



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CITY COLLEGE – MESA COLLEGE – MIRAMAR COLLEGE – CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

November 2, 2011

Present: Allen, Avila, Beebe, Burgess, Dittbenner, Dowd, Fierro, Figueroa, Greenberg, Hess (for Lee), Hinkes, Hsieh, Liewen Romeo (for Watkins), Luster, Matthew, Murphy (for Umstot), Neault, Payne, Surbrook, and Chairperson Chancellor Carroll

Absent: Lee, Umstot, Watkins

Guests: Ficken-Davis, Rhodes, Rider, Mills

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of October 19, 2011, were approved.

2. **REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

The agenda for the November 10, 2011, Board Meeting was opened for review by Chancellor Carroll. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

3. **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Dowd, as a member of a Chief Business Officers (CBO) workgroup on community college funding, has been reviewing the impact of revenue reductions on the state's funding model. She distributed a copy of the recommendations made by the workgroup, which was convened because the current state funding model was developed in a growth mode while the state has been in a decline mode in regard to funding for the past few years. One handout shows the threshold benchmarks in the current model being adjusted to align with workload revenue reductions to ensure that "Base Allocations" for each district are protected. Any future state growth, she added, will be in restoration of workload reductions rather than true growth and will be evenly distributed to all districts until fully restored.

All districts are being encouraged to prepare for tier 1 and tier 2 adjustments in the current year budget act. If state revenue does not materialize as estimated in the 2011-2012 State Budget, "triggers" will automatically release one or both tiers. Tier 1 is anticipated to be a temporary revenue reduction with 250 FTES lost, equaling an additional revenue decline of about \$1.4 million to the SDCCD. Tier 2 is anticipated to be a permanent workload reduction with a loss of 600 FTES, or approximately \$2 million additional revenue reduction to the SDCCD. Dr. Dowd reminded council members that both tiers have been provided for in SDCCD's adopted budget.

4. **STUDENT SERVICES POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

DGC members were asked to review the policies and procedures and to contact Vice Chancellor Neault with any comments or concerns.

5. STUDENT SUCCESS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

SDCCD Academic Senate Presidents addressed the upcoming State Academic Senate Plenary and its discussion of the Student Success Task Force (SSTF) recommendations. David Fierro referenced the California Education Master Plan, approved in 1960, that among other things established the primary mission of the community colleges. There is a concern that a number of the SSTF recommendations would threaten or alter that mission.

Ingrid Greenberg discussed a recent SSTF meeting where members of Continuing Education's Acquired Brain Injury program attended and spoke to recommendations that threatened this and other programs. Ms. Greenberg shared alternative language for the resolution (as submitted to the Academic Senate plenary for their consideration) that would define the role of noncredit education without eliminating some of its key features.

Madeleine Hinkes noted the impact these recommendations could have on students, suggesting that the SSTF may have a limited view of who California community college students are, without considering the many veterans, immigrants, single parents, and adult learners who are a part of the system. This one-size-fits-all approach threatens to replace counseling services with technology that is insufficient to address student need. Dr. Hinkes contends that community college students are more than just transfer students and felt the resolutions were prepared quickly with little consideration of cost or unintended consequences which could occur.

Chancellor Carroll agreed that the recommendations were done in a rushed manner with the push for change coming from the legislature rather than educators. She noted challenges that the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) would face in providing monitoring, oversight, adjustments, and control of funding. In discussing the recommendations, she noted that some were good, some were controversial but understandable, while others reflected the haste in which they were generated. Many educators and CEOs have started lining up for and against the recommendations. Dr. Carroll believes that the State Academic Senate will have the greatest impact, making the upcoming plenary historic in many ways.

Daphne Figueroa concluded the discussion by describing the process and focus of the Academic Senate plenary session, including an overview of the hot topic issues. She felt that not all recommendations would be passed and that any support from the academic senates would come only after thorough discussion.

6. PROPOSED CIVILITY POLICY DRAFT

Mary Rider, faculty member from Grossmont Community College District, spoke about the climate of bullying in community colleges. She holds workshops for faculty, staff and administrators and presented a draft policy addressing civility and mutual respect. Chancellor Carroll asked that Will Surbrook, Acting Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, adjust the language as needed and then bring it back to DGC for review. Anyone with suggestions should send them to Will Surbrook.

Adjourned 4:15 p.m.

Martha Strong

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