

Fiscal Monitor Ken Stoppenbrink's Report to the Chancellor's Office
Communications, Correspondence, and Meetings
October 22, 2020 through November 19, 2020

1. NEGOTIATIONS

On November 12, 2020, staff provided the FCMAT team with a progress update on results from negotiations. Information regarding additional areas necessary to address and align the collective bargaining agreements to bring additional strength for fiscal stability was shared.

2. INTERNAL AUDIT & PROCESS EVALUATION

During the November 12, 2020 meeting, FCMAT received information from staff as to how the audit process has been handled and if any issues have developed that would bring concern for the District's fiscal stability. The audit process has been going very well as reported by the staff.

3. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

No Report

4. BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

During the Budget Committee meeting held on November 10, 2020, staff provided information to the team as to enrollment updates. Information on the contracts and purchasing areas and items that will need approval by the board of trustees was also provided.

Enrollment is down between 16% and 19% in areas. One of the challenges is the online classes and the compressed calendar that creates somewhat of a disadvantage when calculating the FTES for funding purposes.

During the November 12 meeting, staff provided FCMAT an overview of the assumptions made for the budget that included Center Status for the Fallbrook Education Center, and the payment of the borrowed funds from the OPEB account.

5. ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

FCMAT received a briefing on November 13, 2020, from staff as to progress and challenges regarding enrollment management. One of the challenges comes in the area of class size; managing this is a delicate issue due to "past practices" and also faculty contract language.

6. DATA INTEGRITY

At the November 13 meeting, staff provided the FCMAT team with information on the data integrity projects and progress that has been made. The data warehouse, while robust, still needs additional enhancements to make it a more user-friendly environment.

7. POSITION CONTROL

No report

8. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NO REPORT:

9. BOARD

The trustees held a special board meeting on November 2, 2020 to continue the discussion regarding the recruitment for a permanent Superintendent/President. Timelines; committee make up, and use of a consulting firm to assist were all discussed.

Staff provided an update to the FCMAT team on the progress made towards training in areas of fiscal management and challenges ahead. The staff provided an updated inventory of training including areas that touch on accreditation. Three new board members will be joining the board next month and a request was made to have FCMAT attend a future Board of Trustees meeting in January 2021 to provide additional training. Due to the fact that not all faculty return for the spring semester until late January/early February, the presentation by FCMAT is scheduled to take place at the February Board of Trustees meeting.

10. OTHER

The daily reports from President Kahn have been very informative and have kept the students and staff updated as to COVID-19; progress toward building an antiracist framework for the College, Champions of Palomar and the next meeting invitations for all to participate in. This is very helpful for all concerned and am hopeful that it will continue.