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DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 6, 2022

Present: Bell (Lundburg), Bocaya, Borek, Bromma, Carter (Boger), Crocitti, Dowd, King, Kovrig, Luster, Martin, Murphy, Owusu, Parker (Shabazz), Peterson, Ryan, Short, Smith, Spearman (Zeledón-Pérez), Thomas, Topham, Young, and Chairperson Cortez

Absent: Beresford, Boger, Lundburg, Mahler, Parrill, Shabazz, Zeledón-Pérez

Guests: Lamb, Lerma

1. **AGENDA**

The agenda for the April 6, 2022, DGC meeting was reviewed and approved.

2. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 16, 2022, meeting were approved as submitted.

3. **GOVERNANCE**

The agenda for the April 14, 2022, Board Meeting was opened for review by Chancellor Cortez. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

4. **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd reported that the Governor must release his May Revise for 2022-23 by May 10th, which is the next step in the state's budget development process leading up to its adopted budget. The District and various constituency groups are advocating for increases to SCFF base funding, state support for employer pension costs, technology funding, affordable housing and addressing the end of SCFF hold harmless protection in 2024-25.

5. **PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**

Vice Chancellor Susan Topham updated the Council on the District's Strategic Plan. The MIG, Inc. consultants are moving into the third phase of the planning process which includes compiling all the feedback and incorporating it into the strategic plan. Once the draft is complete, it will be presented to all the stakeholder groups. It is scheduled to come to DGC for review in May.

6. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Chancellor Cortez announced that an expert from UC San Diego will be co-presenting with Vice Chancellor Smith on COVID-19 Mitigation at the April 14 Board meeting. He hopes the informational session will give insight on how to proceed with future COVID health and safety protocols at the District. While COVID-19 cases have dropped within the District they are rising nationally, which is a cause for caution as the District moves forward with its procedures.

Chancellor Cortez opened the discussion around the proposed law enforcement services agreement between Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (GCCCD) and the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD). He explained that

each district has different approaches to campus policing. Currently, GCCCD contracts with the San Diego sheriff's department, but has found level of service unsatisfactory. They have requested that the SDCCD expand their independent police force to include policing the GCCCD. GCCCD will cover all staffing and indirect costs. This partnership will help create a transformative approach to policing in the community. A request for authority to enter into and execute the MOU will be going to the Board for authorization at the April 14 Board meeting.

The Council discussed several concerns including fiscal impact, the logistics of where the additional police will be housed, the need for classified positions to support the increase in administrative duties, police training and interim coverage, and safety concerns at SDCCD due to existing vacant campus police officer positions. Council members from City College were especially clear in not supporting this contract, stating that they felt the new College Police Advisory Committee should be consulted.

Vice Chancellor Smith assured the Council that this contract will not diminish the services provided to the SDCCD nor take funding from other programs. He will continue meeting with Police Chief Ramos to identify any needs and the contract can be ratified to reflect the changes.

7. FACILITIES

Chancellor Cortez reported that LeSar Development Consultants have been meeting with SDCCD staff to discuss the SDCCD housing strategy. They are planning tours at each college to assess the individual and comprehensive housing needs of the District. Chancellor Cortez is excited to see opportunities for housing in community colleges and hopes legislation will support it. In total the SDCCD has received three grants to assist in planning efforts and an additional grant that is currently pending.

Adjourned 4:21 p.m.