



**SAN DIEGO
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT**

CHANCELLOR'S CABINET UPDATE

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ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Four weeks into the spring semester, enrollment remains a focus at each of the District's colleges and Continuing Education. The District is one of the few in the state that is experiencing positive enrollment growth. The Chancellor's Cabinet continues to monitor enrollment management efforts closely. With fall and intersession now completed, the District still expects to come close to its growth target for 2017-18 as it strategizes ways to ensure full funding for growth.



BOND CREDIT RATING

The SDCCD'S careful fiscal management and solid financial position have led Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings to raise the District's bond rating from AA+ to AAA, the highest level possible. The SDCCD is now California's only community college district whose funding is based on student attendance that has secured the highest possible ratings not only from S&P but also from Moody's Investors Service. During fall 2016, Moody's upgraded the SDCCD's rating from Aa1 to Aaa, marking the third time it has upgraded the District's bond rating since 2005. S&P also upgraded its AA+ rating to an AA+ positive outlook with interest in doing a follow up review in about a year. That follow-up review resulted in S&P upgrading the SDCCD to their highest possible rating of AAA. Ratings measure the credit-worthiness of a corporation or government institution, and they are used by investment professionals to assess the likelihood a debt will be repaid. Ratings are assessed on a variety of factors, including the health of an organization's balance sheet, its debt, and its

cash position. S&P noted the SDCCD's strong reserves and responsible funding of its pension obligations. Pension obligations are being planned for and met. In fact, cash reserves equal approximately 7 percent of the District's general fund expenses, exceeding both state and District minimum requirements. Total General Fund reserves – including cash and non-cash sources – are even higher at 10 percent.



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BACCALAUREATE PILOT PROGRAM

In December, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released its Interim Evaluation Report on California's Baccalaureate Pilot Program. The report indicated that the 15 programs in the pilot are so new that insufficient data has been generated regarding student outcomes, finance, etc. to provide the kind of thorough and consistent information that would be helpful in drawing conclusions. The LAO discussed the value of extending the program's sunset provision, which is currently set to occur in 2023. The current sunset makes it very difficult for pilot colleges to continue their student recruitment, threatening the program's stability. As the 2018 legislative session gets underway, momentum is building for Senate Bill 1406. Authored by Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo), SB 1406 would effectively extend the sunset provision for California's Baccalaureate Pilot Program, allowing students until 2023 to enroll and still be able to complete their program of study. SDCCCD Chancellor Constance Carroll will continue to play a leadership role in statewide advocacy efforts in support of SB 1406 and the pilot program. Meanwhile, San Diego Mesa College's first class of Health Information Management students will be among the first at a California community college to receive their bachelor's degrees when they graduate in May 2018.

SAN DIEGO PROMISE

The free community college movement continues to expand with Governor Jerry Brown including \$46 million in his proposed budget to fund the new California College Promise. Established through Assembly Bill 19, the California College Promise will waive the first year of enrollment fees for first time students who enroll full-time at any of the state's 114 community colleges. The San Diego Promise currently pays for enrollment fees and provides book grants for about 800 students at City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges. If included in the adopted state budget, the additional funding will enable the District to significantly expand the program to support an even larger number of students in their second year. The goal of the San Diego Promise is to ensure that no deserving student is deprived of the opportunity to go to college due to lack of resources. It is not, however, just about access, but also about success. San Diego Promise students are also provided with summer transition programs for students who need to prepare for college-level study, cohort-based programs, and special counseling and tutoring services, all of which are designed to increase student completion.



CHANCELLOR'S OPEN OFFICE HOURS SPRING SEMESTER 2018

As in the past, Chancellor Carroll wants to afford an opportunity for input throughout the District. In order to do this, Chancellor's Open Office Hours have been scheduled at various locations in the District. Please call in advance for a short appointment (this will prevent people from having to wait) by contacting the Chancellor's Office (ext 6957). The open office hours for the fall have been scheduled as follows:

- March 22 (Thurs) 3:00-4:00 p.m.**
District Office – Room 300, Chancellor's Office
- April 5 (Thurs) 3:00-4:00 p.m.**
Miramar College – Room N-206, President's Conf. Rm.
- April 6 (Thu) 3:00-4:00 p.m.**
City College – Room R-118/President's Conf. Rm.
- May 9 (Wed) 2:30-3:30 p.m.**
Mesa College – Room A104, President's Conf. Rm.
- June 4 (Mon) 3:00-4:00 p.m.**
Continuing Ed, ECC – Room 121