



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CITY COLLEGE – MESA COLLEGE – MIRAMAR COLLEGE – CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 1, 2014

Present: Beebe, Bocaya, Haidar, Harris, Hess, Hsieh, Hubbard, Kastelic, Keyser (for Dowd), Kohlenberg, Kovrig, Liewen, Luster, Manis, Neault, Schmeltz, Surbrook, Watkins, Weinroth (for Pawlak), and Chairperson Chancellor Carroll

Absent: Beresford, Dowd, Pawlak

Guests: Cassar, Mills, North

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 17, 2014, were approved.

2. **REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA**

The agenda for the October 9, 2014, Board Meeting was opened for review by Chancellor Carroll. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

3. **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Chancellor Carroll stated that there is no budget update at this time.

4. **AB 2558 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES: FACULTY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Miramamar College Classified Senate President Terrie Hubbard asked for clarification on impact and funding associated with Assembly Bill 2558. Chancellor Carroll asked that the director of communications look into this and report findings.

5. **ACE CREDIT FOR ALEK's COURSES**

Vice Chancellor Neault shared a handout with information from the American Council on Education (ACE) regarding the course credit review process for inclusion in the ACE Guide. She reported that colleges can accept credit based upon the recommendations in ACE, however, it is not required. The District is starting to see a number of recommended courses in the ACE Guide that are from organizations and non-accredited institutions. The most recent example was credit for ALEK courses, which are not taught by an instructor. In order to clarify the District's policy to not accept incoming transcript credit for MOOCs, Dr. Neault plans to modify policy to limit ACE credit to Military Education and by petition for the Federal Aviation Administration Academy. She will bring draft policy language to DGC for review.

6. COURSE WAIVERS

Interim Vice Chancellor Shelly Hess opened discussion on course waivers due to concerns raised by District evaluators regarding increased requests for course waivers of program requirements from non-regionally accredited colleges and other agencies. Dr. Hess supplied background information and recommendations and encouraged senates to have further discussion for continued review of this issue at a future meeting. Miramar College Academic Senate President Buran Haidar presented concerns on behalf of the academic senates. It was agreed that the practice of blanket approval of waivers would be suspended. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis for students who need a course waived in order to meet degree and certificate requirements. Based upon consultation with the District Curriculum and Instructional Council, Drs. Hess and Neault will draft a policy and procedure to address waivers.

Adjourned 4:15 p.m.

Chancellor's Office & Board of Trustees