



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CITY COLLEGE – MESA COLLEGE – MIRAMAR COLLEGE – CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 18, 2015

Present: Beebe, Conrad (for Neault), Garcia, Haidar, Harris, Hess, Hsieh, Kastelic, Kohlenberg, Liewen, Luster, Manis, Pawlak, Schmeltz, Surbrook, Watkins, and Chairperson Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd

Absent: Beresford, Carroll, Hubbard, Kovrig, Neault

Guests:

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 4, 2015, were approved.

2. **REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA**

The agenda for the March 26, 2015, Board Meeting was opened for review by Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

3. **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Mesa College Academic President Terry Kohlenberg requested two information items are added to the agenda:

- SLOs being listed on official Course Outline of Record
- Automatic awarding of Associate Degrees

4. **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd reported that there is nothing new in regard to the Governor's proposal for the 2015-16 state budget. She also reported that the State Chancellor's Office has been in discussions with the legislative staff and DOF regarding some problems with the new growth allocation formula. Dr. Dowd reminded council members that legislators added a 2014-15 Trailer Bill during last year's session with prescriptive language related to "unmet need", which reallocates growth dollars from districts with high student demand to districts that meet the definition of unmet need, which relates to issues of unemployment, participation and poverty levels. Dr. Dowd pointed out that districts, such as SDCCD in large urban communities with high demand may end up eligible for fewer growth dollars than historically provided in the past. The Workgroup on Fiscal Affairs has been tasked to review the growth formula in an attempt to minimize impact to large urban districts while also honoring the intent of the legislation to support unmet student need as statutorily defined.

4. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ON COURSE OUTLINE

Mesa College Academic Senate President Terry Kohlenberg began the discussion by asking the other Academic Senate Presidents whether concerns similar to Mesa College are occurring at their institutions regarding SLOs being listed on the official Course Outline of Record. Interim Vice Chancellor of Instructional Services Shelly Hess responded about discussions that have taken place to date and how faculty has been engaged in those discussions. She also reported on the involvement in any discussions taken thus far regarding SLOs by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee (CIC). It was also noted by President Luster that the issue of listing SLOs is something that colleges are required to demonstrate during the accreditation review process. Miramar College Academic President Buran Haidar commented that faculty at Miramar College understand the significance of this issue having been placed on warning during its prior accreditation review; therefore, it is no longer an issue at Miramar College.

5. AWARDING OF DEGREES

President Kohlenberg also opened discussion regarding Mesa College faculty's concern about the automatic awarding of degrees once a student reaches degree completion. Dr. Dowd requested that Dr. Conrad ask Vice Chancellor of Student Services Lynn Neault to follow up with the Academic Senate Presidents to address any concerns related to this initiative and reported that Dr. Neault will be providing a presentation to the Board of Trustees at the upcoming March 26th meeting, which might address some of the concerns including the fact that degrees are not "automatically" awarded because there are criteria that must be met before a degree is awarded.

Adjourned 4:15 p.m.

Chancellor's Office & Board of Trustees