## **BP 6200 Budget Preparation**

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Reference:

Education Code Section 70902(b)(5): Title 5, 58300 et seq.

Each year, the CEO shall present to the Board a budget, prepared in accordance with Title 5 and the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual. The schedule for presentation and review of budget proposals shall comply with state law and regulations, and provide adequate time for Board study.

Budget development shall include the following:

- The annual budget shall support the District's master and educational plans.
- The CEO shall solicit recommendations from the Cabinet and the Budget and Planning Committee.
- Assumptions upon which the budget is based are presented to the Board for review.
- Board of Trustees budget study sessions are scheduled.
- A public hearing is scheduled, in which interested persons may appear and address the Board regarding the proposed budget or any item in the proposed budget.
  - Unrestricted general reserves shall be no less than the prudent reserve defined by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office as a general fund balance of not less than five ten (510%) percent.
- <u>Unrestricted general reserve shall be no less than ten (10) percent or regular general fund</u> operating expenditures as defined by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) best practices in community college budgeting appendix 1.
- Budget projections shall address long term goals and commitments.

The CEO shall establish the budget calendar and regulations necessary to carry out this policy.

## **Applicable Administrative Regulation:**

AR 6201 Budget Calendar