



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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## Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, February 2, 2012

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, Alberto Ochoa, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Gary Rotto, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, David Valladolid

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

**District officials, staff, and guests present:** Constance Carroll, Margaret Lamb, James MacLeod, Dave Umstot

**Board Members absent:** Mary Graham, Bill Schwandt

**Members absent:** Willie Blair, Gus Chavez, Dwayne Crenshaw, Herb Delute, Vince Hall, Keith Jackson, Ikenna Kokayi, Jeff Marston, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds Arlie Ricasa, Beatriz Valencia, Sid Voorakkara

### Welcome/Introductions

Rabbi Laurie Coskey

Laurie Coskey asked the members to introduce themselves and share one concern that the TAC members could be responsive to. Several members commented on the impact of reduced state funding and the uncertainty this causes for our students.

Some of the concerns included:

- Due to the recent focus on student success, some students may “fall through the cracks.” How can they be assisted?
- The pipeline to community colleges is being thwarted due to the budget cuts in K-12.
- A major issue facing colleges and universities is how to serve veterans, especially those who may need assistance in regaining focus and interest in education and other areas.
- All can help by getting the word out to the legislature and others, reminding them of the importance of community colleges and the need to restore funding to higher education.
- TAC attendance. Concern was expressed about the importance of TAC members supporting the meetings. It was suggested that the important role of the TAC be

emphasized and to have the Board members appoint individuals who are able to regularly attend meetings. Laurie Coskey recommended that a letter be sent to members to inquire if they are able to continue service on the TAC. Maria Nieto Senour and Evonne Seron Schulze agreed to draft the letter.

## **Trustees' Update**

Trustees

Rich Grosch reported that he, along with Trustees Mary Graham, and Peter Zschiesche, and Chancellor Carroll, attended the Community College League of California's Legislative conference and met with legislators to advocate on behalf of community colleges. Student leaders were part of a delegation from the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCCA). He emphasized the importance of advocating for the tax initiatives on the ballot that prevent further cuts to education.

Maria Nieto Senour shared her experience witnessing the impact the current budget crisis is having on students at SDCCD and San Diego State University, where she is a professor.

Peter Zschiesche announced that following the last TAC meeting where the Trustee Area Redistricting was discussed, the Board voted to keep the current structure of At-Large general elections. He also gave an update on the SDUSD/SDCCD joint meeting held on October 18, 2011. The discussion included the need for middle college access at more high schools to help better prepare students for success at college. He also stated that he is working on advocacy efforts for a tax initiative to increase revenue for California.

## **Approval of the Minutes – October 13, 2011**

The minutes were approved on a motion by Gary Rotto and a second by Cecil Steppe.

## **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- Budget Update

Chancellor Carroll provided an update on the Governor's budget proposal. The proposed budget would take apportionment money to buy down debt and defer funding to community colleges. The goal is to split the apportionment money 75% to the state and 25% to the colleges. If the Governor's budget is not passed, it would result in more roll backs in funding for classes. There was also a recalculation to the amended budget that resulted in a further cut of \$3.3 million, which the District will fund from the reserves.

The California Federation of Teachers (CFT) has launched a campaign to put a tax initiative on the November ballot. The initiative's focus is on the Millionaires' Tax, which would help all educational institutions, including community colleges. There is another tax initiative written by Molly Munger that creates funding for K-12 only.

- National Council on the Humanities/National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Chancellor Carroll reported on her work on the National Council on the Humanities. Chancellor Carroll was appointed to a six-year term by President Obama. The National Council on the Humanities advises the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.

- Update on SDSU President

Chancellor Carroll shared that Dr. Hirschman will be a panelist at the Higher Education Forum sponsored by the Catfish Club on April 6, 2012. The panelists will also include Chancellor Carroll and Dr. Marye Anne Fox, Chancellor, UCSD. Laurie Coskey suggested that the members attend as a group and identify themselves as members of the TAC. An email will be sent to all members urging them to attend. Several TAC members expressed interest in attending. More information will be sent to the members by email.

## Information

- Propositions S and N Update Dave Umstot

Chancellor Carroll stated that Propositions S and N were bond measures passed by the voters and resulted in the building of new technologically advanced buildings and updating outdated infrastructure throughout the District.

Dave Umstot, Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management, gave a presentation on the construction that is happening throughout the District, and how it is transforming each campus. He stated that the District is committed to being energy efficient and environmentally conscious. Every building is designed to have a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. LEED is a rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The District currently has 24 buildings certified: 1 Platinum, 11 Gold, 17 Silver, and 1 Certified. He stated that the District is committed to having each new building LEED Certified at the gold designation or higher. TAC members were invited to join the Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) tour of the CE campuses on March 2, 2012, from Noon, until 4:00 p.m. beginning at the District office. More information on the tour will be sent to the members by email. (NOTE: the tour was canceled and will be rescheduled for a future date).

Members requested a fact sheet that would include academic programs and information that they can share with people in the community and be a voice for the Board of Trustees.

**Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events**

Trustee Rich Grosch

- Board Meeting – March 15, 2012
- Board Meeting – March 29, 2012, Miramar College
- Board Meeting – April 19, 2012, Continuing Education, ECC Theater

**Adjournment**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Future Meeting Dates:** May 3, 2012, Time 12:00 p.m.