



Peralta Community College District

Memo

To: Chancellor Ortiz

From: Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC)

Date: December 15, 2014

Re: Student Equity Funding Distribution

At the District Education Committee meeting, the 2014-15 Student Equity funding distribution provided by Interim VC Rinne was reviewed and discussed. While the amounts to be allocated were approved by the District Education Committee (DEC), there also was a resolution expressing the questions and concerns listed below in items 1. – 4. The DEC also requested that these questions and concerns be forwarded to the Chancellor via the PBC for further discussion and response from the Chancellor.

The PBC reviewed, discussed, and endorsed the recommendation from the DEC at the PBC's December 12, 2014 meeting, approved the amounts to be allocated to the colleges, and added a fifth component to the list, as seen below, regarding the allocation for Centralized Services and the District Office.

1. How does the amount allocated for Centralized Services and the District Office align with the State Chancellor's Office process which states that funding be in support of individual college equity plans?

*While the State Chancellor's Office allocated funds to support individual college equity plans, the allocation came directly to the district as one "lump sum". The implication is that the districts have the prerogative to distribute the funds according to the college plans. Given Chancellor Ortiz' initiative is to develop a district-based coordination of SSSP and college equity plans, the Centralized Services and the District Office allocation from the equity funding will serve as an extension of the individual colleges' equity plans. During the last year, PCCD has been in the process of implementing the Peralta Scholars program, using unallocated Parcel Tax funds. This program was created to support the colleges' equity plans. Thus funds have been set-aside from the equity and parcel tax funding for district level support for these college programs. The equity funds provide the flexibility to fund administrative costs; parcel tax dollars do not. Therefore, parcel tax dollars will be used to **restore** to each college the amount of equity dollars earmarked to Centralized Services and the District Office.*

2. Who made the decision regarding the amount for Centralized Services and the District Office?

The decision to fund this program through the equity funds and the parcel tax dollars was that of Chancellor Ortiz, with support of his Cabinet.

3. What process was utilized to determine the % for Centralized Services and the District Office?

The percentage was determined by using the Budget Allocation Model as described in the district's final approved 2014-15 budget.

4. What are the expected deliverables and plans for the amount allocated for Centralized Services and the District Office? How will these be integrated with the college equity plans?

Since the equity funds allocated for Central Services and the District Office are to be used to implement the colleges' student equity plans, the deliverables are those already stated in the college plans. The expectation is to hire a district administration to coordinate and support the college efforts on Student Equity and Student Success, and to assist in closing the achievement gap of our underrepresented student groups.

5. The PBC requests that the District/Chancellor delay expenditure of the % for Centralized Services and the District Office until the plans and expected deliverables are explained. Further, the PBC requests that all of the above information be presented to the PBC at their January 30, 2015 meeting.