



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CITY COLLEGE – MESA COLLEGE – MIRAMAR COLLEGE – CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

July 18, 2012

Present: Allen, Barnes (for Burgess), Craft (for Luster), Dittbenner, Faille (for Caldera), Figueroa, Greenberg, Haidar, Haro, Henne (for Lee), Hinkes, Hsieh, Jackson, Kovrig, Lareau (for Umstot), Liewen, Neault, Parker (for Beebe), Surbrook, and Chairperson Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd

Absent: Beebe, Burgess, Carroll, Lee, Luster, Matthew, Umstot

Guests: Lamb and Rhodes

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 6, 2012, were approved.

2. **REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA FOR JULY 19, 2012**

The agenda for the July 19, 2012, Board Meeting was opened for review by Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

3. **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Dr. Dowd reported that the State Budget has not changed much since last reported and is not expected to change until the results of the November 6th tax initiative are known. She also discussed the California Community College System's request that upon passage of the tax initiatives, approximately 1/3 of the funds be provided as "new" funds in the form of apportionment restoration (an effort in which Chancellor Carroll played a significant role). Unfortunately, this amount has been reduced by legislators to \$50 million, which would be approximately \$1.75 million for the SDCCD. Discussion followed, with members asking how the tax initiatives are polling, and when marketing materials in support of the initiatives might be made available to the public. Rich Dittbenner, Director, Public Information & Government Relations, provided information related to recent polling. He and Dr. Dowd reminded the DGC that public funds may not be used for campaign purposes. She concluded the discussion saying that the situation continues to be quite fluid emphasizing the risk of mid-year cuts if the tax initiatives do not pass in November.

4. **DISTRICT OFFICE/SERVICE CENTER SMOKING POLICY**

Dr. Dowd shared the results of the recent smoking survey taken by employees at the District Office and the District Service Center. With 90% support for making these buildings smoke free, the change will go into effect September 1, 2012.

5. **BROWN ACT IMPACT ON GOVERNANCE PROCESSES**

Miramar College Academic Senate President Daphne Figueroa opened discussion regarding legislative proposals to save money by suspending parts of the Brown Act requiring public notice of meetings. Dr. Dowd explained that the SDCCD would not change current practices but would continue to be transparent in posting public information. Ingrid Greenberg, Continuing Education Academic Senate President, asked that Facilities Management be aware of the need for appropriate (24/7 display) posting stations or kiosks with new construction projects.

Adjourned 4:20 p.m.

Martha Strong

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