



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CITY COLLEGE – MESA COLLEGE – MIRAMAR COLLEGE – CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 2, 2013

Present: Allen, Betz, Bocaya, Collins (for Lee), Conrad, Dowd, Ellison (for Beebe), Figueroa, Haidar, Harris, Hsieh, Jackson, Kohlenberg, Kovrig, Ledbetter, Liewen, McNeill (for Luster), Mills, Neault, Pawlak, Surbrook, and Watkins

Absent: Beebe, Beresford, Carroll, Haro, Lee, and Luster

Guests: Cassar and Garber

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 18, 2013, were approved with minor changes.

2. **REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA**

The agenda for the October 10, 2013, Board Meeting was opened for review by Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Ann Dowd. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

3. **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Dr. Dowd provided a brief overview of the 2013-14 state budget noting no changes since her last report. In addition, she reported that the state is in early planning stages for the 2014-15 budget, which the Governor releases in January of each year. She reminded council members that a significant part of Proposition 30 expires in 2016. It is hoped that voters will once again support the tax increases if the state's situation has not improved. Dr. Dowd reported that the 2014-15 budget will continue to address increasing instructional costs through the hiring of faculty in order to address the 50% Law and FON requirements. The slow thaw of the hiring freeze that has been in place at the District will also continue; however, with an emphasis on addressing maintenance costs for the Propositions S & N buildings coming on-line, as well as additional staff in order to accommodate the Student Success and Support Program initiatives the District is required to meet. Dr. Dowd also reported that she had attended a State Chancellor's Circle Luncheon held in San Diego where Chancellor Harris spoke about two specific areas of emphasis for the community college system in the years to come: Student Success and Access.

4. **ACADEMIC CALENDARS 2014-15**

Acting Vice Chancellor of Student Services Gail Conrad handed out copies of the proposed 2014-15 Academic Calendars for the colleges and Continuing Education. She asked that members send her any questions they have. The calendars are scheduled to go to the Board of Trustees for approval at their November meeting.

5. **UPDATE ON FACULTY FLEX HANDBOOK**

At the previous meeting, Chancellor Carroll asked that each college and Continuing Education (CE) be ready to report on faculty representation for the Districtwide flex committee, which addresses instructional improvement activities and issues each semester. It was noted that some of the institutions have campus flex committees, and others rely on the District committee for coordination and follow up. Buran Haidar, Academic Senate President of Miramar College, reported that the issue appears to be primarily focused at Miramar College and that they have a solution for the college which includes a campus committee. It was agreed that the academic senate at each college and CE would ensure that a representative is appointed to serve on the District committee.

Adjourned 3:45 p.m.

Martha Strong

Chancellor's Office & Board of Trustees