



## SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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### Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, February 3, 2011  
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
MINUTES

Convener: Rabbi Laurie Coskey

**Members present:** Gus Chavez, Dwayne Crenshaw, Laurie Coskey, Vince Hall, Keith Jackson, Jeff Marston, Annjennette McFarlin, Alberto Ochoa, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Gary Rotto, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, Sid Voorakkara

**Board Members present:** Mary Graham, Bill Schwandt, Maria Nieto Senour, Peter Zschiesche

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

**Board Members absent:** Rich Grosch

**Members absent:** David Alvarez, Willie Blair, Nola Butler Byrd, Pepe Cervantes, Herb Delute, Ruben Garcia, Joy Harris, Ikenna Kokayi, Janet Markwordt Meredith, Margaret Moody, Eric Rivera, Beatriz Valencia, David Valladolid

**Welcome/Introductions** Rabbi Laurie Coskey

**Chairperson's Update** Rabbi Laurie Coskey

Laurie spoke of the 5 year history of the TAC and how they have watched the incredible changes in community colleges due to the economic downturn.

**Trustees' Update** Trustees

Trustee Zschiesche shared that he attended the CCLC Annual Legislative Conference in Sacramento, meeting with legislators such as Assembly members Marty Block, Nathan Fletcher and State Senator Juan Vargas, focusing on community college budget issues. Trustee Zschiesche announced that a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees

and the San Diego Unified School District is being planned for the future with focus on the following:

- Recognition of what we do together
- Determination of best practices
- Improvement of governance level to better educate students and to improve results for community college bound students

Trustee Senour stated that she attended an advisory meeting to hire the new president for San Diego State University. The areas of discussion were diversity issues, transfer, and admitting local schools.

Trustee Schwandt shared that his goal is to attend local event and represent the Board in the District and community events.

Cecil Steppe suggested that the District begin to implement tutors in elementary schools to prepare for high school and to learn recommended requirements for SDCCD.

Constance Carroll suggested holding meetings with SDUSD teachers in order to share standards for college preparation. She stated the need for systematic goals because incoming SDUSD students are requiring remedial education: 70% of the students in English and 80% in math.

### **Approval of the Minutes – October 7, 2010**

Approved on a motion by Sid Voorakkara and a second by Olivia Puentes-Reynolds

### **Information**

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- State Budget  
Chancellor Carroll stated that the Governor's budget proposal is to have some cuts now and extend the taxes for five years which would balance the budget. As the bill is currently planned, higher education will be cut \$1.4 billion.

Chancellor Carroll reported that she, along with representatives from the large urban districts' consortium group, met with policy-level staff in the Governor's office and believe he is on the right track.

She noted that the two key features in the proposed 2011-12 budget for the California Community Colleges are the \$400 million reduction in apportionment and an increase in the student enrollment fee from \$26 per unit to \$36. The legislature is also considering possible changes in policy affecting course and enrollment priorities, as well as other aspects of the community college service mission. Dr. Carroll said that these and other

elements are still being discussed and that the budget plan would probably be modified between now and March.

- White House Regional Summit

Chancellor Carroll announced that as a follow-up to the October White House Summit on Community Colleges, the U.S. Department of Education has planned four regional summits to take place throughout the country. The San Diego Community College District has been asked to host the Western Regional White House Summit on April 15, 2011, which will be held at San Diego City College. Approximately 150 participants from 14 states in the Western Region will be selected by the White House and the Department of Education and will bring together Board members, faculty members, employers, philanthropists, legislators, students, and others. The theme for the Western Regional Summit will be serving military personnel, their families and veterans.

The general consensus of comments is that students are discouraged by fees escalating and the cost of school books. Mr. Voorakkara suggested that the Board look at a better text book program. Rabbi Coskey suggested that local groups support text book purchases.

#### Student Transfer and High School Students Entering College

Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault

Vice Chancellor Neault announced that 3,570 students transferred to SDSU, 2,500 from Imperial and San Diego Counties. SDCCCD had 1,000 students transfer and 40% were to SDSU. 300 SDCCCD applicants were not admitted to SDSU. Ms. Neault voiced that she is hopeful that SDSU would do away with supplemental applications as there is room for error with submissions. She is also hopeful that they will create a transfer degree that will automatically transfer to SDSU. Ms. Neault noted that her doctoral dissertation research relates to transfers with the current cohort and diversity.

#### Status Report of the Trustees' cultural competency policy implementation Status of employee representation by ethnicity/gender at all District levels

Vice Chancellor Kim Myers

Vice Chancellor Myers made two presentations on extensive research:

1. SDCCCD Student and Employee Diversity
2. Employee Representation by ethnicity/gender at all District Levels

Both research handouts are available upon request.

In response to the two diversity reports, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds stated that a dream had come true after working towards this goal for several years. Cecil Steppe said this was an example that the Board listened to the advisory committee's recommendations.

Alberto Ochoa applauded efforts and sees this report as a national model with significant results. Gus Chavez thanked the Board and suggested sharing the results with the Union Tribune. Sid Voorakkara said that this went beyond a report to the Board but included qualitative results of numbers. Trustee Senour said that this report exemplified a change from a sub-conscious to a conscious level.

**Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events**

Trustee Peter Zschiesche

- Board Meeting – February 10, 2011
- Board Meeting – March 10, 2011
- Board Meeting – March 24, 2011, Miramar College Campus Meeting
- Board Meeting – April 24, 2011, Continuing Ed. Campus Meeting

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**Please Note Future Meeting Dates:**

June 2, 2011            12:00-1:30 pm