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Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, May 21, 2015
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Minutes

Convener: Laurie Coskey

Members present: Willie Blair, Nola Butler Byrd, Laurie Coskey, Dwayne Crenshaw, Bob Garber, Carol Kim, Jeff Marston, Alan Mobley, Alberto Ochoa, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Martha Rañón, Gary Rotto, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, Sid Voorakkara

Board Members present: Bernie Rhinerson, Maria Nieto Senour, Peter Zschiesche

District officials, staff, and guests present: Constance Carroll, Jack Beresford, Amanda Ficken-Davis, Margaret Lamb, Lynn Neault

Members absent: Clint Carney, Ralph Dimarucut, Ricardo Flores, David Valladolid.

Board Members absent: Mary Graham, Rich Grosch

1. Welcome/Introductions

Laurie Coskey

Rabbi Laurie Coskey opened the meeting, followed by introductions. The Council then briefly adjourned to take the group photo.

2. Trustees' Update

Trustees

Trustee Maria Nieto Senour discussed the many District events she has attended as the academic year draws to a close, including scholarship awards (where approximately \$600,000 was given out to students), classified service awards, and commencements. She commended TAC member Alan Mobley for his recent work in encouraging the CSU system to get involved in restorative justice by providing college courses to inmates at jails and prisons throughout the state. Chancellor Constance Carroll indicated that she would be discussing the District's restorative justice efforts during her report.

Trustee Bernie Rhinerson thanked the TAC members for their time and efforts, noting and discussed their importance to the Board. He commended the colleges for increasing the number of awards issued (the subject of a presentation by Lynn Neault), but noted that they have resulted in longer commencement ceremonies. Trustee Rhinerson also revealed that he is the chair of the Community College League of California's Advisory Committee on Legislation. He highlighted one current piece of legislation that the committee has reviewed, AB 288 (Holden) – Concurrent Enrollment for High School Students. He added that an op-ed he authored supporting the bill was recently published in the U-T San Diego.

Trustee Peter Zschiesche echoed his colleagues' comments about the recent commencement ceremonies. He mentioned a resolution passed by the Board at its April 16 meeting, urging local congressional representatives to support legislation to protect voting rights for all US citizens. He also noted the District's participation in The Democracy Commitment, a national initiative aimed at engaging students in civic learning and democratic practice across the country.

Trustee Zschiesche also reminded the Council that at the March 17 Joint Board meeting with the San Diego Unified School District, one of the topics of discussion was expanding apprenticeship programs, and strengthening pre-apprenticeship and pipeline programs. TAC member Cecil Steppe has also discussed these programs in the past. Trustee Zschiesche is working to help building training programs that teach universal skills to prepare students for formal apprenticeships. Since the state is in a period of increased revenue, now is a good time to develop and expand these programs.

Rabbi Laurie Coskey noted the historical lack of diversity in some of these programs. Preparedness is a critical piece that often has been missing. This has led to widespread discouragement among the youth in the community. She agrees that community colleges are a natural home for housing and expanding these programs.

Cecil Steppe encouraged the Council to recognize that many young students and returning prisoners know little about the requirements of holding a job. He particularly noted the importance of "soft skills" such as showing up to work on time. Trustee Zschiesche responded that many of the pipeline programs have those soft skills built in, along with strict standards for the personal behavior of the students.

Chancellor Carroll suggested considering this as a topic at a future TAC meeting, to allow for a more in-depth discussion. She and Dwayne Crenshaw both serve on the Mayor's Workforce and Economic Advisory Committee, which is exploring some of these issues on a citywide level. She will work with Trustee Zschiesche to discuss the topic further and bring back a comprehensive presentation. The Council members agreed, with several recommending possible sources for additional funding.

3. Approval of the February 5, 2015, minutes

On a motion by Alberto Ochoa, and second by Evonne Schulze, the minutes of February 5, 2015, were unanimously approved as amended.

4. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- SDCCD Budget Update

Chancellor Constance Carroll reviewed the highlights of the Governor's May Revision budget, including the impact that this budget will have for the District. She directed the Council to a handout of her May 14 Budget Message, which detailed the highlights of the Governor's proposal. She summarized this review by stating that this proposal would result in an increase of \$72.7 million for the SDCCD – the single largest increase in the history of the District.

Sid Voorakkara asked if there is a way that TAC members can be helpful in communicating with the community about this increase and its impact on the District. He

also asked, regarding the increased funding for hiring full-time faculty, how these new faculty positions would be allocated amongst the District's institutions and departments. Chancellor Carroll responded that the Communications Office would work to put something together to help communicated to the community the major changes they can expect to see due to the additional funding. She explained that each of the institutions has created its own list of hiring priorities for new faculty positions, which will be distributed based roughly on the size of the institution. Due to Miramar's size and rapid growth, it will receive a larger share of positions (with the planning and concurrence of the other colleges).

Laurie Coskey reflected that there have been lean times over the 10 years that the TAC has existed, and that many difficult decisions have been made that have impacted the communities the TAC members represent. This news is spectacular, and the TAC members should see today as a reward for the hard times they have witnessed.

- Restorative Justice Task Force

Chancellor Carroll gave a brief report on the status of the District's efforts towards restorative justice. A task force, which includes representatives from the other San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCCA) colleges, has been created to review and streamline efforts. Currently, there are lots of silos of education. Countywide, the largest provider is the Grossmont Unified School District adult education school, which is very protective of its status. The SDICCCA colleges are working together, and alongside the San Diego Sherriff's Department, to improve access and avoid duplication of efforts. The biggest challenge at this time is limited service areas and the prerogative of the local districts.

Alan Mobley shared that he is glad to hear about the effort being made. The CSU is also interested in pursuing programs both inside and outside prison facilities, and has worked closely with the San Diego Sherriff's Department to help assist them with their needs.

Sid Voorakkara discussed a study that showed that these programs are more successful in collaboration with a health or mindfulness program such as yoga, which helps emphasize self-care. Alan Mobley agreed that cohort and meta programs have been proven to help. Group therapy and talking circles have been shown to improve the soft skills discussed earlier, which in turn help with reintegration into everyday society. He cautioned that within prison and jail culture, educational efforts are frowned upon and can be dangerous to individuals who pursue them. Providing these social support programs is vital for success.

Trustee Senour stated that she was excited about these regional efforts. She continued that there are other aspects of restorative justice, specifically in leniency in disciplinary procedures, citing the effectiveness of perpetrators of bullying interacting with their victims in a structured discussion to share motivations and reactions. She asked whether there was room for such structure within the District's disciplinary processes. Chancellor Carroll indicated that this would be researched and presented at a future meeting. She summarized the report by saying that the task force's goals included reporting results, codifying best practices, and expanding and evaluating the challenge of the siloed educational efforts currently in place.

- New President of Continuing Education and Vice Chancellor of Instructional Services

Chancellor Carroll referred the Council to notices in their folders regarding two new members of the District's Executive Management team. Dr. Carlos O. Cortez and Dr. Stephanie Bulger will start on July 1 as the new President of Continuing Education and Vice Chancellor of Instructional Services, respectively. Trustee Zschiesche praised the District's search process, which stresses the importance of internal participation.

5. Information

- Associate Degree and Certificate Initiative Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault

Vice Chancellor of Student Services Lynn Neault gave a high-level overview of the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) initiative and the District's implementation, with a focus on the Associate Degree initiative. While the District's goal was to see a 10% overall increase in the number of Associate Degrees, the final total was a 37% overall increase, with a 56% increase for Latinos and a 40% increase for veterans.

The Council discussed how a "culture of transfer" is created, including whether collective bargaining agreements are affected by these metrics. Chancellor Carroll explained that, due to the District's Resource Allocation Formula (RAF), the collective bargaining agreements are not impacted. Vice Chancellor Neault explained that the single biggest expense that the new SSSP revenue is going to is additional counselors, to provide direct support to students. Trustee Zschiesche discussed the role of participatory governance in the community college system, meaning that the Academic Senates, and therefore the faculty, are directly involved in a great deal of the decision-making process. Trustee Senour added that because faculty members aren't expected to focus on research and publishing (like they often are at the university level) they are able to devote all of their time and energy to teaching and supporting their students.

6. Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events

Remaining SDCCD Commencement Dates

Friday, May 22	5:00 p.m.	City College	Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park
Friday, May 29	5:00 p.m.	Continuing Education	Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park

7. Proposed Future Meeting Dates: (all meeting dates include lunch and begin at Noon)

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Thursday, March 17, 2016 (note this is a new date - please release March 3)

Thursday, May 19, 2016 (Group Photo will be taken at the beginning of the meeting)

8. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Olivia Puente-Reynolds distributed a list of suggested topics of discussion for future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.