



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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*Board of Trustees Office*

## Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, February 5, 2015  
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Minutes

Convener: Laurie Coskey

**Members present:** Willie Blair, Laurie Coskey, Dwayne Crenshaw, Ralph Dimarucut, Bob Garber, Carol Kim, Jeff Marston, Alberto Ochoa, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Martha Rañón, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, David Valladolid, Sid Voorakkara.

**Board Members present:** Maria Nieto Senour, Peter Zschiesche

**District officials, staff, and guests present:** Bonnie Ann Dowd, Jack Beresford, Margaret Lamb, James MacLeod, Lynn Neault

**Members absent:** Nola Butler Byrd, Clint Carney, Ricardo Flores, Alan Mobley, Gary Rotto.

**Board Members absent:** Mary Graham, Rich Grosch, Bernie Rhinerson

### 1. Welcome/Introductions

Laurie Coskey

Laurie Coskey opened the meeting, followed by introductions, with a special welcome given to the three new Trustee Advisory Council (TAC) members in attendance. Ralph Dimarucut currently works for Councilmember Marty Emerald, and has also worked for Senator Marty Block. Carol Kim currently works at WestEd, an educational nonprofit research and development agency. She also has a background in K-12, as a former elementary school teacher, and has worked in the area of HIV prevention. Martha Rañón is currently the Director of Education and Programs for the Southern Caregiver Resource Center, which provides assistance to low-income individuals who are family care-givers. She has also worked as a Policy Advisor for County Supervisor Dave Roberts and a District Director for former Assembly Member Marty Block.

Laurie Coskey invited everyone to share their thoughts about a recent announcement by President Obama regarding an initiative that would provide free community college education.

## 2. Trustees' Update

Trustees

Trustee Maria Nieto Senour stated that she is looking forward to serving in her new role as Board President. She also expressed appreciation for the significant role of the TAC in providing valuable ideas and advice from the community to help improve the District. Trustee Senour reported on the increased state funding provided to community colleges, which has enabled the District to hire many new and replacement faculty positions.

She closed her report by sharing information about an art exhibit at Liberty Station featuring The F.A.R.M Project. The F.A.R.M. Project is a community-based initiative, designed to introduce a sustainable farm program at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, which includes inmate participation. Trustee Senour stated that she and Trustee Zschiesche are very involved with Restorative Justice and noted that TAC Member Alan Mobley is also involved in this initiative. Due to the state's transfer of inmates from state prisons to local detention facilities, there is a need to provide educational opportunities designed to assist inmates' transition into the workforce.

Trustee Zschiesche commented on President Obama's announcement about free community college education, which speaks to importance of everyone having access to higher education. This has always been the mission of community colleges. While it is true that California's community colleges are the most affordable in the nation, many other states have much higher tuition rates. The message from President Obama is very positive; however, funding this initiative will be the obstacle to overcome..

## 3. Approval of the December 18, 2014, minutes

On a motion by Dwayne Crenshaw, and second by Cecil Steppe, the minutes of December 18, 2014, were unanimously approved.

## 4. Chancellor's Report

Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Dowd

Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Dowd represented Chancellor Carroll in providing the Chancellor's Report. She extended the Chancellor's regrets in missing the meeting due to an unavoidable conflict.

- SDCCD Budget Update

Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd provided an overview of the Governor's Proposed 2015-16 Budget. She noted that the state is still coming out of the budget reductions that began in 2009-10. The SDCCD received \$33 million in budget cuts over a five-year period. The current funding proposal will bring the District back to where it was prior to the budget cuts (not accounting for inflation). The TAC Members expressed interest in specific information on how the additional funds will be used to support student success. A request was made to hear more about the Student Equity Plans the colleges have developed.

- Baccalaureate Update

Bonnie Dowd announced that the California Community Colleges Board of Governors selected Mesa College as one of 15 colleges throughout the state selected to participate in the community college baccalaureate pilot program. Mesa will offer a bachelor's degree in Health Information Management. The selected institutions will proceed with implementation of the programs, subject to final authorization by the Board of Governors in March.

- Board of Trustees Evaluation

The TAC Members were notified that they would soon be receiving an email invitation to participate in a survey via "Survey Monkey" as part of the Board's self-evaluation process. TAC members were encouraged to participate in this brief survey, which provides valuable feedback to the Board. Evonne Schulze commented that she has participated in the survey for several years, but noted that some of the survey questions are difficult to respond to because of not having direct contact on a regular basis with members of the Board in order to assess what they do in regard to the some of the questions asked in the survey. It was noted that the survey is distributed broadly, both internally and externally, and there is an option to mark N/A when the question does not apply to the survey recipient.

## 5. Information

- Cultural Climate Survey Districtwide Vice Chancellor Lynne Neault

Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault reported on the districtwide Cultural Climate Survey, which is regularly administered in response to the need for a systematic evaluation into how campus climate and cultural competency are being supported throughout the District. In April 2009, the Board, in consultation with the TAC, adopted a policy on the District's commitment to diversity and cultural competency. One important component of the District's commitment to diversity and cultural competency is eliciting employee perceptions and opinions about campus climate and the work environment. Therefore, a campus climate survey was designed, in consultation with each college, Continuing Education, and the District's diversity committees, and administered to all employees to gather insights about cultural competency. The report and survey results were presented to the TAC members.

## 6. Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events

## 7. Adjournment

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**Future Meeting Dates: Thursday, May 21, 2015 – Group Photo (Group Photo will be taken at 1:30 p.m., following adjournment of the TAC meeting)**