



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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*Board of Trustees Office*

## Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, September 29, 2016  
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Minutes

Convener: Laurie Coskey

**Members present:** Willie Blair, Nola Butler Byrd, Clint Carney, Laurie Coskey, Dwayne Crenshaw, Jeff Marston, Alan Mobley, Alberto Ochoa, Martha Rañón, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe

**Board Members present:** Mary Graham, Rich Grosch, Bernie Rhinerson, Maria Nieto Senour

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

**Members absent:** Ralph Dimarucut, Ricardo Flores, Carol Kim, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Gary Rotto, Mark Tran, David Valladolid, Sid Voorakkara

**Board Members absent:** Peter Zschiesche

### 1. Welcome/Introductions

Laurie Coskey

Rabbi Laurie Coskey opened the meeting and invited all present to introduce themselves.

### 2. Trustees' Update

Trustees

Trustee Mary Graham reported that enrollment is up in the District. She also discussed the upcoming Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress, which will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana, at which Chancellor Carroll and Board members will take part in an unprecedented seven panel presentations.

Trustee Bernie Rhinerson talked about his passion for College Affordability (including legislative components, scholarships, and supporting students struggling with food or housing insecurity). He mentioned Sara Goldrick-Rab's *Paying the Price*, which paints a difficult picture of what students face in terms of student loans and financial aid, along with policy prescriptions to address the issues. He talked about various pieces of legislation supported by the SDCCD Board. Unfortunately, legislation to expand Cal Grants for community college students failed, but a bill to establish a college promise grant program was successful, as was a bill establishing grants to expand mental health services at community colleges. On a national level, legislation expanding funding for Pell Grants is seeing support.

Trustee Rich Grosch reported that he and Trustee Peter Zschiesche were the members of this year's Board Self-Evaluation Subcommittee. He thanked those TAC members who participated

in the annual feedback survey, administered in the spring, and the results of which were provided in the meeting folders. He felt that this year's process reaffirmed that the Board is continuing to move the District in the right direction in fulfilling its mission of student access and providing a high-quality education to the region. He reviewed the Board's Goals for 2016-17, highlighting particular goals in supporting accreditation, expanding the San Diego Promise, and supporting the use of Open Educational Resources (OER), which are high quality, openly licensed, online educational materials that are seen as an alternative to costly student textbooks. While many community college students have access to Board of Governors waivers and other sources of aid to reduce enrollment fees, textbooks remain prohibitively expensive for many students.

He also mentioned the upcoming ACCT Conference, at which the Board will be presenting two panels specifically requested by the conference organizers, something generally unheard of. Finally, he mentioned the upcoming Board Retreat on October 13, noting that the facilitator has remarked several times in the past on the dedication and engagement of all of the current Board members.

Trustee Maria Nieto Senour discussed the many District events she has attended since the last meeting. Continuing Education's Educational Cultural Complex celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the colleges and CE celebrated fall convocations, at which she observed that general District morale is high, and Mesa recently celebrated the grand opening of the Mesa Commons, the new heart of the campus. She also talked about her participation in the City of San Diego's Citizens' Review Board of Police Practices (on which she is the only Latina serving), and her participation in an event commemorating the Chicano Moratorium, the largest anti-Vietnam War demonstration by any minority group in the United States. The peaceful protest was interrupted by police officers who stormed the rally with billy clubs and tear-gas rifles, injuring some, arresting many, and killing three. She encouraged Council members to consider participating in the review board in order to bring diversity of experience and perspectives to this important function. Finally, she also discussed her attendance at an ACLU meeting for local legislators on over-policing in communities of color in the San Diego region, which talked about what steps different groups, including educators, could take to reduce the number of students in the school-to-prison pipeline.

### **3. Approval of the June 2, 2016, minutes**

On a motion by Evonne Seron Schulze, and second by Nola Butler Byrd, the minutes of June 2, 2016, were unanimously approved, with Clint Carney and Cecil Steppe abstaining.

### **4. Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Constance Carroll

Chancellor Carroll began her report by handing out an announcement for the position of San Diego City College President. She encouraged Council members to share the information with interested parties.

- Proposition 55 Informational Report

Chancellor Carroll reminded the Council that the passage of Proposition 30 in 2012 helped to stabilize the State's funding for education thanks to its dual tax provisions, which are set to start expiring this year. Proposition 55, or the California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016, is a proposed November 2016 ballot initiative that will extend the personal income tax provision of Proposition 30 and help

maintain the stability of funding for education. She referred Council members to a handout showing that Proposition 30 funding, known as the “Education Protection Act” funding, provides 13% of the District’s current state apportionment funding sources.

Chancellor Carroll next referred the Council to an article from the Sacramento Business Journal that discusses two statewide polls, both of which show broad support for Proposition 55. Also included were some talking points detailing the impact that the passage or failure of Proposition 55 would have on the SDCCD. She urged all in attendance to vote their conscience.

Evonne Seron Schulze asked how the passage of Proposition 55 could impact free tuition as part of the San Diego Promise. Chancellor Carroll responded that the proposition does not provide a new funding stream, but rather continues existing, stabilizing funding for the state.

Martha Rañón asked about Proposition 55 proponents; who are they, and how can they be contacted regarding providing materials. Laurie Coskey directed her to the American Federation of Teachers offices, located down the street from the SDCCD offices.

- Update on San Diego Promise

Chancellor Carroll moved to the next handout provided to the Council, which provided an update on the San Diego Promise pilot program cohort, including a breakdown of student demographics, major of study, and financial need. She noted that 90% of the students in the program were students of color.

She then discussed the next phase of the program, where the District will accept 600-800 students in academic year 2017-18. She talked about the possible adjustments that will be made to the program based on lessons learned from the initial cohort. She also informed the council that a fundraising consultant had been hired to help the District plan its campaign. The District has already put in place a payroll deduction option for employees wishing to contribute, as well as accepting one-time contributions via check and PayPal. A fundraising plan will be provided at a future meeting, along with a request for Council member’s support.

Trustee Bernie Rhinerson commended Chancellor Carroll for her leadership, along with Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault and Director of Communications Jack Beresford for their work in developing, implementing, and expanding the program.

Chancellor Carroll informed the Council that Trustee Rhinerson has been the lead trustee in this initiative. He has attended several state and national meetings, learning best practices and what other states, municipalities, and districts are doing, including alternative fundraising options. She discussed the status of some of these regional efforts.

Trustee Rhinerson discussed a recent photo op in Oakland, which he hopes can be recreated locally in the near future. In the photo are the mayor of Oakland, the chancellor of the Peralta Community College District, and the superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District launching their program. While the SDCCD has been doing the heavy lifting locally, he is looking forward to others stepping forward to help in expanding the program.

Trustee Mary Graham asked Chancellor Carroll to talk more about the District's fundraising consultant. Chancellor Carroll discussed Kathy Drucquer Duff of KDD Philanthropy, who is meeting with the Chancellor, the District's executive management, and members of the Board of Trustees to help develop the San Diego Promise campaign.

Dwayne Crenshaw asked whether there was a goal for the ethnic breakdown of Promise students. Chancellor Carroll responded that there are no specific quotas or goals, but the hope is for a robust representation of the local student population. The ultimate goal of the program is for it to be available to all graduates of the San Diego Unified School District, and San Diego Continuing Education's High School Diploma Program, the latter of which is the District's largest source of incoming credit college students.

Cecile Steppe praised the program's concept, but confessed his concern about some of the high schools, specifically Lincoln High School. Chancellor Carroll discussed the challenges of working with that particular high school, including the difference in opinions about how to address the conflicts between what the school district and the high school's administration wants, and what the community feels it was promised. Both Cecil Steppe and Alberto Ochoa offered any support that they could provide in addressing the conflicts.

## 5. Information

- Healthy Minds Survey on Hunger, Housing, and Mental Health Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault

Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault referred the Council to their packets, where a handout of a presentation on a recent nationwide survey, in which SDCCD students participated, that focused on financial hardships (including food and housing needs) and emotional challenges that community college students faced. She discussed the study's findings (especially as they pertained to the SDCCD), and what the colleges, CE, and the District are doing to address these issues and provide support for the students.

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## 6. Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events

- Board Meeting – Mesa College, October 27, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting – District Office, November 10, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting – District Office, December 8, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

**Future Meeting Dates:**      **Thursday, December 15, 2016**  
   **Thursday, February 23, 2017**  
   **Thursday, May 18, 2017 – Group Photo at 12:00 p.m.**

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.