

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES January 19, 2022

Present: Bell (Lundburg), Beresford, Boger, Borek, Crocitti, Dowd, Kostic (Smith) Luster,

Mahler, Manis, Martin, Murphy, Parrill, Ryan, Shabazz, Short, Topham, Trinh, and

Chairperson Cortez

Absent: Bocaya, Bromma, Kovrig, Lundburg, Smith, Spearman, Young

Guests: Davis, Lamb, Lerma

1. AGENDA

The agenda for the January 19, 2022, DGC meeting was reviewed and approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 08, 2021, were approved.

3. GOVERNANCE

The agenda for the January 27, 2022, Board Meeting was opened for review by Chancellor Cortez. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

Margaret Lamb, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, presented the second review of Chapter 2 Board Policies and Administrative Procedures. They are being revised as part of the Board's ongoing 6-year comprehensive review of all Board policies and procedures. Motion to approve by Vice Chancellor Manis and seconded by Mesa Academic Senate President Crocitti, the changes were unanimously approved.

Ljubiša Kostić, Director of Legal Services, presented the second review of Administrative Procedure AP 7170 Remote Work. The new Administrative Procedure is being put forth for approval as a response to a significant interest in expanding workplace flexibility. AFT President Jim Mahler indicated that he had sent Vice Chancellor Smith minor changes. DGC voted to approve the Administrative Procedure pending Smith's agreement that the changes were with the changes minor. If they need to be discussed further, the procedure must return to DGC. Motion to approve by AFT Guild President Mahler, and seconded by Mesa Academic Senate President Crocitti, the changes were unanimously approved. Abstention from Student Trustee Borek.

4. BUDGET & FINANCE

Chancellor Cortez and Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd reported on the 2022-23 California Budget. Governor Gavin Newsom outlined a \$286.4 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 which includes one-time funding to community colleges for several state initiatives that support access, equity, and innovation. Advocacy efforts have already begun, with the District's priorities being addressing the hold harmless provision, increasing base funding to support pensions and technology costs, and advocating for affordable housing.

The next official step in the process will be the Governor's second budget proposal, known as the May Revise.

5. PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Chancellor Cortez reported that the District has officially contracted with MIG, Inc. to help develop the Strategic Plan. The District Strategic Planning Committee has had preliminary meetings with the consultant group and will schedule meetings with a variety of stakeholder groups to collect feedback and ideas to help develop the strategic plan.

Vice Chancellor Topham explained that DGC will have an initial one hour meeting with MIG, Inc. during its February 2 meeting, and hopes there is high participation. The Council should also plan to meet with the consultants on March 16, April 20 and May 18. The goal is to have the District's Strategic Plan completed by June 2022.

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Chancellor Cortez reported that is has been difficult navigating the constantly changing COVID-19 Pandemic. He is thankful that people have been flexible and have adapted to the changing conditions. The re-opening to in person services has been pushed back to March due to an increase in cases. Vaccination requirements for students have changed; students without a vaccination or medical exemption were dropped from in person classes. It was a difficult decision but a necessary one for the health and safety of everyone. There will be a push for more online classes to retain students who are not vaccinated and to increase flexibility in student learning modes.

7. FACILITIES

Chancellor Cortez reported that the SDCCE Foundation has secured two grants to hire a development consultant to develop a housing viability plan for the SDCCD. Chancellor Cotez hopes to incorporate a realistic and effective housing plan into the Strategic Plan. City College has also applied for housing grants and will hear back in March 2022.

Adjourned 4:14 p.m.