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Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, October 5, 2017
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Minutes

Convener: Evonne Seron Schulze

Members present: Luis Barrios, Ralph Dimarucut, Jeff Marston, Fayaz Nawabi, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, Mark Tran

Board Members present: Mary Graham, Bernie Rhinerson, Maria Nieto Senour,

Board Members absent: Rich Grosch, Peter Zschiesche

District officials, staff, and guests present: Constance Carroll, Lynn Neault, Jack Beresford, Margaret Lamb, Amanda Ficken-Davis

Members absent: Willie Blair, Nola Butler Byrd, Clint Carney, Laurie Coskey, Dwayne Crenshaw, Ricardo Flores, Carol Kim, Alan Mobley, Alberto Ochoa, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Jared Quient, Martha Rañón, Gary Rotto, Sid Voorakkara, David Valladolid

1. **Welcome/Introductions** Evonne Seron Schulze

Evonne Seron Schulze called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

2. **Approval of the May 18, 2017, minutes**

On a motion by Luis Barrios, seconded by Cecil Steppe, the May 18, 2017, minutes were approved as submitted.

3. **Trustees' Update** Trustees

- Resolution on DACA and Other Students
- Resolution on AB 1887 (Travel Prohibition)

Evonne Seron Schulze invited Trustee Maria Nieto Senour to address the Council regarding resolutions recently adopted by the Board of Trustees. The first, adopted at the September 14, 2017, Board meeting, is in support of all students and opposes the recent action by President Trump to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Trustee Senour emphasized that, in times like this, it is everyone's responsibility to have a vision of what can be improved and to take steps to make it happen. The second resolution, adopted by the Board at its August 24, 2017, meeting, supports LGBTQ students by prohibiting District-funded or sponsored travel to states that have enacted discriminatory legislation as defined by AB 1887.

Chancellor Constance Carroll added that she has already conveyed the District's lack of participation in the upcoming American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) conference in San Antonio, Texas, due to this resolution, adding that other California community college representatives from throughout the state will likely be taking similar action. Similarly, the Chancellor was supposed to have travelled to Louisville, Kentucky as part of a County of San Diego delegation. She has declined to attend, as has California State Assemblyman Todd Gloria.

Trustee Bernie Rhinerson read aloud the states that have enacted anti-LGBTQ legislation: Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, South Dakota, and Texas. He discussed actions that he and others are taking to spread the word about the ban on travel to these states, so that major organizations (such as AACC) will choose not to hold conferences in states subject to the ban. This will put economic pressure on those states and will hopefully encourage them to overturn this discriminatory legislation.

Trustee Rhinerson also noted that the reregistration period for DACA students ends today. In California, Mission Asset Fund, a San Francisco-based nonprofit with a long history of supporting Dreamers, along with generous support from the Weingart Foundation, provided scholarships to cover the application fee; however, some individuals are hesitant to reregister out of fear.

Evonne Seron Schulze asked whether the Board resolution on DACA outlines specific actions that are different than current practice. Chancellor Carroll explained that, while the District protects all student records as required by law, protections for DACA students have been strengthened further, along with resolution not to take actions to aid Immigration and other officials unless compelled to do so. Similarly, procedures are being changed to allow DACA students to drop classes late. This will allow them to work and otherwise provide for themselves and their families without being academically penalized.

Mark Tran recalled that the District advised DACA and other noncitizen students against travelling abroad, including participating in study abroad programs. He wondered what the impact of this was. Chancellor Carroll confirmed that this limited opportunities for DACA and other students, particularly as the president has attempted several times to implement a travel ban.

Vice Chancellor Neault discussed the additional services the District is offering for DACA students and their families. Numerous, well-attended workshops have been held featuring immigration attorneys. Additionally, each college has a counselor specially designated to provide guidance to DACA students about their academic options.

Trustee Rhinerson also called attention to additional issues effecting education nationally. He first expressed concern about recent actions by the US Department of Education to soften reporting requirements for gainful employment statistics, and reversing Title IX guidance that strengthened protections for victims of sexual assault. He emphasized that the new administration has brought quite a few changes; while the President's actions receive the bulk of the attention, it is important not to lose sight of the actions of those who he has appointed, as the actions of these appointees filter down into gradual but dramatic changes.

Jeff Marston asked what can be done regarding the actions of these appointees. Would coordinating efforts with local congressional representatives be helpful? Trustee Rhinerson responded that he has found local members understanding and sympathetic. Congresswoman Susan Davis, in particular, has been a wonderful resource as the senior Democratic member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. He mentioned the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Annual Legislative Conference, which is an opportunity each year for community college trustees from across the country to meet with their legislators in Washington, DC to discuss issues of mutual concern and to lobby.

Trustee Mary Graham added to Trustee Rhinerson's concerns about recent changes at the Department of Education. Recent legal troubles at the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges drew the attention of the Department of Education, which is now trying to put in place graduation targets and other requirements based on bad data.

Council member Fayaz Nawabi asked what role, if any, the District was playing in the fight to reduce the impact of the recent outbreak of Hepatitis A. Chancellor Carroll shared that District efforts have centered at City College, which is nearest the epicenter of the outbreak. District Facilities Services staff have started using bleach and other environmental sanitation measures. Under a law passed last year, homeless students at all of the colleges have access to shower facilities. An immunization program is in place for high-risk students, while others are being diverted to take advantage of other County resources. For example, the County of San Diego will be at City College during the upcoming weekend to provide a mobile vaccination clinic.

4. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- New Academic Year

Chancellor Carroll referred the Council to the first handout in their packet, a copy of a message that she sent out districtwide via email. She called attention to the article's highlights, which include the recent reaffirmation of accreditation for all of the District's institutions; the actions that the District is taking to protect DACA and other students; the anticipation of a promising budget for 2017-18; successful enrollment management strategies by the District have made it one of few districts in the state seeing stable and growing enrollment; and the home stretch of completion of the District's \$1.555 billion Propositions S and N bond programs.

- San Diego Promise Update

Chancellor Carroll discussed a second handout that provided cohort demographics for the 2017-2018 San Diego Promise students. The handout included information of the top 10 high schools cohort students matriculated from, including the Monarch High School for homeless youth. Chancellor Carroll noted that the 6 Monarch students reflect half of the school's most recent graduating class.

Fundraising for the San Diego Promise is continuing. Chancellor Carroll was delighted to share that Ron Fowler, co-owner of the San Diego Padres, is providing a sizable donation, as have several other donors. The District is proud of how well the campaign is developing. In addition to direct donations, Chancellor Carroll shared information about planned giving opportunities, to assist those making estate and other final plans.

Cecil Steppe asked whether there were any non-major donors contributing. Chancellor Carroll discussed the large number of employees who were participating via payroll deductions, and other recurring, small donations. Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault stated that donations could be made via the San Diego Promise website, sdccd.edu/promise, or by sending a check to her, made payable to SDCCAO.

5. Information

- Concurrent/Dual Enrollment Options Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault

Vice Chancellor of Student Services Lynn Neault shared a presentation on enrollment outcomes for students participating in concurrent/dual enrollment programs between the District and the San Diego Unified School District.

Trustee Rhinerson highlighted what a huge success story these results all for all involved, including those that pursued legislation and partnership agreements, but most especially the participating students. He mentioned that the San Diego Unified School District has some constraints that keep the program from growing faster, but they are being addressed.

Fayaz Nawabi asked whether there was outreach to the high schools, and what kind of incentive there is for high schools to participate in these programs. Lynn Neault responded that, in addition to outreach teams at each of the colleges, there is a large District team. These programs increase student readiness for college, and help to develop defined pathways for students to follow, which in some cases can attract students to that high school. As an example, Mesa College has set aside a certain number of spots in its bachelor's degree program for students participating in dual enrollment programs at Kearny High School.

Mark Tran asked whether participating students met a certain profile, such as high-achieving students. Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault referred him to the detail on the slides. Based on the demographics, students who choose to participate are motivated, but aren't necessarily high-achievers based on grades or SAT scores.

Cecil Steppe asked about the courses offered at Lincoln High School. Last year, all courses were remedial as opposed to college-level. This frustrated many members of the community. Are there plans for this to change? Chancellor Carroll shared some of the history of the program, including the fact that Lincoln was in charge of selecting the courses. The process has since been revised, and communication between Lincoln High School and City College has been strengthened to ensure that college-prep level courses that are applicable for college credit are offered.

Trustee Graham discussed English 43, one of the courses being offered. It is an accelerated English pathway course that leads students straight into transfer-level English. Similar accelerated courses are being developed in Math, to help reduce the amount of time students spend on remedial coursework. Vice Chancellor Neault added that the next step in these partnerships is to identify spots in the San Diego Promise program for students who were previously concurrently enrolled in one of these programs.

6. List of Major SDCCD Events for 2017-18

Constance Carroll

Chancellor Carroll referred everyone to the list of major events. She stated that TAC members are invited to attend any and all events, and to please notify her office so that parking, recognition, other arrangements can be made. She emphasized that the best way to get a sense of what community colleges do is to go to a commencement and hear about the impact directly from the students.

7. **Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events**

Board Meeting – City College, Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Mesa College, Thursday, November 9, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – District Office, Thursday, December 14, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates: Thursday, December 7, 2017
 Thursday, February 15, 2018
 Thursday, May 17, 2018 – **Group Photo at 12:00 p.m.**

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.