



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, June 2, 2011

3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

Convener: Evonne Seron Schulze

Members present: Gus Chavez, Pepe Cervantes, Laurie Coskey, Herb Delute, Vince Hall, Jeff Marston, Annjennette McFarlin, Alberto Ochoa, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Gary Rotto, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, David Valladolid

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

District officials, staff, and guests present: Anthony Beebe, Constance Carroll, Rich Dittbenner, Margaret Lamb, James MacLeod, Lynn Neault

Board Members absent: Mary Graham, Bill Schwandt

Members absent: Willie Blair, Nola Butler Byrd, Dwayne Crenshaw, Keith Jackson, Ikenna Kokayi, Arlie Ricasa, Beatriz Valencia, Sid Voorakkara

Laurie Coskey asked Evonne Seron Schulze to chair the meeting.

Welcome/Introductions Evonne Seron Schulze

Chairperson's Update Evonne Seron Schulze

Evonne Seron Schulze congratulated Chancellor Carroll on her confirmation to the National Council on the Humanities.

Laurie Coskey welcomed the new TAC members and thanked the continuing members for their commitment, persistence, and good work. She also polled the members and confirmed that Thursday lunch meetings were satisfactory

Trustees' Update Trustees

Board President Grosch reported on several District and Community events that he and the Board members have attended. He also announced that the District recently conducted bond presentations with rating agencies Standard & Poor's and Moody's for a bond issuance at the end of June. He stated that the SDCCD has consistently received a bond rating that is the highest of any community college in California with regard to the Prop S & N bonds and that the District is fortunate to have such a great team in place managing the \$1.555 billion in construction bonds.

Trustee Grosch also announced that following a successful search and site visit, Dr. Pam Luster has been selected as the new President of Mesa College. He also attended the Grand Opening of the Mesa Design Center, formerly an elementary school, which he stated is a phenomenal building and a true example of recycling.

Trustee Senour reported that San Diego State University (SDSU) has a new president, Dr. Elliot Hirshman, who will start in July. She also shared that UCSD has raised the grade point average requirement for community college transfer students from 3.0 to 3.5, beginning fall 2012, which will have a big impact on SDCCD students hoping to transfer to UCSD.

Members suggested inviting the new SDSU president to attend a future TAC meeting as a special guest. Other higher education presidents could also be invited at different TAC meetings. After discussion, a subcommittee was formed to come up with ideas and topics for discussion. The subcommittee members are: Annjennette McFarlin, Alberto Ochoa, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, and Trustee Maria Nieto Senour.

Trustee Zschiesche also commented on the success of the Mesa College Design Center, noting that the SDCCD is an excellent example of “leading is listening.” The idea and impetus for developing the elementary school into a design center originated with the faculty and demonstrated that positive change can happen when everyone listens.

Trustee Zschiesche also shared that he will be testifying before the Little Hoover Commission in Sacramento. The Little Hoover Commission will be hearing testimony regarding whether the current community college structure of local governance helps or hinders its ability to meet its mission and to explore whether another structure could result in better outcomes or improved efficiencies in regard to adult education. He added that he will be sharing information about the TAC as an example of the importance of local input to show why local governance is a critical aspect of the District’s success.

Approval of the Minutes – February 3, 2011

The minutes were approved on a motion by Cecil Steppe and a second by Vince Hall.

Information

Cultural Competency Survey Results

Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault

Lynn Neault gave a presentation outlining the results of the Cultural Climate Survey districtwide and the methodology used to compile the data. She stated that the TAC was involved in developing a base line for the statistics.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- State Budget

Chancellor Carroll stated that the Governor has proposed to eliminate the State's deficit through a combination of budget cuts that have already gone into effect and revenue yet to be generated by the extension of existing taxes past their "sunset" date of June 30, 2011. Unfortunately, whether they are put before the voters or not, the tax extensions require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature, a level yet to be achieved. If the revenue situation does not improve, the greatly feared all-cuts budget scenario would go into effect, doubling the impact of reductions made to date. She added that SDCCD has been and will continue to operate with a balanced budget.

Noncredit to Credit Student Transition Study

President Anthony Beebe
Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault

This topic was not presented due to time constraints.

Jeff Marston, who is also Mesa College Foundation member, stated that the Mesa College Foundation was looking to expand its scope beyond offering scholarships. They were looking into developing an alumni association and fund raising events and reviewing the legal issues associated with these actions.

Chancellor Carroll explained that the SDCCD Endowment Trust was being reverted back to the SDCCD control and would be moved to the San Diego Foundation, which will result in increased access to funding investment opportunities. Foundation support planning will be a major topic of discussion at the next Chancellor's Cabinet Retreat in August. Chancellor Carroll will arrange to provide an update on the Foundations at the next TAC meeting.

Adjournment

1:32 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates: TBD