



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 15, 2021

Present: Bocaya, Boger, Borek, Bromma, Crocitti, Dowd, Kovrig, Legaspi (for Luster), Lundburg, Mahler, Manis, Martin, Murphy, Owusu, Parrill, Ryan, Sacro (for Young), Shabazz, Short, Smith, Topham, Trinh, and Chairperson Cortez

Absent: Beresford, Luster, Spearman, Young

Guests: Ficken, Lamb, Lerma

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 1, 2021 were approved. Kovrig, Martin, and Sacro abstained.

2. **REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA**

The agenda for the September 23, 2021, Board Meeting was opened for review by Chancellor Cortez. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

3. **BUDGET & FINANCE**

Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd reported that next week, the first quarter of the fiscal year will end and planning for next years budget will begin.

4. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Chancellor Cortez updated the council on COVID-19 planning. While so far most employees and students have been compliant across the college campuses with mask protocols, the District will be strengthening its the vaccination requirement; all those who are eligible to be vaccinated will be encouraged. Community college enrollment across the state is down by 10% due to COVID-19 closures and lack of in person services. Data shows that the most marginalized student populations, such as foster youth, single parents, working students, students of color, etc., have been the most impacted. The District has made tremendous growth in outcomes with these populations, but the pandemic has created setbacks and there needs to be a balance of in person and online services.

Chancellor Cortez facilitated a discussion regarding concerns, observations, and ideas on returning to onsite activities. Themes that surfaced consistently were that faculty and staff want more opportunities to be involved in the planning process, decisions need to be made with input from a diverse group of stakeholders, and communication regarding planning needs to be clear and consistent.

5. **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Chancellor Cortez emphasized that District needs a more robust Strategic Plan and process. The District is working on an RFP for an independent contractor, who will work with the DGC and other constituent groups.

6. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Vice Chancellor Topham reported that work will begin on the Districtwide Committees, Councils, and Task Forces Report. The final version will be presented to the DGC in late November. She also presented the first reading of Chapter 4 Administrative Procedures Instructional Services and Chapter 5 Board Policies and Administrative Procedures Student Services, which are being revised in response to CCLC Legal Updates and the required 6-Year Review.

Adjourned 3:58 p.m.