tobin: I will send out the updated form to the membership.

Angela: We need to update the membership webpage.

Tobin: I will be termed out next year.

Danny: Tobin and I are chairing the Accreditation IIIB. We need more people to work on this standard with us.

Meeting Adjourned 1:00pm