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## Trustee Advisory Council (TAC)

Thursday, December 15, 2016  
3375 Camino del Rio South - Room 245  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Minutes

**Convener:** Laurie Coskey

**Members present:** Luis Barrios, Nola Butler Byrd, Laurie Coskey, Jeff Marston, Fayaz Nawabi, Alberto Ochoa, Martha Rañón, Gary Rotto, Evonne Seron Schulze, Cecil Steppe, Mark Tran, David Valladolid

**Board Members present:** Mary Graham, Bernie Rhinerson, Maria Nieto Senour, Peter Zschiesche

**District officials, staff, and guests present:** Constance Carroll, Lynn Neault, Jack Beresford, Amanda Ficken-Davis, and Margaret Lamb

**Members absent:** Willie Blair, Clint Carney, Dwayne Crenshaw Ralph Dimarucut, Ricardo Flores, Carol Kim, Alan Mobley, Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Sid Voorakkara

**Board Members absent:** Rich Grosch

### 1. Welcome/Introductions

Laurie Coskey

Rabbi Laurie Coskey opened the meeting and invited all present to introduce themselves. Following introductions, Evonne Seron Schulze called attention to the upcoming San Diego Women's March, scheduled to coincide with the Women's March on Washington DC on January 21, 2017. This is one of many such events to be held around the nation on that day. She encouraged everyone to support the event.

### 2. Trustees' Update

Trustees

Trustee Mary Graham discussed the upcoming accreditation site visits at the campuses, which will take place in March. She mentioned changes since the previous accreditation visit, most notably the inclusion of a separate district-level team for multi-college districts.

Trustee Peter Zschiesche referred the Council to the Chancellor's handout, which included a recent press release from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) that provided guidance related to undocumented students, which reaffirmed the principles of access for all, and requesting that the President-elect preserve the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. He also announced that the District had recently issued \$524 million in refunded Proposition S and N General Obligation bonds, resulting in a reduction of debt to taxpayers in the amount of \$80 million.

Trustee Bernie Rhinerson discussed the December 8, 2016, Board meeting, when the Board accepted the District's 2015-2016 Independent Auditor's Reports, conducted by the accounting firm Christy White Associates. Audit reports for four of the five major funds in the District were provided, with the fifth still being reviewed. Prior to their acceptance by the Board, Trustees Bernie Rhinerson and Peter Zschiesche reviewed the audits in-depth with Executive Vice Chancellor Bonnie Ann Dowd and Chancellor Constance Carroll. Trustee Rhinerson noted that all audits received the highest ratings possible, an unmodified opinion (meaning that all information was accurate and complete, with adequate internal controls and full federal and state compliance), no negative findings, and no recommendations. This means that, throughout the District, employees at all levels are acting appropriately and transparently in regards to District funds. Trustee Rhinerson also discussed the recent holiday receptions that had taken place throughout the District, especially highlighting the work of Mesa College's culinary arts students.

Trustee Maria Nieto Senour echoed Trustee Zschiesche's earlier comments, and handed out a statement that the two had given at the December 8, 2016, Board meeting. This statement will be the foundation for a resolution to be considered at the next Board meeting, reaffirming the District's values and commitment to diversity. Trustee Senour also discussed a recent meeting that she had attended, which took place between District leadership and Council member Dr. Alan Mobley regarding the many Second Chance/restorative justice programs throughout the District. There a number of efforts of a range of sizes taking place. She is hoping that a report on these efforts can be provided at a future TAC meeting.

### 3. **Approval of the September 29, 2016, minutes**

On a motion by Alberto Ochoa, and second by Cecil Steppe, the minutes of September 19, 2016, were unanimously approved, with Gary Rotto, Mark Tran, and David Valladolid abstaining.

### 4. **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Constance Carroll

- Post-Election Support for Undocumented Students

Chancellor Carroll referred the Council to the handout, walking them through the press release, a San Diego Union-Tribune article regarding similar actions taken by the University of California, and an issue brief sent out by the American Council on Education that featured frequently asked questions about post-election immigration issues. Also included was a summary of SDCCD efforts and guidance that had been provided to employees regarding possible changes in immigration policy under the new administration. She shared with the Council that the District had retained outside legal counsel specializing in immigration issues to help guide both the District and its DACA students during this time.

The District's leadership plans to issue a statement shortly before students return for the Spring semester. The statement will be sent by email, and also highlighted via social media in hopes that it will reach as many students as possible. She walked the Council through the summary of SDCCD efforts, discussing existing legislation and agreements that the District is currently operating under. She provided a brief history of DACA, an executive order signed by President Obama that the President-elect has stated that he will repeal (though other statements contradicting that have also been made). Because students were encouraged to sign up for DACA to help them work toward establishing

legal status, these students are already known to the government. This makes them the most vulnerable under anticipated policy changes.

The District is hoping to find and provide legal and other support for these students. For example, the fee for DACA renewal is \$465. It is hoped that scholarships and other funds could be made available for students to assist them with these costs. For now, the SDCCD, along with many other colleges and universities (such as the entire UC system) are discouraging students from participating in study abroad programs, as reentry to the country may not be possible. Chancellor Carroll stated that she is hopeful that more information will be available by the next TAC meeting, including a copy of the Board resolution discussed earlier by Trustee Senour.

Mary Graham reflected on the shift in attitude towards DACA that has taken place in anticipation of the new administration. In the past, students were encouraged to sign up. Now, there is a concern that by doing so, students are putting themselves on a list to be targeted.

Gary Rotto asked about the size and composition of the study abroad programs. How large of an effect will discouraging DACA students from participating have? Are there any programs currently taking place? Chancellor Carroll responded that about 3-4 programs take place each year, during the summer session only. There are currently no students affected by this restriction.

Laurie Coskey mentioned the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Sensitive Locations Policy, which is designed to ensure that enforcement actions do not occur at nor are focused on sensitive locations such as schools and churches, except under specific circumstances. Chancellor Carroll responded that, while her understanding is that this policy remains in place, there have been reports of increased enforcement activity near some Continuing Education locations. She added that the District's immigration counsel is the former chairman of the San Diego chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and is therefore well-qualified to assist with these questions.

Laurie Coskey asked whether a regional approach had been discussed through the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCCA). Chancellor Carroll responded that, because that association is largely advisory and timing may be a factor, the SDCCD decided to move forward independently on this issue. The District tends to be the regional leader in these efforts.

Finally, Laurie Coskey noted that the San Diego community enjoyed a comparably cooperative relationship with the ICE Field Office. She recommended that Chancellor Carroll reach out to the leadership there and try and establish a relationship. Chancellor Carroll agreed this was a good idea, and intends to follow up.

## 5. Information

- Report on SDCCD Economic Impact and Return on Investment Director of Comm. Jack Beresford

Chancellor Carroll introduced this report, explaining that upon assuming the office of Chancellor, she sought to formalize and publish regular reports on the District's economic impact in order to provide a quantitative measure of the value of public

support for education. She invited Jack Beresford to present the latest such report. He referred the Council to their packets, where a handout of the presentation was available.

Following the report, several Council members expressed concern about college affordability overall. Fayaz Nawabi mentioned that some graduates are able to defer their loan debt based on their profession and asked if information about these types of debt forgiveness programs is available to students. Lynn Neault explained that the Financial Aid offices at each college work with the students to try and package their aid so that there are no loans. When loans are unavoidable, the students receive counseling regarding loan terms and conditions, and information about other forms of aid. As a result, the District's student loan default rates are much lower than many other institutions.

- San Diego Promise Update Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault

Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault referred the Council to their packets to continue the discussion about college affordability, where they could find a handout of the presentation she gave with an update on the progress of the San Diego Promise Pilot program, including key facts about the currently enrolled students, and information about the program's expansion. Her presentation included a video on the San Diego Promise that included testimony from some of the program's students. The video included information about how viewers could help support the Promise endowment through the San Diego Promise website: [sdccd.edu/promise](http://sdccd.edu/promise).

Following the video, Chancellor Carroll announced that the District would like ideas from Council members regarding possible major contributors to the program. The video will be emailed to all members of the Council for them to share with those they feel would be able to help support this important program.

## 6. Announcement of Upcoming SDCCD Events

- Board Meeting – District Office, January 26, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting – Miramar College, February 9, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
  - Location: Miramar College
- Board Meeting – District Office, March 16, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting – Continuing Education, April 13, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
  - Location: Educational Cultural Complex (ECC)
- SDUSD/SDCCD Joint Board Meeting, April 19, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
  - Location: Educational Cultural Complex (ECC)

**Future Meeting Dates:** **Thursday, February 23, 2017**  
**Thursday, May 18, 2017 – Group Photo at 12:00 p.m.**

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.