

Oxnard College Proposal For 100 Additional Sections: Executive Summary

Brief Background

Conversations between Trustees and President Sanchez resulted in a motion by a Trustee during a board meeting to fund additional classes at Oxnard College as a major initiative to the district budget. The abrupt request combined with the major initiatives aspect of the budget having never been implemented led to much conversation and some confusion. A participatory governance process was established by the Chancellor to address this request, part of which is a more formal proposal from Oxnard College.

Proposal

Offer 100 additional class sections per year for three years in new venues or through non-traditional delivery methods (PACE for example). The two key goals are to increase enrollments and the other is related to equity, both intended to better address the needs of the local Oxnard community. One component of the proposal is a satellite location to offer some of the proposed additional sections. The request is for \$1.5M of additional funds with Oxnard College contributing roughly \$1.1M from its general fund. Note that Oxnard has the greatest population in the county with the smallest college receiving the least funds.

Current Status

Discussions in the District Council on Enrollment Management (DCEM) produced some questions and asked for additional details that were provided by Oxnard College (third document listed below). There was a vote in favor of recommending the proposal for adoption by the board at the Fri Nov 12 DCEM meeting.

Next Step: Funding Source

The proposal will next go to the District Council on Administrative Services (DCAS) on Thu Nov 18 to determine funding level and funding source. It is important to receive input from Senate Council so that I may vote on behalf of Senate.

One aspect is the source of funding that has two main possibilities:

- 1) District reserves—would not impact the individual college budgets
- 2) Major initiatives as part of the District Allocation Model—this would take funds off the top so that there is less money to be distributed to all three colleges, with those “off the top” funds being distributed in another manner

There is continued discussion on if HEERF funds are eligible to fulfil such a request. Regardless, the proposal requests additional funding to implement the proposed additional sections.

The funding level is the other component to be discussed. The request is for \$1.5M, but, in theory, DCAS could recommend additional funds or reduced funds for this proposal. In the end, these will be recommendations as the ultimate decision lies with the Board of Trustees.

[Additional documents on Senate site for more details:](#)

- 1) Oxnard College Proposal
- 2) Ventura College response
- 3) Oxnard College Additional Details on Proposal