Porterville College Feedback on BAM Recommendations

Overall response to BAM II Recommendations

The Porterville College Learning Council remains concerned that one clear inequity in the current model remains unaddressed by the recommendations. Namely, while college allocations are based on FTES, other targets including campus 50% levels and contributions to the district-wide FON are not based on FTES. This inconsistency has disadvantaged Porterville College over many years. We believe that so long as allocations are based on FTES, other targets should also be based on FTES. We are disappointed that the BAMII did not address this inequity and request that the chancellor consider our concern in her review of the BAM II's recommendations.

Porterville College Learning Council recommends that the adopted BAM II report include a calendar that stipulates when progress reports to the Consultation Council will be made.

Recommendation 1—District Office Discretionary Carryover

Porterville College Learning Council is reluctant to support the District Office having a carryover. Since the DO is not funded in the same way as the colleges, it should not be treated the same way as colleges with regard to carryover. If there were a mechanism to determine what a fair allocation to the district was (perhaps a % of overall allocation), then DO carryover could be treated in a similar manner as the colleges.

In considering the DO carryover, we have the following questions:

What % of the allocation goes to the district office and to district-wide expenses, and how does this % compare with other comparable districts (giving due attention to any differences between districts in what is included in these budgets)?

Who will monitor the DO budget, and who determine when the conditions for discretionary carryover have been met?

Recommendation 6—Structural Cost Differences

The Porterville College Learning Council supports the recommendation to hire a consultant to analyze structural cost differences. But, in addition, we would like the recommendation to stipulate the following:

- 1) The consultant spend time with representatives of each campus and that the time given to those consultations should be divided equitably among the campuses.
- 2) The consultant present findings/recommendations to the campuses before they are finalized.
- 3) The final recommendations be shared with the campuses for discussion and response before actions are taken based on the recommendations.

Recommendation 6—Clarification of the charge backs between Regulatory, District wide, and District Office

Regulatory should be kept separate because regulatory is dictated externally.

District wide and district office should be combined—district has control of both of these budgets.