



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CITY COLLEGE – MESA COLLEGE – MIRAMAR COLLEGE – CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 7, 2011

Present: Allen, Beebe, Burgess, Dittbenner, Dowd, Fierro, Figueroa, Greenberg, Hinkes, Hsieh, Lee, Liewen, Luster, Matthew, Neault, Payne, Surbrook, Umstot and Watkins

Absent: Avila, Carroll

Guests: Ficken-Davis, Mills

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 2, 2011, were approved with the following corrections:

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Dowd, as is 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~~ \$1 million to the SDCCD. Tier 2 is anticipated to be a permanent workload reduction with a loss of 600 FTES, or approximately ~~\$2 million~~ \$2.5 million additional revenue reduction to the SDCCD. Dr. Dowd reminded council members that both tiers have been provided for in SDCCD's adopted budget.

2. REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 8, 2011

The agenda for the December 8, 2011, Board Meeting was opened for review by Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

3. STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd made the above corrections to the minutes. She reminded members that all dollar amounts cited should be considered estimations unless otherwise specified. The next budget update is expected after the Governor's 2012-2013 budget is released in January.

4. ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (SB1440)

Vice Chancellor Otto Lee reminded the Council that the colleges have been working with San Diego State University (SDSU) to create local degrees for each discipline. It has been determined by SDSU faculty in several disciplines that the CCCC-approved transfer model curriculum (TMC) will not satisfy the preparation for the major requirements for their degrees; our faculties are currently working together to produce degrees acceptable to the CCCC that will also meet the needs of students transferring to SDSU.

Dr. Lee then referred members to a handout explaining the status of various transfer degrees, enumerating which have been approved, which have been rejected, and which were in the process of being completed. It also showed whether SDSU subject faculty indicated they would accept the CCCC's TMC or if they were interested in working to create a local transfer degree.

Daphne Figueroa added that the definition of "local" is tricky; some of the things we are able to add to a local degree can make it so out-of-area students are unable to participate.

Dr. Lee agreed, stating that SDSU has said they will continue to give local degree preference to local students; the advantage of a regional degree is that it provides protection for our students. Vice Chancellor Neault added that because SDSU is impacted, they are able to add their own criteria to state requirements to make it harder for students to transfer. By working with them in this fashion, we are really helping our students. While SB 1440 was intended to help California community college students transfer to CSUs, ultimately it will still be our district doing what SDSU wants us to do; we will go along with it where we can in the best interest of our students.

Dr. Lee concluded that he would continue to keep DGC abreast of this issue, and would send updates as they develop.

Adjourned 4:55 p.m.

Martha Strong

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