Budget Presentation to Faculty and Staff
April 11 - 12, 2012
Fowler Athletics Center Auditorium

Questions

1. Is the State University Grant money given back to SDSU when the students pay back their loans?

   No, it is a true grant, not a loan.

2. Who determines the strategies of how to deal with the $5M reduction for Academic Affairs?

   Each division will determine its specific strategies such as revenue streams, cost cutting measures, and attrition. Therefore the Provost will decide how to deal with the $5m reduction for Academic Affairs.

3. How will new tenure track faculty positions be paid for?

   With attrition savings over a multi-year period, as a part of the Academic Affairs structural deficit remediation plan.

4. Does the budget set aside that covers tenure track faculty include FERPing faculty?

   No, however additional faculty moving to FERP is in the planning assumption for the Academic Affairs structural deficit remediation plan.

5. Will there be layoffs?

   There are no plans for layoffs.

6. Where will this budget presentation be posted?

   On the Budget and Finance, and Senate websites by Friday, April 13, 2012.

7. Does Academic Affairs have to cut $9M next year?

   No, it has to cut about $5M. Each division will determine how to implement its share of the cut.

8. What is the average reduction to each college?

   Less than 5%.
9. Have we considered enrollment reductions?

The Chancellor’s Office sets enrollment targets that we must meet. There may be a moderate reduction next year. This topic will be reviewed following the results of the November ballot measures.

10. Will staff be cut?

We are not contemplating layoffs. However, attrition is a major assumption in each of the divisions’ budget plans.

11. Does our non-residential tuition stay at SDSU?

Yes, the money is collected here and is included in our operating budget.

12. What alternative revenue sources are we considering?

Increasing non-resident tuition, increasing revenues to support the University, increased fundraising and building our endowment, and developing other revenue streams.

13. SDSU has been identified as a top Hispanic serving institution. Does that help our budget situation?

The Hispanic serving institution designation enables SDSU to apply for a specific pool of grant opportunities. It does not directly help our budget situation, but it creates new opportunities for such funding.

14. If the ballot measures do not pass, will funds be removed from SDSU to help other campuses?

No, there will be no rebalancing per the current information from the CO. within the CSU.

15. Will this budget presentation be given to other divisions/departments?

We can be available to conduct more presentations if requested by a department or area.

16. Do other campuses have budget and senate websites?

Yes, virtually all of them have budget and senate websites.
17. Will we have furloughs next year?

No, there will be no furloughs.

18. How can we ask further questions?

Please submit questions to the Budget Central website.

19. If the ballot measures pass, would the funds be released to us next Spring?

The ballot measures don’t specifically address the distribution of funds but the California State University is hoping to receive the funds at that time. This is the best and hoped for case. The ballot language does not require that funds be allocated to the CSU.

20. What is the time line for the 2012-2013 budget approval?
   a. Governor issued the proposed budget in January 2012;
   b. May Revise released May 15;
   c. Legislature must act to recommend a final budget by June 15, 2015; but this year it will be contingent on the November 2012 bond measures.; by July 1
   d. Budget possibly revisited after November election.

21. How does the Chancellor’s Office provide support in obtaining funding?

They communicate with the legislature and Department of Finance. Higher education is competing for the same funds with other worthy causes such as health and human services.

Will tuition continue to rise? Probably over the long run.

That is a decision of the Board of Trustees.

22. Will there continue to be 23 campuses in the California State University?

There are no plans to close any campuses.

23. Do unions understand these budget issues?

Yes, the CO keeps in communication with them.