

Hello Faculty,

You may have heard that BP&AP 6200, our policy addressing budget timeline and reserves was brought to the Coordinating Committee yesterday 04-25-22. While Faculty and CSEA overwhelmingly voted against the change it was still able to pass by majority.

The new policy means that instead of mandating we have at least 5% in reserves we will not have “no less than two months of total general fund operating expenditures.”

What does this mean for negotiations?

Well the District will argue they simply can't afford CCFF's economic package. And we are being fiscally irresponsible with our proposal.

This simply isn't true.

The District currently has almost 4 months of their total general fund operating expenditures in unrestricted reserves. Basically they still have almost DOUBLE the amount that the new policy requires. There is still PLENTY of money available for the CCFF economic package.

The District will claim this means they need to have MORE in reserves than they have in the past.

This isn't true.

The District has had more than two months of total general fund operating expenditures in the reserve for at least five years. Historically, we are a fiscally conservative district. We have been saving for a rainy day for a long time now. In practice the District has celebrated their bloated reserves. So nothing has changed, the District still has PLENTY of money.

The District will also claim that they HAD to make this change to be consistent with the Chancellor's Office Memo.

This isn't true.

The Chancellor's Office Memo provides a recommendation, not a mandate. Additionally, this recommendation was made because almost ALL California Community College Districts across the state saw a significant INCREASE in their reserves during the pandemic due to the stay at home orders (decreases in spending) and the significant budget passed by the Governor (increase in money received). So this new recommendation comes to “recalibrate” the average amount of reserves each district has. Nothing has changed, the District still has PLENTY of money.

We won't be fooled!

So keep those CCFF [backgrounds up](#), keep sharing your anger and disappointment with the trustees and administration.

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