



CHANCELLOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
January 16, 2015

Present: Linda Thor, Randy Bryant, Leo Contreras, Mayra Cruz, J.R. Dorcak, Isaac Escoto, Christina Espinosa-Pieb for Brian Murphy, Rich Hansen, Carolyn Holcroft, Kurt Hueg, Kevin McElroy, Kimberlee Messina for Judy Miner, Blanche Monary, Dorene Novotny, Josh Rosales, Dennis Shannakian, Karen Smith, and David Ulate

I. Welcome

Chancellor Thor welcomed council members and introduced David Ulate, the district's new Executive Director of Institutional Research and Planning.

II. Approval of October 24, 2014, Meeting Summary

The October 24, 2014, meeting summary was approved without changes.

III. 2015 Legislative Principles

Council members reviewed the draft legislative principles for 2015, which will be discussed and adopted by the Board of Trustees at the February 9, 2015, study session and regular meeting. Linda advised that the purpose of the principles is to provide guidance to the Chancellor in advocating on behalf of the district, particularly when issues arise that require a quick turnaround.

In response to a question from Blanche regarding state legislative principle 23, Dorene clarified that the credible service issue relates to a determination by the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) that certain members have been defined as academic administrators in error and are not eligible for pensions through STRS. She indicated that the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) is working on a legislative solution to keep administrators impacted by STRS' ruling from being harmed. Rich offered to address the district's concerns in some of the statewide meetings he attends if provided specifics.

Rich suggested that some of the principles are too detailed and that the focus should be on broader principles if consensus is desired. Linda agreed to communicate the suggestion to the next chancellor.

IV. Chancellor Search

The council reviewed the draft search timeline as well as the search committee composition and charge, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the February 9, 2015, meeting. Linda explained that requests for proposals were solicited from national search firms at the end of last year, a search firm will be selected by a Board subcommittee January 27, and former Vice Chancellor of Business Services Mike Brandy has agreed to serve as search liaison. She advised that it is the Board's desire to allow as much participation as possible while ensuring that the search process is substantially complete by the end of spring quarter.

Linda announced that governance groups would need to select search committee representatives by February 2, 2015, and Mike Brandy and the search firm selected by the Board subcommittee will conduct focus groups with participatory governance groups and hold open forums regarding attributes desired in the next chancellor as well as challenges and opportunities the new chancellor will face on February 3 and 4, 2015.

Rich expressed concern about including a trustee on the search committee, stating that it gives the Board an odd role in the process. Christina and Kurt indicated that previous chancellor search committees have successfully included a trustee.

The search timeline, meeting schedule for providing input into the chancellor profile, search committee composition, and search committee charge were approved by consensus.

V. Budget Update

Kevin presented an overview of Governor Jerry Brown's 2015-16 Budget Proposal and discussed the impact each proposal would have on the district's budget if enacted. He reported that the proposed increases to base funding would provide \$3 million in ongoing funding, the 1.58 percent cost of living adjustment would net the district approximately \$2 million in new funding, and the \$700,000 proposed for apprenticeship programs would restore funding to pre-recession levels. In addition, Kevin advised that the district could potentially receive \$8 million in one-time money if the governor's proposal to pay down outstanding mandate claims is successful; however, he cautioned that other constituencies are likely to be successful in convincing legislators to spend the money elsewhere.

Kevin explained that the district would not benefit from proposals to increase access or retire deferrals. He stated that although the \$200 million proposed for student success could potentially provide \$4.8 million in additional funding for the district, the local match requirements, which have yet to be determined, could prevent the district from seeing an increase in funding.

With regard to the recent ACCCA Budget Workshop, Kevin reported that panelists from the Department of Finance and Legislative Analyst's Office gave warning that the state is overdue for an economic downturn, and California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice Harris and Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities Planning Dan Troy recommended that districts use increased funding to address ongoing challenges, such as increased employer contributions to STRS and the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS), scheduled maintenance, and other post-employment benefits (OPEB) obligations.

VI. New and Revised Policies and Procedures

- BP 3200 (formerly BP 2510) Accreditation – (revised)
- BP 3250 (formerly BP 3050) Institutional Planning – (revised)

Linda advised that the accreditation and institutional planning policy changes were reviewed by the Academic and Professional Matters Committee and will be presented to the Board of Trustees for first reading after approval by the Chancellor's Advisory Council. The revised policies were approved by consensus.

- AP 3280 Grants – (new)

Linda reminded the council that the new grants administrative procedure was originally included on the October 24, 2014, meeting agenda, but approval was postponed because of

concerns raised by Carolyn. She advised that some of the changes suggested by Carolyn have been incorporated in the procedure. The new procedure was approved by consensus.

- BP 5030 (formerly BP 3123, 3123.5, 5010) Fees (revised)

Linda advised that the revision to the fees policy was originally prompted by a requirement in baccalaureate degree pilot program legislation that the district have a written policy that requires all potential students who wish to apply for a Board of Governors Fee Waiver pursuant to Section 76300 to complete and submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application in lieu of completing the Board of Governors Fee Waiver application; however, additional changes were deemed necessary once the district's policies were compared to the Community College League of California template. Josh asked that the word "semester" be replaced by "quarter" in the student representation fee paragraph. After Dennis suggested that the policy include the student body membership fee, a discussion ensued as to whether the policy should include all fees or only those that are mandatory. Linda agreed to have Chancellor's Cabinet review the policy further.

Rich commented in reference to the second to last paragraph that directs the Chancellor to develop procedures for "collection" of fees that he has concerns regarding the automatic drop of students who do not pay within 48 hours because faculty are being asked to add as many students as possible into courses. Christina advised that students who register in August have until September to pay and are sent four email messages and three text messages to remind them of the deadline. Rich asked that there be further discussion of the drop for nonpayment issue and its impact on enrollment.

VII. Other Information and Updates

Linda announced that the California Community Colleges Board of Governors is expected to announce the colleges selected to participate in the baccalaureate degree pilot program on January 20, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.