



## SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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CITY COLLEGE – MESA COLLEGE – MIRAMAR COLLEGE – CONTINUING EDUCATION

### DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 3, 2010

**Present:** Allen, Avila, Beebe, Burgess, Cepeda, Cressy, Davis, Dittbenner, Fierro, Figueroa, Harris, Hsieh, Lee, Matthew, Myers, Neault, Richard, Rico Bravo, Umstot, Watkins and Chairperson Chancellor Carroll

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Cathy Hasson, Jim Mahler, John Nunes and Sharon Rhodes

#### 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 17, 2009, were approved.

#### 2. **REVIEW OF TENTATIVE BOARD AGENDA FOR MARCH 11, 2010**

The tentative agenda for the March 11, 2010, Board Meeting was opened for review by Chancellor Carroll. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

#### 3. **BUDGET UPDATE**

Terry Davis, Vice Chancellor of Business Services, gave an overview of the status of budget reduction goals, which were initially established in 2007-08. The document was briefly reviewed as the same information will be shared at all of the campus shared governance meetings, and was reviewed in detail at the Budget Committee meeting and by the Chancellor's Cabinet. The document basically shows the initial budget reduction goal of \$36 million, and how and why it has been adjusted downward over the past three (3) years to \$30.28 million. All adjustments have been based on new information from the State that was considered to be reasonable and reliable as it was received. To date, \$26.35 million, or 87% of the goal, in reductions have been identified from non-bargainable areas, leaving a balance of \$3.92 million (13%) yet to be identified by July 1, 2010. Vice Chancellor Davis went on to explain the new March deferral payments enacted by the Legislature last week, which reduced the normal March apportionment revenue down by more than \$7 million. Chancellor Carroll summarized various recommendations made by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), related to the 2010-11 budget proposal. Included among the proposals was increasing the enrollment fee to \$40, which would be used to pay for 2.2% growth in 2010-11, plus eliminate the negative .38% COLA. The LAO also had several suggestions, from providing additional flexibility within categorical funds, suspending the Faculty Obligation requirements, to modifying the 50% rule. Although not all suggestions are practical and are not likely to gain support, they indicate some of the areas to be considered during the budget development process for 2010-11.

**4. ACCREDITATION UPDATE**

Following the brainstorming session at the February DGC meeting, Lynn Neault, Vice Chancellor of Student Services, and Cathy Hasson, Director of Institutional Research & Planning, presented a summary of the input from the group which identified the four key domains of districtwide shared governance. Within each domain there are several indicators of effective shared governance. After discussion, more changes were suggested which Ms. Neault said would be incorporated into the plan. Further, it was stressed that the goal is not to “evaluate” each domain, but rather have each shared governance committee assess how much the respective committees contribute to each of the domains. It was suggested that an overall measure of effectiveness be added at the end. Ms. Neault indicated that once final revisions had been completed, scoring for the self-assessment would be sent to DGC members via an online survey.

**5. COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE**

Chancellor Carroll started discussion on legislation initiated by California Assembly Member Marty Block that would allow California community colleges to offer bachelor degrees in certain areas of study. As it unfolds, this proposal will be reviewed by faculty and within shared governance groups throughout the District.

**7. AVOCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES**

Esther Matthew, Academic Senate President of Continuing Education, shared a letter from Barry Russell, State Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, and asked for clarification regarding the definition of 'recreational' courses that may be funded differently. Otto Lee, Vice Chancellor of Instructional Services, responded saying that this is a budget issue where the state, due to economic difficulties, is looking for ways to save money by defunding “extraneous” programs. He reported that he is working with the vice presidents of instruction on a systematic strategy to protect our courses, including an audit of stand-alone courses, controversial course titles, and shifting some courses to fee-based. At this time it appears that, with few exceptions, our courses and programs fall within guidelines.

Adjourned 3:20 p.m.

Martha Strong

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