

Detail & Documentation

Speech to Palomar Governing Board

June 11, 2019

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Only ten percent of California Community Colleges have student housing and most of those are in rural areas.	Chancellor's office list of community colleges with student housing. There are 114 community colleges in Ca.	http://www.cccco.edu/CommunityColleges/CollegeHousing.aspx
Orange Coast College is the first community college in southern California to offer student housing and project is still in development.	Statement on Orange Coast College's website about being the first and that it will first open in 2020.	http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/student_services/gec/Pages/Housing-and-Homestay.aspx
The Urban Land Institute's guidelines for successful public/private partnerships advocates for the public sector entity to assess institutional capacity, specifically if they have enough capital.	Urban Land Institute's <i>Ten Principles for Successful Public/ Private Partnerships</i> See pages 2 - 4	http://uli.org/wp-content/uploads/2005/01/TP_Partnerships.pdf
The Tentative Budget demonstrates that we do not have the capital for such an investment Deficit projected to be about \$7 million this year.	The Tentative Budget See page 18 for projected shortfall of nearly \$7 million See pages 16 & 17 for discussion of FTES	https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/pccd/Board.nsf/files/BCW33J7E9BA0/\$file/2019-2020%20Tentative%20Budget.DRAFT.060619.pdf
Former VP Perez tried to alert the college of its tenuous financial status.	Minutes of Budget Committee Meetings See minutes of meetings from Sept 2017 - March 2018	https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/fas/budget-committee-agenda-minutes/
A 79 - page Financial Recovery plan was first drafted a year ago and then revised in January.	Financial Recovery Plan	https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/midtermreport2019/files/2019/01/Financial-Recovery-Framework.pdf

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<p>Despite what is claimed on the cover of the 79-page plan and also in the College's Midterm Accreditation Report, this plan did not go through shared governance, nor did it ever reach the Board.</p>	<p>Cover of Financial Recovery Plan can be seen from link in above row.</p> <p>Link attached here: Midterm Accreditation Report - see pages 26 - 28.</p> <p>Governing Board Minutes as well as testimony from two Trustees provide evidence that the Board didn't receive this plan.</p>	<p>https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/midtermreport2019/files/2019/03/Complete-draft-sent-to-ACCJC-and-for-web.pdf</p>
<p>As trustees, you voted to monitor that plan as one of your Board goals. That was nine months ago, and you have yet to see it.</p>	<p>Governing Board Goals - Approved 9/11/18</p>	<p>https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/governingboard/files/2017/06/2018-19_Governing_Board_Goals_adopted_9-11-18.pdf</p>
<p>VP Perez arranged for a Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) to come to the college. FCMAT was tasked with assessing the College's risk for insolvency.</p>	<p>Palomar College Agreement with FCMAT.</p>	<p>https://static.wixstatic.com/ugd/e4767d_37cd286d6c1f45a9b1d1250e64bf764e.pdf</p>
<p>Two and a half weeks after Perez made a public announcement of FCMAT's pending visit, he was placed on administrative leave and silenced.</p>	<p>Budget Committee Minutes February 12th. Perez announces that FCMAT team will be on campus April 8 - 10.</p> <p>VP Perez placed on Admin leave on March 1st</p>	<p>https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/fas/files/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Minutes_2019-02-12.pdf</p>
<p>After Ron's departure from the College, the FCMAT visit was cancelled.</p>	<p>FCMAT Cancel Visit emails</p>	<p>https://static.wixstatic.com/ugd/e4767d_72bd9470dd114146922744daa61cc6e2.pdf</p>

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Scion is not acting as an independent, impartial agent.	At Orange Coast College, Scion did the market analysis and then was chosen to lease, manage, and provide residence life.	http://thesciongroup.com/orange-coast-college-breaks-ground-on-scion-advised-p3-housing/
Scion's research was done without transparency, and with seemingly dubious statistical methods.	Scion used a voluntary-response survey to determine the market demand. This is an inherently biased sampling method. When asked if they could provide the survey and statistical methods, they said that they would not.	https://www.thecoastnews.com/palomar-college-student-housing-proposal-raises-questions/
There have been failed Scion projects in the past.	Scion performed feasibility study for New York's Clinton Community College in 2015. In 2018, Clinton shut down its campus housing due to declining enrollment. The housing will now house addicts and mental health patients.	https://www.mynbc5.com/article/college-selling-dorms-to-become-housing-for-addicts-mental-health-patients/22093515 http://thesciongroup.com/clinton-community-college/
The Scion Group has an *F* rating by the Better Business Bureau.	Better Business Bureau's Website	https://www.bbb.org/us/il/chicago/profile/real-estate-services/the-scion-group-llc-0654-88023280/overview-of-bbb-ratings
The anticipated 7% increase in enrollment this year did not happen.	"A second risk is that the actual enrollment in FY 2018 - 2019 may not meet the target FTES as budgeted. The district assumed the addition of 1,300 FTES or 7% enrollment increase in the budget, which accounts for \$7 million that may not materialize."	See page 21 of the Financial Recovery Plan posted above.
Don't fall for the excuse that enrollment is down everywhere. That is simply not true.	Chancellor's office spreadsheet Click on Fall 2019 Projected Advance FON and FTFH Allocation (excel) posted 9-12-18	http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/FinanceFacilities/FiscalStandardsandAccountabilityUnit/FiscalStandards/FullTimeFacultyObligation.aspx#Fall_

	<p>Then, at the bottom click the third tab on the Excel sheet labeled Fall 2019 AD FON Calc.</p> <p>Notice Mira Costa had a 9.83% increase in enrollment.</p>	<p>2017_and_Fall_2018</p>
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