

**FINAL  
MINUTES**

**DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**June 6, 2011**

3 p.m.  
Dr. Kerley's Office

**Members Present:** Leslie Hapner, Chuck Isler, Dr. Jim Kerley, John Mercer,  
Dr. Steve Nettles

**Members Absent:** Katie Patronis, Linda Wood

**Others:** Chris Segal, Panama City News Herald

**1. Call to Order** Dr. Kerley called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**2. Budget Update** Dr. Kerley provided background information on the proposed 2011-12 budget, explaining that the College planned for a flat budget cycle, with increases in pay or positions only for critical need areas. The total reduction in College funds allocated by the state, including Federal stimulus dollars, is 8.9 percent. To address the legislative reductions in funding, the College staff recommended approving the state-recommended tuition increase of 8.0 percent.

Mr. Isler voiced concern over increasing costs for GCCC students. Mr. Mercer explained that the College is following the state recommendation to adopt the proposed tuition increase, as it has done in the past. However, GCCC per-student cost is still at the middle of the range for colleges statewide. Mr. Mercer also explained that GCCC placed federal stimulus dollars in a reserve, so the reduction in these funds is not a major financial blow, as it is for many other colleges.

Dr. Kerley summarized some of the money-saving and revenue-generating activities that GCCC has utilized to soften the impact of the budget reductions:

- Fee increases
- Pay4Print services
- Food Service - Coke only vendor
- WKGC restructuring
- Renting space on new communications tower
- Program deletions

Mr. Isler suggested that GCCC look at fees and other areas to mitigate reductions in state funding.

Ms. Leslie Hapner provided details on the requested budget amount, by area.

**3. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman