



## SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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### Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, October 7, 2010  
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
MINUTES

Convener: Rabbi Laurie Coskey

**Members present:** Nola Butler Byrd, Pepe Cervantes, Laurie Coskey, Vince Hall, Keith Jackson, Jeff Marston, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Arlie Ricasa, Sid Voorakkara

**Board Members present:** Rich Grosch, Bill Schwandt, Maria Nieto Senour, Peter Zschiesche

**District officials, staff, and guests present:** Constance Carroll, Rich Dittbenner, Robin Lewison, James MacLeod, Lynn Neault

**Board Members absent:** Mary Graham

**Members absent:** David Alvarez, Willie Blair, Gus Chavez, Dwayne Crenshaw, Herb Delute, Ruben Garcia, Joy Harris, Ikenna Kokayi, Annjennette McFarlin, Janet Markwordt Meredith, Margaret Moody, Alberto Ochoa, Eric Rivera, Gary Rotto, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, Beatriz Valencia, David Valladolid

#### Welcome/Introductions

Rabbi Laurie Coskey

Rabbi Coskey had those attending introduce themselves and share something about their summer.

#### Chairperson's Update

Rabbi Laurie Coskey

No report.

#### Trustees' Update

Trustees

President Rich Grosch stated that:

He is pleased to report that 26 building projects will be underway this year, thanks to the Bond Measures' success. The new structures will put the District in a good position as the state budget crisis begins to improve in the future years. The District will have state of the art facilities and plenty of room for students as the state budget will once again allow for growth. The Members of the Board of Trustees are preparing to make presentations at the upcoming Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) conference. One presentation will showcase SDCCD's excellence in building design,

engineering, sustainability, efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. Another presentation will focus on workforce development. SDCCD has partnered with hundreds of industries, large and small businesses, social and human service agencies, colleges, universities, K-12 schools, philanthropic foundations and government agencies in order to match education and training with jobs and resources in the community.

During the difficult state budget cuts the SDCCD Board of Trustees (BOT) has made it a priority to prevent layoffs, stay solvent during the many months of state deferred payments, and prevent salary roll-backs. The BOT voted to in-source the Information Technology (IT) program which saved the District \$1.2 million, and also made a decision to add classes while all other Districts were cutting classes. The BOT have made hard choices and voted to fund CAL Grants for SDCCD students until the state budget is approved. Credit was given to the success of the Citizen's Oversight Committee, which was established as a result of Proposition S and N, noting that Jeff Marston is on the committee.

Peter Zschiesche: no report.

Maria Senour stated that:

There continues to be a challenge for transfer students, even though they have met all transfer requirements for SDSU, but were not accepted. These students have had to make decisions to either not attend school now or incur debt in order to attend other colleges, not in the region.

At this time Dr. Carroll and Vice-Chancellor Neault made their report:

Dr. Constance Carroll noted that the California State University Office (CSU), after receiving hundreds of letters of protest, chose to allow more transfer students to be accepted into State Colleges. Maria Senour reported favorably that a SDSU faculty member who supports transferring students is on the hiring committee for the next president.

Vice-Chancellor Lynn Neault reported that last year 1,100 SDCCD students were denied transfer to SDSU. However, now CSU has mandated acceptance of 3,000 regional transfers. SDCCD has no way to predict what will happen this spring nor has knowledge of what SDSU will require of students.

Laurie Coskey and the TAC thanked the BOT for all they are doing to support SDCCD during these challenging times.

Director Rich Dittbenner added that the SDCCD has committed to all new buildings to measure up to the LEED Silver certification, while several have surpassed that goal and have been awarded LEED Gold and Platinum. This commitment has spurred on others in the region to focus on sustainability.

#### **Approval of the Minutes – May 6, 2010**

Vince Hall made a motion to approve, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds seconded the motion, approved by all with the abstention by Sid Voorakkara,

## Information

Chancellor's Report  
Carroll

Chancellor Constance

- State Budget  
The state still has no budget, though approval may come this week. If the current proposed budget is passed it is known that there will be no COLA (which will be the third year in a row), 2.2% FTES growth (misnomer because 2/3 is growth restoration and 1/3 is actual growth), and there will be back-filling of categoricals because Legislators state they have found new money (which is actually further deferment of state funding to community colleges.) Additionally, it is likely that there will be mid-year budget cuts.
- National Issues  
A full report was made on the Chancellor's trip to the White House for the Community College Summit. Attached is the full explanation. Additionally, Carroll noted that the breakout session chaired by Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, identified a gap for soldiers returning to civilian life. There is a need for a national and uniform system in order to assess, enroll and identify educational programs so that Vets may return to the workforce successfully.

TAC Discussion Questions:

Rabbi Laurie Coskey

- What is the 'value added' of the TAC to SDCCD?
- What work does SDCCD want the TAC to do?
- What are the goals of SDCCD for 2010-2011?

Discussion:

Sid Voorakara explained that a Federal Grant has been awarded to Palomar Hospital to create a pipeline for Vets who were medics and want to continue in the civilian medical field. SDCCD will look into the possibilities of creating the educational component of this pipeline. Arlie Ricasa emphasized the need to publicize the Chancellor's participation in the White House Community College Summit. Rich Dittbenner explained that is already in the works. Olivia Puentes-Reynolds shared that she is now part of the Union-Tribune Advisory Board which has been established to ensure the paper maintains cultural competency in hiring and in coverage. Here she can be a voice for SDCCD issues in that regard. Vince Hall suggested that SDCCD collaborate with that Congressional House Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman, Bob Filner. Maria Senour requested continued support on the transfer issue.

Peter Zschiesche mentioned that first-time students have suffered from cut-backs and asked for help in mobilizing the community to support student funding efforts. Zschiesche also asked for an increased connection to the business community to build skilled tradesman programs. Keith Jackson volunteered to work with the community as a conduit for SDCCD as he is the consulate with the country

Republic of Sierra Leone. The Country is looking to work more with U.S. Community Colleges. Keith will provide more information as details emerge.

**Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events**

Trustee Rich Grosch

Please know that the TAC is invited to attend:

- Board Meeting – October 14, 2010
- Board Meeting – October 28, 2010 – Mesa College
- Board Meeting – November 11, 2010
- The Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego County  
December 2, 2010, at 7:30 a.m., Hyatt Regency Mission Bay
- Board Meeting – December 9, 2010

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**Please Note Future Meeting Dates:**

February 3, 2011	12:00-1:30 pm
April 7, 2011	12:00-1:30 pm