

College Council  
September 13, 2007

Members present: Jim Bailey, Bob Baldwin, Siv Serene Barnum, Sonya Christian, Mary Spilde, Jim Salt, Craig Taylor, Dan Timberlake

Unable to attend: Dan Dawson, Max McNalley

Guests: Greg Morgan, Tracy Simms

Meeting notes from August 30 were approved as revised.

### Budget Development – FY09 Process

The administration proposal to create a Budget Development Group to produce FY09 budget recommendations is intended to look strategically at FY09 revenue and reductions, and to consider potential repurposing of resources. The administration is willing to assign the repurposing work to ET if that would make the proposal more workable, but would prefer to have a representative group do the work.

There were issues raised about involving stakeholders in repurposing discussions; however, there was a contradictory opinion that finds no difficulty in asking representative stakeholders to devise repurposing recommendations. There was also opposition to conflating short term budget balancing strategies with long term strategic planning that would consider repurposing.

An alternative proposal creates three groups – one to recommend a budget for FY09, one to develop an integrated strategic plan and financial plan, and if necessary one to identify possible layoffs.

A key issue is whether the members of a budget development group can participate in discussions that involve bargaining. One idea is to hold a bargaining session in conjunction with budget development. Another is to allow only theoretical discussion of bargaining issues by the BDG.

Council members agree that the budget development process will encompass the following tasks:

1. Create a group of representative stakeholders to balance the FY09 budget.
2. Long-term planning toward fiscal sustainability
3. Multi-lateral and/or bi-lateral bargaining as part of short term and long term budget development.

Members agreed to ask the budget development subcommittee to submit a proposal to accomplish the three tasks.

Meeting adjourned: 3:45 pm  
Recorder: Mary Bolton