



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CITY COLLEGE – MESA COLLEGE – MIRAMAR COLLEGE – CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 7, 2016

Present: Akers, Beresford, Bocaya, Bulger, Cortez, Dowd, Fremland, Hsieh, Kovrig, LaMuraglia (for Whisenhunt), Larson, Luster, Manis, Marin, McMahon, Neault, Payne, Perigo, Surbrook, Watkins, Weinroth, and Chairperson Chancellor Carroll

Absent: Hubbard, Mahler, Whisenhunt

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of November 2, 2016, were approved.

2. **REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA**

The agenda for the December 8, 2016, Board Meeting was opened for review by Chancellor Carroll. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

3. **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES POLICIES**

After further review, council members had no revisions to these policies which will go for adoption at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

4. **STUDENT SERVICES POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Vice Chancellor Neault explained minor revisions made to reflect current practices and for more clarity. No questions were raised.

5. **ACCREDITATION UPDATE**

Vice Chancellor Neault walked council members through a handout showing progress and plans for the upcoming accreditation visits in March, noting that all is moving well and on target.

6. **LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS) UPDATE**

Vice Chancellor Bulger shared a summary evaluation from faculty and students regarding their preferences for the District LMS. Based on the results of the evaluation, the Districtwide Distance Education Committee is recommending that the District switch from Blackboard to Canvas. DGC members were in agreement.

7. **ACADEMIC SENATES' MOU PROCESS**

Mesa College Academic Senate President Rob Fremland shared copies of a transfer MOU showing the development and approval process created by the academic senates, including a diagram showing the process. Vice Chancellor Neault said that it would be added to the agenda for the Chancellor's Cabinet to review at their next meeting.

8. POST-ELECTION STUDENT ISSUES

Chancellor Carroll opened discussion regarding concerns about anticipated policy changes to immigration that could affect some students, especially those that are registered for of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Because students were encouraged to sign up for DACA to help them work toward establishing legal status, these students are already known to the government, which makes them the most vulnerable under anticipated policy changes.

Chancellor Carroll referred the Council to handouts and went through the press release from the CCCCCO that provided guidance regarding possible changes in immigration policy under the new administration. In an effort to be proactive rather than reactive, specific directives from the District include a commitment to not voluntarily allow federal immigration officials on campus for immigration enforcement unless legally compelled to do so; not acting on behalf of federal agencies to enforce immigration laws or aid in deportation; not voluntarily sharing student records containing immigration or citizenship status with immigration officials; and directing College Police to not participate in any voluntary program of immigration enforcement. She also shared a San Diego Union-Tribune article regarding similar actions taken by the University of California, and an issue brief sent out by the American Council on Education that featured frequently asked questions about immigration post-election. She shared that the District has retained outside legal counsel specializing in immigration issues including deportation, in order to provide guidance for the District and affected students.

The District's leadership plans to issue a statement shortly before students return for the Spring semester. The statement will be sent by email, and via social media in hopes that it will reach as many students as possible. With the help of counsel, the statement will be as specific as possible in advising students about their legal options, including contact information for referenced agencies, deadline dates, and other helpful information.

Adjourned 4:40 p.m.

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