



## SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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*Board of Trustees Office*

### Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

**Tuesday, November 27, 2012**  
**3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245**  
**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

#### **Minutes**

Convener: Alberto Ochoa for Rabbi Laurie Coskey

**Members present:** Bob Garber, Pepe Cervantes, Dwayne Crenshaw, Ricardo Flores, Jeff Marston, Alberto Ochoa, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Gary Rotto, Cecil Steppe, David Valladolid

**Board Members present:** Mary Graham, Rich Grosch, Trustee-elect Bernie Rhinerson, Maria Nieto Senour, Peter Zschiesche

**District officials, staff, and guests present:** Constance Carroll, Bonnie Ann Dowd, Margaret Lamb, Lynn Neault, James MacLeod

**Board Members absent:** Bill Schwandt

**Members absent:** Willie Blair, Nola Butler Byrd, Laurie Coskey, Herb Delute, Vince Hall, Keith Jackson, Evonne Seron Schulze, Sid Voorakkara

#### **Welcome/Introductions**

Alberto Ochoa

Alberto Ochoa welcomed everyone and stated that this was a special meeting to receive an update on the outcomes of the recent election. He asked the members to introduce themselves.

#### **Trustees' Update**

Trustees

Trustee Grosch stated that with the passing of Proposition 30, the District is optimistic about the future. Hopefully this will lead to a steadier funding stream for education in the state. The District is planning to add 150 class sections back into the enrollment. He also thanked the members for their advocacy in helping defeat Proposition 32. Trustee Grosch shared that in the next few months the legislature will be mapping out their priorities and we will need to continue to advocate for education funding. He added "If you don't have seat at the table you're probably on the menu."

Trustee-elect Bernie Rhinerson shared that he was happy to be elected to the Board of Trustees for the San Diego Community College District and was looking forward to

working with the TAC. He stated that he recognizes the value of public education and the importance of the community college system. He added the TAC is important in keeping the Board in touch with the community.

Trustee Senour said that the passage of Proposition 30 was inspiring, since people voted to tax themselves in order to benefit education.

Trustee Graham apologized that she is, unfortunately, not able to attend this meeting very often because of scheduling conflicts and that the other board members share with her the important service TAC members provide to the District and the students.

### **Approval of the Minutes – November 1, 2012**

Approved on a motion by Bob Garber and a second by Ricardo Flores.

David Valladolid asked that future minutes include the contributions made to the discussion with the member's names. It was agreed that key areas and recommendations would be identified, as opposed to verbatim minutes.

### **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- Proposition 30/State Budget Update

Chancellor Carroll stated that the passage of Proposition 30 was very good news. For the SDCCD, passage meant \$5.6 million credited to buying-down deferred compensation from the state and \$1.7 million in restoration funds for offering more classes and related improvements. Failure meant an enormous cut of \$11.9 million, with the "work-load reduction" requirement of reducing enrollment through the elimination of 700 class sections in addition to the 2,750 class sections that have already been cut in the last two years. The District is moving to stabilize its budgets and will add 150 class sections to the spring schedule of classes, which will benefit up to 5,000 students.

Chancellor Carroll shared that the Community College League of California (CCLC) is meeting in Sacramento in January and that the SDCCD is part of a consortium that is already working on the next budget. She reported that there are three elements that the SDCCD would like to see in the next budget: restoration of funding for more classes, of which almost 3,000 have been eliminated; COLA (cost of living adjustment), as the SDCCD is in its fifth year without a state COLA; and building back support for categorical programs.

David Valladolid asked whether the governor has too much discretion over the funding. Will the governor and his administration decide how to spend the tax money?

Chancellor Carroll clarified that the tax measure includes some restrictions, such as the requirement that no money from the measure may be used for administrative salary increases.

Gary Rotto noted that the governor has called for a special session of the legislature on December 13, 2012. He asked if there was an opportunity for advocacy from the TAC.

Chancellor Carroll and Bonnie Dowd stated that not at this time, but they would let the committee know if something came to light. Chancellor Carroll also stated that the governor thinks that the easiest way to restore enrollment is through online classes. Online classes are not necessarily less expensive than regular classes. The SDCCD views them as a complement to the regular curriculum and not a substitute.

Trustee Graham added that with 70 percent of the students testing below transfer in math and English, many of these students lack the skills to succeed in online classes. There is not the support that a classroom environment can provide.

Bob Garber asked who is advising the governor.

Chancellor Carroll stated that California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice Harris, formerly the Chancellor of the Los Rios CCD, is working with the governor. She added that the governor is interested in the concept of MOOCs, which is gaining support and funding by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

- Hail and Farewell Reception

Chancellor Carroll invited the members to attend the Hail and Farewell celebration on December 13, 2012, and to RSVP to Margaret Lamb.

### **Discussion for determining direction of the TAC**

Alberto Ochoa asked the members to reflect and discuss the TAC's accomplishments and the future direction of the committee.

### **Comments and Suggestions**

Cecil Steppe and Ricardo Flores – There is a need to inform the community about what the community colleges offer. Include the elder community and continue lifelong learning. Have open houses at the campuses that emphasize in practical terms, the bridge from education to jobs.

Gary Rotto – Include representatives from other industries. Find out if there are advisory committees from other industries. Find out their job needs.

Jeff Marston – Add diversity to the TAC politically, people who historically may not agree with our stance and tell them what it is we do and why. Also, include people from business. Currently everyone is from education.

Bob Garber – LACCD has representatives on several area business and industry associations. He said that there was a lack of understanding and confidence in the community colleges. Being there helped provide them with information.

Chancellor Carroll stated that the SDCCD has 80 different program advisory committees for various vocational and business programs within the District. There is also the Corporate Council, which advises on current trends.

Chancellor Carroll asked for recommendations on what groups or individuals they would like see represented on the TAC. Jeff Marston will send a list of the committees he serves on.

Dwayne Crenshaw – have the TAC members go out into the community and speak at their meetings. Open up some of the vocational classes to the community to use.

Pepe Cervantes – communicate more with veterans to share support services available to help them to succeed.

Olivia Puentes-Reynolds – tailor the “Freshman Year Experience” to veterans from their point of view and name it “The Veteran’s First Year Experience.” There is a lot of emphasis on getting jobs, but there are more skills that a student needs to learn to be successful. Do graduates know how to be productive citizens in the community and have the understanding of cultural competence? Look at the population of this committee, the staff and the students and see if they really reflect the population of the community.

David Valladolid – what makes this committee different is that there is a discussion and not just reports. Have information about the colleges on posters in many languages and distribute them throughout the community. Work more on developing the alumni associations.

Jeff Marston asked if the alumni associations would be for each campus or for the District.

Chancellor Carroll stated that since most graduates identify with a specific campus having four associations would have the most impact. The four associations could have a central body to help coordinate things.

### **Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events**

Trustee Rich Grosch

- Board Meeting – December 13, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – District Office
- Hail and Farewell – December 13, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – University of San Diego (USD)