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Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, February 23, 2017
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Draft Minutes

Convener: Laurie Coskey

Members present: Willie Blair, Clint Carney, Laurie Coskey, Jeff Marston, Alan Mobley, Fayaz Nawabi, Alberto Ochoa, Martha Rañón, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, Mark Tran, Sid Voorakkara

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

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

Members absent: Luis Barrios, Nola Butler Byrd, Dwayne Crenshaw, Ralph Dimarucut, Ricardo Flores, Carol Kim, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Gary Rotto, David Valladolid

Board Members absent: Rich Grosch

1. Welcome/Introductions

Laurie Coskey

Rabbi Laurie Coskey opened the meeting and invited all present to introduce themselves. During introductions, Chancellor Constance Carroll congratulated Council member Sid Voorakkara, who was recently appointed deputy director of external affairs at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

2. Approval of the December 15, 2016, Minutes

On a motion by Cecil Steppe, and second by Evonne Seron Schulze, the minutes of December 15, 2016, were unanimously approved, with Clint Carney abstaining.

3. Trustees' Update

Trustees

Trustee Bernie Rhinerson reported on his recent trip to Washington, DC, to attend the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit, along with Trustee Peter Zschiesche, Communications Director Jack Beresford, and Continuing Education President Carlos Turner Cortez. He also discussed the article that he wrote in the most recent edition of ACCT *Trustees Quarterly* on the role of trustees in supporting enrollment management. Finally, he highlighted his participation on behalf of the District in

a panel on immigration hosted by Congresswoman Susan Davis, whom he commended for her understanding of the challenges students face and her focus on local concerns and priorities.

Trustee Peter Zschiesche explained that his desire to attend the ACCT National Legislative Summit was driven by interest in the attitude of those in power regarding community colleges. He found himself pleasantly surprised at the widespread support for these institutions, noting that there are many different reasons for this goodwill, but all boil down to the fact that community colleges provide a lot of value to their communities, whether rural, suburban, or urban.

Trustees Maria Nieto Senour and Mary Graham discussed the upcoming accreditation site visits at the campuses, which will take place in March. Trustees Senour and Graham sit on the Board Subcommittee on Accreditation and Student Success, and have had many meetings in preparation for the site visits to ensure that they will be able to appropriately articulate the Board's role in the institutions. Trustee Graham mentioned changes since the previous accreditation visit, most notably the inclusion of a separate district-level team for multi-college districts.

4. **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- **SB 769 Successor Legislation: Community College Baccalaureate Expansion**

Chancellor Carroll shared that efforts are underway to support Senate Bill 769, successor legislation to SB 850, the baccalaureate pilot program. She recently met with Senator Jerry Hill during the recent Community College League of California (CCLC) Legislative Conference in Sacramento. The Senator will author a bill in the current legislative session designed to enable an additional 15 community college districts to participate, for a total of 30; eliminate the sunset date; and allows duplication in certain disciplines if there is no California State University (CSU) or University of California campus within 100 miles that offers the same degree. She advised the Council that she may be asking for their advocacy and support as the legislation advances, noting that there is already opposition by the CSU system.

- **San Diego Promise Update**

Chancellor Carroll noted that over 1100 applications had been received for participation in the 2017-18 Promise cohort. Unfortunately, only 600 incoming students will be selected from San Diego Unified, along with 75 from Continuing Education and 10 from the Monarch school for homeless students. This represents a significant expansion from the 2016-17 cohort, which included 200 students. Ideally, the District would like to accept all applicants who meet the program's criteria, but are unable to at this time due to financial constraints. Fundraising has begun, with members of the community such as Mayor Kevin Faulconer helping to contact potential major donors.

- **Invitation to April 18 Joint SDCCD/SDUSD Board Meeting**

Chancellor Carroll referred the Council to the announcement of the upcoming joint meeting of the Boards of the San Diego Community College District and the San Diego Unified School District. She invited all Council members to attend the annual meeting, at

which the Boards work together to review joint progress and establish areas of focus for the coming year.

Willie Blair asked whether there would be an opportunity for community input regarding those goals. Chancellor Carroll responded that all meetings have a section for public comment; additionally, Council members could email her with suggestions. Alberto Ochoa asked if it was possible for the Council to receive an update about student assessment. Vice Chancellor Neault agreed that this was a timely suggestion, given the many possible alternatives to standardized testing that have recently become available. Chancellor Carroll agreed that this topic would be placed on a future meeting agenda.

5. Information

- **“We Are Community” Initiative** **Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault**
with the National Conflict Resolution Center

Vice Chancellor of Student Services Lynn Neault gave a presentation regarding the "We Are Community," initiative, which started in 2015-2016 when the District partnered with the Conflict Resolution Center on a two-year initiative to promote civility, respect, and positive communication on campus. The initiative includes 48 three-hour workshops for students, faculty, and staff to teach communication skills, cultural awareness, and conflict resolution with positive outcomes.

Following the presentation, discussion took place on the composition of the training groups. Alberto Ochoa asked whether students in teacher preparation programs might be able to sit in as observers. Lynn Neault responded that mixed groups generally elicited less participation by the students. Student leaders and mentors were selected to take these workshops, as these groups are the most likely purveyors of cultural change. Chancellor Carroll added that the massive diversity of the District's students makes it easy to include diversity in these groups without a conscious effort.

Mark Tran and Fayaz Nawabi asked whether members of the SDCCD Campus Police Department were involved, and for an overall sense of the status of the relationship between them and the broader campus community. Chancellor Carroll responded that, while officers did not actively participate in these groups, they have established their own ongoing training programs regarding these issues. Trustee Maria Nieto Senour stated that she understood where these questions came from; as a member of the City of San Diego Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices and is aware of the community's concerns. She assured the Council members that the College Police department does not have the same issues. Police officers have a different focus and different training relating to their roles in a campus environment.

Trustee Mary Graham added that College Police officers are focused on community policing. By having a separate, internal police department, the District can ensure that student learning remains the primary focus.

Fayaz Nawabi asked about body-worn cameras, which the College Police officers use. Mark Tran acknowledged the difficult job that police officers have, and asked whether, in general, students feel safe. Chancellor Carroll summarized that, as the largest community college police force in the state, the SDCCD College Police have an extreme

sensitivity to their role, and are very proactive in working with the campus communities via events such as “Coffee with a Cop,” visiting with the student governments, etc. There are an insignificant number of student complaints, and most police contacts, especially at City, are with nonstudents.

6. Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events

- Board Meeting – District Office, March 16, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting – Continuing Education, ECC, April 13, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- Joint Board Meeting with SDUSD – ECC April 18, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting – District Office, April 27, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting – District Office, May 11, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates: Thursday, May 18, 2017 – Group Photo at 12:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.