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Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, May 18, 2017
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Minutes

Convener: Evonne Seron Schulze

Members present: Luis Barrios, Clint Carney, Laurie Coskey, Carol Kim, Jeff Marston, Alberto Ochoa, Jared Quiant, Martha Rañón, Evonne Seron Schulze, Mark Tran, David Valladolid

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

Board Members absent: Rich Grosch

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

Members absent: Willie Blair, Nola Butler Byrd, Dwayne Crenshaw, Ralph Dimarucut, Ricardo Flores, Alan Mobley, Fayaz Nawabi, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Gary Rotto, Cecil Steppe, Sid Voorakkara

1. **Welcome/Introductions** Evonne Seron Schulze

2. **Approval of the February 23, 2017, minutes**

On a motion by Jeff Marston, seconded by Luis Barrios, the February 23 minutes were approved without changes.

3. **Trustees' Update** Trustees

Trustee Maria Nieto Senour announced the selection of the new president of City College, Dr. Ricky Shabazz, who previously served as the Vice President of Student Affairs at San Bernardino College. She noted that the Board was looking forward to attending the upcoming commencements at City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges, and Continuing Education. She also commented on the recent annual Community College League of California's annual Trustees Conference. She attended an excellent session on diversity and equity, which was presented by Peralta Trustee Linda Handy. Trustee Senour is hoping to bring her to the SDCCD in the near future to share this important information. She will be sure to let the TAC know when Ms. Handy is scheduled.

Trustee Bernie Rhinerson provided an update on legislative issues. He noted that there is concern about plans by the Trump administration to take funding from the U.S. Department of Education and then divert them into choice programs. Surplus funding for PELL was cut, but the year-round PELL is back in the budget, which will help students get through the summer months and also helps with retention. House democrats will release their bill package soon. Representative Susan Davis and other legislators have introduced a bill to update the entire PELL program in order to better serve needy students.

Trustee Mary Graham noted the busy time period on campuses, with commencements being the most visible aspect of demonstrating outcomes. She also thanked the TAC members that attended the Joint Board meeting in April in order to see the progress and joint efforts of the SDCCD and SD Unified boards.

Trustee Peter Zschiesche reported on the recent CCLC Trustees conference, where he and fellow Board members presented on the important topic of homelessness in San Diego. The SDCCD colleges participated in national study that reviewed housing and food insecurities. One of the concerns currently facing San Diego is that the larger business community downtown is looking at how to provide home security to those in downtown San Diego, but no one from the City has approached the SDCCD or City College about the issue, although some of the city blocks that are the focus are in close proximity to City College. Trustee Zschiesche will be meeting with Councilmember Chris Ward soon and he will share that the SDCCD is interested in being a part of the conversation. Trustee Zschiesche hopes to have an update at the next TAC meeting.

Jeff Marston asked if there was a specific reason SDCCD was not involved or if this was just an oversight. Trustee Zschiesche believes this was an oversight. Laurie Coskey, who serves on the San Regional Taskforce for the Homeless, noted that anyone who has a deep concern for the homeless situation is welcome to have a seat at the table. She invited Trustee Zschiesche to attend the taskforce meeting this afternoon to attend and provide public comment. Evonne Seron Schulze commented that many people are unaware that homeless is even an issue in education. Mr. Maston concurred with Ms. Seron Schulze's statement noting that he sits on the Board of SDSU Alumni Trustees, and they recently receive a report on homelessness in the CSU system, and many were surprised with the findings. Trustee Mary Graham commented that another factor was that City College did not have a permanent president to outreach and establish these types of relationships, but she is hopeful that the new president will be active in this area.

4. **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- SDCCD Budget Update
- Chancellor Carroll summarized the Governor's May Revision Budget for 2017-18, which was released on May 11. From the perspective of the SDCCD, it is a good budget, which includes a \$16 million increase over last year. The Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) is anticipated to be 1.54%. Community colleges will see an apportionment based increase, which will bring \$7 million to the SDCCD. The May Revision also includes a growth target reduction from 1.34% in January to 1%, recognizing that 70% of the community college districts throughout the state are either flat or down in enrollment. Six districts in the state account for 50% of enrollment growth. The SDCCD is among these top districts. The state budget also includes some one-time

costs, which are still being refined.

- SB 769 Update

Chancellor Carroll provided an update on the status of SB 769 (Hill), which provides for an expansion of the community college baccalaureate pilot program. The current pilot allows for 15 community college districts to offer the baccalaureate in workforce fields. SB 769 would increase this number to 25. As a comparison, Miami-Dade CCD in Florida has 28 programs alone. The bill is expected to next be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee later in the month. Chancellor Carroll will keep the TAC updated on the bill's progress.

- San Diego Promise Update

Chancellor Carroll provided an update on the San Diego Promise program, which will be expanding from 200 to 600 students in 2017-18. The District is actively fundraising to support this effort. She also noted that 60% of students in the current program are students of color and 70% of the students are women.

- New President of City College

Chancellor Carroll announced the hiring of the new President of City College, Dr. Ricky Shabazz. The TAC received copies of the news release and a U-T article, which highlighted his attributes and qualities. Dr. Shabazz's official start date is July 11.

5. Information

SDCCD and SDUSD Joint Outreach Efforts in Support of Undocumented Students and Families

Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault

Laurie Coskey shared that she requested this presentation following a Community Partners Breakfast event she attended, which include a stimulating presentation on doing what is best for children in San Diego. Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault noted that the purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm and identify target populations and needs for students and families. There were 36 community partners who participated. The event was sponsored by the SDCCD and SD Unified.

Vice Chancellor Neault reported that at the last SDCCD/SDUSD Joint Board meeting in April, one of the collective joint goals was to create an accountability strategy that included a plan to work with parent organizations, such as PIQE, to promote college readiness to parents and communities. In addition, they discussed ways to collaborate in order to support undocumented students and to help students and parents to navigate the complexities of obtaining services. She emphasized that what was presented today at the TAC meeting was just one piece of what they are doing.

Vice Chancellor Neault reviewed the collaborative strategies, including: identifying community partners with shared goals; developing a strategic partnership plan; developing shared publications; utilizing the DACA Office as a one-stop shop to provide information on the DREAM

Act; and collaborating with community organizations to host forums to provide information, support, and resources.

She also reviewed several planned events and activities, including regular joint staff meetings, outreach at SD Unified neighborhood centers, community forums, and college field trips.

Evonne Schulze asked about the difference between DACA and the Dream Act. Vice Chancellor Neault explained that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a policy that came out of the Obama Administration that provided a protection for eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States when they were children. The DACA program allows for protection from deportation and provides a work permit. The Dream Act is California legislation (AB 540), which provides for an exemption from payment of non-resident tuition for undocumented students who meet certain requirements. Trustee Mary Graham clarified that the Dream Act, as applied in California, relates to AB 540. However, there is also the DREAM Act in the federal context, which is different from AB 540.

Carol Kim asked whether there are any efforts to address some of the gaps in the DREAM Act (AB 540) legislation. For example, some students that have refugee status, but do not have the necessary documentation to qualify for DACA and other types of funding, so in California, they did not meet the 3-year school requirement and were ineligible for funding. Vice Chancellor Neault responded that AB 540 was modified to allow for the 'equivalent' of 3 years of units and classes, vs a linear 3-year progression. This modification has helped with the issue faced by some refugees. In fact, it has allowed SDCCD's Continuing Education students to qualify for AB 540.

Dwayne Crenshaw expressed his appreciation for the focus of the presentation, but asked if the focus of the group's work was that narrow, since the issues involving refugees and student of color is very complex. Vice Chancellor Neault stated that this group's particular emphasis was due to a specific Joint Board goal. However, there is a much broader focus that includes a college readiness campaign, including financial aid workshops. The collaboration is starting with hearing from community partners to see what the needs are and what information we can provide to the community. Mr. Crenshaw noted that RISE San Diego is working with San Diego Continuing Education on the Gateways to Careers initiative, and wants to be sure the SDCCD is being inclusive in inviting other groups that can assist with refugee issues. Vice Chancellor Neault stated that other efforts include holding regular joint staff meetings to collaborate and providing outreach at SD Unified Neighborhood Centers.

There were 36 community representatives that attended the Community Partners breakfast, representing a wide variety of groups. Those in attendance brainstormed to identify targeted populations and the needs of the families in those communities. Each partner also shared their organizational goals and dialogued on how both districts can combine resources and partner to meet the needs of the community. Vice Chancellor Neault will get the list of community partners that were represented.

Alberto Ochoa noted that one of the challenges with some institutions is that they have good intentions and policies, but a lack of follow through. He suggested using the meetings to leverage more accountability to ensure action and follow through. Trustee Peter Zschiesche stated that what is powerful about this community alliance is that collaboration will bring out the best in everyone with the focus on what can be done for students. Any shortcomings that may arise will be filled with community partners who rise to the occasion.

Alberto also discussed the Local Control Funding Formula (8 components), which is a tremendous opportunity for every principal at every school within SD Unified to support the spirit of engagement with parents in order to partner to help students succeed.

David Valladolid commented that it is critical that the education systems from K- through university-level come together since any partnership is a difficult process. He complimented the SDCCD for making these efforts for the benefit of students to ensure that every child has the opportunity to receive a quality education.

Laurie encouraged the TAC members to attend future joint planning meetings where a lot of information about collaborative efforts and plans take place. The SDCCD does not send out the invitations; however, Vice Chancellor Neault will look to see who is on the list to be invited. It was also requested that an agenda be provide in advance.

Jared Quient asked if there was a possibility of these efforts being on the chopping block due to SD Unified's budget issues. Vice Chancellor Neault stated that this is a joint Board goal, so there is a commitment from the boards for this collaboration to be successful. She also invited the TAC members who are involved with an organization that is planning an event at which they would like the SDCCD to attend for outreach purposes, to let Vice Chancellor Neault know. Martha Ranon asked if the SDCCD can provide a resource table with English and Spanish documents. Yes. The District has English/Spanish resources. Martha noted that her organization is having a caregiver event on June 16 at the Logan Heights Library.

6. Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events

Board Meetings

- District Office, June 8, 2017, 4:00 pm
- District Office, July 20, 2017, 4:00 pm
- District Office, August 24, 2017, 4:00 pm

Commencements

- Miramar College – Friday, May 19, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm
 - Miramar College Hourglass Fieldhouse
- Mesa College – Saturday, May 20, 2017, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm
 - Jenny Craig Pavilion, University of San Diego
- City College – Friday, May 26, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm
 - Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park
- Continuing Education – Friday, June 2, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 pm
 - Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park

The TAC was encouraged to attend any or all of the upcoming commencements. If any can attend, they would be acknowledged publicly, be invited to attend the VIP reception, and be seated in the VIP section.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates:

Thursday, October 5, 2017
Thursday, December 7, 2017
Thursday, February 15, 2018
Thursday, May 17, 2018 – **Group Photo at 12:00 p.m.**