

CHANCELLOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL SUMMARY NOVEMBER 17, 2006

Present

Mike Brandy, Abbey Brown/ASFC, Cindy Castillo, Dolores Davison, Jane Enright, Dave Garrido, Martha Kanter, Brock Kreiss, Lydia Hearn, Andrew LaManque, Linda Lane, Brian Murphy, Penny Patz, Fred Sherman, Paul Starer

Others

Jon O'Bergh

I. CHECK-IN/BURNING ISSUES

Enright emphasized how critical it will be to fill all faculty openings this year in order to meet the minimum full-time faculty obligation number set by the state and not lose funding. She urged division deans and the academic senates to accelerate the process for establishing search committees and opening positions. There was a discussion about opening additional positions to provide a cushion should it not be possible to fill all positions. Patz noted that Foothill is already taking that approach. Enright also announced that the announcements for the vice chancellor positions were available and the search committees had been formed.

Kanter reported a Public Records Act request from the Pick-A-Prof company for grade data by instructor and course, which the District is required to provide. Starer discussed faculty interest in possibly making this data available on the college website for free so students do not need to pay fees for such information. The idea will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Kanter distributed a Public Policy Institute of California study on community colleges and her response to the *Mercury-News* concerning the study.

II. DRAFT SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The summary of the November 3, 2006 meeting was approved as drafted.

III. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Budget Committee. Brandy reported that the Audit & Finance Committee met jointly with the District Benefits Committee for an actuarial presentation on restoring lifetime retiree health benefits. He discussed the use of one-time funds and the recommendation being crafted for the Board meeting of December 4. Lane reported that the Faculty Association has been discussing the use of one-time funds and will propose that the Board set aside approximately \$975,000 while the bargaining units investigate the possibility of improving retiree health benefits for individuals hired post-1997. Brandy noted that the Measure C trial was scheduled for November 20 and 21, and the District hopes for a ruling by the second week of December. He reported that funds have been released through the "bridge financing" approved by the Board to be able to start work on Measure C projects. Lastly, he noted that he will have

recommendations for a construction management firm and an EIR firm to present to the Board on January 16. Starer asked about contingency planning if there is further delay on Measure C, and Brandy responded that plans have been discussed, but each option has a degree of risk.

Legislative Committee. Kanter reported that the committee met last week to discuss attending the Legislative Conference at the end of January and preparing the 2007-08 Legislative Goals. She noted that a \$5 billion deficit is projected for the state for 2007-08 so education funding will likely not be as strong as it was this year.

ETAC. Sherman said the next meeting will be held December 6. He offered to discuss the meeting time of day again with ETAC since concern was expressed about the difficulty for faculty to serve on the committee when it meets during morning classes.

IV. REVISED BOARD POLICIES ON INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Enright discussed revisions to Policy 4185, "Publication of Instructional Materials," and Policy 5020, "Instructional and Other Material and Use Fees." Lane and Starer reported that the Faculty Association and Foothill Academic Senate accepted the proposed revisions. Hearn reported that the De Anza Academic Senate voted not to support the revisions, pointing out in particular concerns about the first paragraph in Policy 4185. Kanter requested the Senate to provide alternative language for discussion at the next meeting. She also suggested moving the Article 39 reference from the top of paragraph 2 to the bottom.

V. LIST OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Kanter noted the list of pending agenda items. Enright requested that discussion of Policy 2610 be moved to Winter 2007. The same suggestion was also made for discussion of Policy 4190 to provide time for the academic senates to discuss academic freedom.

X. WRAP UP/QUICK NEWS

Nutrition Recommendations. Kanter reported that Foothill instructor Ken Horowitz inquired about his request for a nutrition policy, and she referred him back to the campus center boards since the Council determined that issues related to nutrition would be better addressed through those bodies rather than through a policy.

Diversity Study. Enright said a more comprehensive analysis of the study results would be undertaken in the spring.

Textbook Costs. Brown reported that ASFC was working on this issue.

Kanter distributed information about a universal health care forum sponsored by the League of Women voters on December 4 and an invitation to a holiday reception on December 6.

CALENDAR OF PENDING ITEMS 2006-07

Classified Senate Concerns.....	December 1, 2006
Board Policy 4125, Publication of Instructional Materials.....	December 1, 2006
Board Policy 5020, Instructional and Other Material and Use Fees.....	December 1, 2006
Grade Information on Website.....	December 1, 2006
District Educational Master Plan, Critical Success Factors.....	Winter 2007
Report on Conflict Management Action Plan (Enright).....	Winter 2007
Board Policy 2610, Communication Between Staff and Board	Winter 2007
Board Policy 4190, Academic Freedom.....	Winter 2007
Long-Term Enrollment Planning and Role of CAC	TBA

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