

The Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees held a Study Session to review the 2016-17 State Operating Budget Friday, June 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the ATEC Hardin Community room in Building 1800 on the Big Bend Community College campus.

Present: Anna Franz
Jon Lane
Stephen McFadden
Juanita Richards
Mike Villarreal

1. 2016-17 State Operating budget

VP Linda Schoonmaker shared the 1966-67 preliminary budget to contrast with today's presentation of the 2016-17 preliminary state operating budget and documents highlighting the old and new models of the allocation funding. BBCC will receive approximately \$47,000 more with the new model.

VP Schoonmaker shared highlights from the draft 2016-17 state operating budget. Students will see a slight increase in tuition due to an increase in building fees. The carryover is slightly lower than last year. The 2.5% "reserve" label has been changed to "contingency" to reflect board policy wording. The President's budget includes .5% of the contingency, and the other 2% of the contingency amount is held in the administration budget. The 2017 Initial GFS operating allocation is \$10,154,845; this amount could be adjusted. BBCC will receive approximately \$929,000 for the Student Achievement Initiative.

There were some adjustments to the budget accounts due to moving funding into more efficient accounts, such as the anticipated retirement buyout fund merging into one placeholder account, and the budget for the Dean of IR was moved from academic to administration to align with ctcLink coding structures.

Institutional support accounts include funding for the president and three VP positions, foundation, phones, word services, finances, contingency funding (reserves), and the design of PTEC.

The differences in the initial operating allocation from last year are tied to pass-through adjustments; for example, health insurance increases and pension rate changes, compensation increases for state employees, and SBCTC earmarks and provisos.

The source of operating funds has risen from 57% from the state last year to 59% from the state this year. The breakout of expenditures by program is 42% to instruction, 5% to academic administration, 3% to the library, 12% to student services, 22% to administration, and 16% to maintenance & operations. Total institutional funds include 53% from operating budget and 47% from grant, contracts and proprietary accounts.

As an advocate for the system, Trustee Jon Lane asked about areas of financial struggle. Dr. Leas responded that due to federal grant funding, BBCC currently is not struggling to the same degree as some other institutions. Executive Director of the Business Office Charlene Rios stated BBCC needs better facilities and larger classrooms in which to teach students. VP Mohrbacher responded that more full-time instructors should be hired. Faculty Association President Kathleen Duvall commented that part-time faculty members are paid only a fraction of the full-time salary to instruct the same number of credits. She also said that full-time faculty members teach overload classes at a reduced rate. The gym floor also has to be replaced, and the state will not allow state funding to be used for athletics.

The Governor's staff members have reported that they do not anticipate new revenue.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Chair Stephen McFadden

ATTEST:

Terrence Leas, Secretary