



CHANCELLOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
October 24, 2025

Present:

Lidia Burlanescu, Dolores Davison, Christopher Dela Rosa, Garrett King, Elaine Kuo, Jory Hadsell, Shagun Kaur – representing De Anza Academic Senate, Lee Lambert, Gohar Momjian, Jim Nguyen – representing Faculty Association, Scott Olsen, Dianna Rose, Voltaire Villanueva, Kristina Whalen, Erik Woodbury

Guests:

Danny Acosta, Laureen Balducci, Mary Donahue, Joy Garza, Christine Hsu, Ellen Kamei, Anu Khanna, Carla Maitland, Kevin Metcalf

1. Welcome and introductions

Vice Chancellor, Strategy, Institutional Effectiveness, and Engagement Gohar Momjian welcomed council members and guests.

2. Guiding Principles for Resource Allocation Model

Vice Chancellor, Business Services Christopher Dela Rosa presented a draft of guiding principles for the new resource allocation model. He noted that these guiding principles focus on access, equity, success, academic excellence, mission alignment, predictability, stewardship, compliance, total cost of ownership, innovation, sustainability, workforce, transparency, and accountability.

He stated that the guiding principles are intended to guide the Somos Uno Taskforce and will be presented to the board for approval at the November 3, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

3. Somos Uno Initiatives Updates

Vice Chancellor, Business Services Christopher Dela Rosa provided an update to Chancellor's Advisory Council about the progress of the Somos Uno initiatives noted below.

Financial Aid Taskforce:

Completed work in June 2025; recommendations include enhanced student access, reduced loan defaults, improved operational efficiency, aligned processes, strengthened staffing, and increased scholarships. Implementation is currently underway in phases.

Budget and Resource Allocation Model:

This task force is underway and will be led by Foothill College President Kristina Whalen and De Anza College President Omar Torres to develop equitable resource allocation across the district.

AI Policy Taskforce Initiation:

Inventory of existing policies is underway to determine if a new AI-specific policy is needed. Coordination with state-level efforts and ongoing communication is encouraged.

4. **Approval of Consent Items: Board Policies & Administrative Procedures**

A summary list of **approved**, **revised** and/or **retired** Administrative Procedures that have been updated on BoardDocs:

(4) APs

AP 5055 Enrollment Priorities - (NEW) *Approved*

AP 3415 Immigration Enforcement Activities – *Revised*

AP 2325 Teleconferenced Meetings - (NEW) *Approved*

AP 5017 Responding to Inquiries of Immigration Status, Citizenship Status, and National Origin Information – *Revised*

(3) APs

AP 4630A Foothill-De Anza Community College District Sexual Assault, including Rape: Procedures – *Retired*

AP 4630B Foothill College's Sexual Assault, including Rape, Educational Program(s) – *Retired*

AP 4630C De Anza College's Sexual Assault, including Rape, Educational Program(s) – *Retired*

Immigration Enforcement Activities (AP 3415)

It was noted that this administrative procedure must be updated to comply with new legislation (SB 98), requiring notification of ICE presence on campus to all faculty, staff, and students.

District is implementing rapid response training, posting procedures, and using the RAVE emergency notification system for real-time alerts.

Concerns were raised about trust and accessibility of resources, especially for students wary of law enforcement. Suggestions included posting information on non-police web pages and broader training for faculty and staff.

Enrollment Priorities (BP/AP 5055)

Discussion centered on priority registration for MESA, Puente, and Umoja students.

Consensus to move forward with current amendments for MESA students, with plans to revisit and expand priority groups after further Academic Senate discussions.

5. **Chancellor's Priorities**

Vice Chancellor, Strategy, Institutional Effectiveness, and Engagement Gohar Momjian shared Chancellor Lee Lambert's five strategic priorities:

1. Equity by Design
2. Empowering Every Learner for Impact
3. Learning, Innovation, and Liberal Arts Education
4. Digital Transformation and AI Readiness
5. Career Pathways, Economic Opportunities, and Global Citizenship

Discussion included feedback on language (e.g., "redefine" vs. "reimagine") and the need for Academic Senate involvement in academic matters.

6. **Campus Climate Survey**

Elaine Kuo, the Director of Research and Planning at Foothill College reviewed the results from the employee climate surveys at both Foothill and De Anza and noted the key findings as high engagement among faculty and staff, but differences in perceptions of leadership effectiveness across locations were mentioned.

Elaine emphasized that there would be both quantitative and qualitative data for actionable improvements and ongoing cycles of assessment to gauge moving forward.

7. **Brand Refresh (District Logo)**

Anu Khanna provided an update on the District's logo refresh project, including rationale, design phases, and opportunities for feedback.

She noted the aim is to modernize and unify branding across the District and colleges, with a soft launch planned for January 2026.

8. **Campus Enrollment Updates**

Foothill College President Kristina Whalen noted that both Foothill College and De Anza College reported slight enrollment growth over the previous fall.

Ongoing initiatives include affordable housing for employees and students, with updates on new housing units and open house events.

9. **District Governance Committee/Constituent Group Reports**

Updates were given by Vice Chancellor, Business Services Christopher Dela Rosa regarding the Affordable Housing Task Force and the Chief of Police Danny Acosta provided a brief update from the Police Chief's Advisory Committee.

Reports focused on transparency, outreach, training, and progress on strategic initiatives.

Dates to remember/other information and updates

The December 5, 2025, meeting will take place via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.