

**Springfield Technical Community College
Committee on Ways and Means Report
March 11, 2019**

Present: MacArthur Starks, Jr, Christopher Johnson, Marikate Murren, Eric Hagopian and Maria Crouse. Also present President John B. Cook, Joseph DaSilva, Jonathan Tudryn, Maureen Socha, Dorothy Ungerer, Nanette Flores, LaRue Pierce, Inder Singh, Dr. Geraldine de Berly, Denise Hurst, Gerardo Zayas, Daniel Hebert and Nicholas Camerota.

MacArthur Starks, Jr. called the meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means to order at 5:00 p.m.

Budget Perspective

Cash Flow Projection

Mr. Tudryn reported on the College's cash flow projection. The College currently has approximately \$4.5 million available at TD Bank which is the result of the spring semester financial aid funds being called in. The \$1 million previously divested from FIA to TD Bank was returned to FIA. There are no plans to divest any funds for the remainder of this fiscal year.

FY 2019 Revenue & Spending Report through February 2019

Vice President DaSilva presented the revenue and expenditure figures through February 2019. The sources of funds are generally where they are expected to be at this time of the year. Summer session revenues and expenses are not included and will be added after registration has taken place. The investment earnings reflect the decline in the investment portfolio through January. Salaries continue to trend low due to open positions. The FY 2019 Facilities Projects Spending report was also presented.

FY 2020 Preliminary Draft Budget

Dr. Cook began the discussion by informing the committee that the FY 2020 budget was prepared differently than previous years. He wanted to present a budget that reflected the requests from departments and budget managers throughout the college. He also reviewed the enrollment projections completed by Institutional Research, which projects a 7.6% decline in enrollment. Trustee Crouse requested additional enrollment information as compared to other community colleges in the state.

Vice President DaSilva provided additional information including the State Maintenance Appropriation was based on the Governor's budget and it includes AFSCME funding as well as a 1% increase from formula funding. The student fee revenues reflect no fee increase. The decrease in Other Trust Fund Revenues are the result of a reduction in Follett Commissions and other revenues that are impacted by a decline in student enrollment. A more conservative approach was taken for investment earnings. The preliminary draft budget reflects a deficit of \$7,470,382.

A discussion ensued regarding this budget model and Trustee Starks requested a more realistic budget for the April meeting. He added that it would be fine to present the higher level budget, but it would have been helpful if a budget using the traditional methodology was also presented at the same time.

President's Perspective

Dr. Cook acknowledged that the draft budget presented is very preliminary and an updated draft will be presented at the April meeting. He asked that the Committee consider a \$10 fee increase for FY 2020 and also mentioned that 10-15 positions may need to be eliminated.

Date of the next meeting

April 8, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room

Adjournment

Trustee Starks moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. seconded by Trustee Crouse and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Carolyn deLiefde