



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, October 13, 2011
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Minutes

Convener: Rabbi Laurie Coskey

Members present: Nola Butler Byrd, Pepe Cervantes, Laurie Coskey, Vince Hall, Jeff Marston, Alberto Ochoa, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Gary Rotto, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, David Valladolid

Board Members present: Rich Grosch, Bill Schwandt, Maria Nieto Senour, Peter Zschiesche

District officials, staff, and guests present: Constance Carroll, Amanda Ficken-Davis, Margaret Lamb, Otto Lee, James MacLeod, Mary Rogers

Board Members absent: Mary Graham

Members absent: Willie Blair, Gus Chavez, Dwayne Crenshaw, Herb Delute, Keith Jackson, Ikenna Kokayi, Arlie Ricasa, Beatriz Valencia, Sid Voorakkara

Welcome/Introductions

Rabbi Laurie Coskey

Chairperson's Update

Rabbi Laurie Coskey

Laurie Coskey shared that the subcommittee assigned to develop topics for discussion for a meeting with San Diego State University President Elliot Hirshman had met. Some suggested topics were student access and transfer issues. She asked the members for additional input and suggestions. Evonne Seron Schulze stated the importance of maintaining the view that the TAC is an advisory community group that is advocating for students. David Valladolid offered to share an enrollment management update he received from SDSU. The document will be emailed to all members. Jeff Marston suggested that Dr. Hirshman may be open to meeting with the council. Chancellor Carroll stated that her office would follow-up with the next steps for the meeting.

Trustee Grosch shared that the Board recently attended a very informative Board Retreat. He also announced the plans for an historic Joint Board Meeting with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), October 18, 2011. The meeting will follow a retreat format and include discussion of career and curriculum collaborations between the districts.

Trustee Zschiesche stated that it is important to develop collaboration with SDUSD for student success. He also noted that the business voice is still missing from the conversation in developing skilled workers.

Approval of the Minutes – June 2, 2011

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- Budget Update

Chancellor Carroll stated that, even though there have been large cut backs in State funding, the District is in pretty good shape, partly because the District's budget planning has taken into consideration the funding cuts.

- California High-Speed Rail Project Impact

Chancellor Carroll announced that without prior communication or consultation, the SDCCD discovered that one of the potential High-Speed Rail routes connecting Los Angeles and San Diego would run through the Miramar College campus, thereby destroying the District's investment of over \$350 million in bond measure construction funds and possibly requiring the abandonment of the campus. Needless to say, this was and is unacceptable to our Board, to the District, to Miramar College, and to many in the community. We have made our concerns known to the CHSRA, to SANDAG, and many of our legislators, and may ask the TAC and other community leaders to help support the District's opportunity to proposed route.

- Review of Public Records

Chancellor Carroll stated that the Union-Tribune has filed numerous requests for Public Records for travel and other expense documents, which spans four years. She said that this request has put an added work load on staff and that the costs to the District thus far have reached over \$27,000.00 and continue to climb. Chancellor Carroll stated that the District has an "open book" with regard to expenditures, which is why the independent audits have been exemplary, and the District hopes to see reportage that is fair and accurate.

Information

Trustee Elections – California Voting Rights Act Compliance

Mary Rogers
Director of Legal Services and EEO

Mary Rogers explained that the California Voting Rights Act requires SDCCD to comply by adjusting the Trustee district boundaries to reflect the 2010 census and addressing the election process. The district boundaries have to be adjusted to reflect an equal portion of the population in each district area. The Board invited public comment and addressed this issue at the August 25, 2011, Board Meeting. Plan 2 was approved at the September 8, 2011, Board Meeting. (Continued on the next page)

The election process is currently being reviewed to determine if the general election should remain At-Large or change to District-Only. The review is to determine if a protected minority can be impacted by an At-Large election or a District-Only election. After a legal review, the Board will make a determination at the October, 27, 2011, Board Meeting.

SDCCD Colleges' Foundation Update

Vice Chancellor Otto Lee

This topic was not presented due to time constraints.

Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events

Trustee Rich Grosch

- Joint Board Meeting with SDUSD – October 18, 2011, ECC Campus
- Board Meeting – October 27, 2011, Mesa College Campus Meeting
- Board Meeting – November 10, 2011
- Board Meeting – December 8, 2011

Adjournment

1:30 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates: February 2, 2012
May 3, 2012