

FOOTHILL-DE ANZA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Office of the Chancellor

CHANCELLOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
SUMMARY
March 19, 2010

Present

Ahmed Mostafa, Linda Thor, Andy Dunn, Rich Hansen, Lois Jenkins, Janice Lee, Judy Miner, Blanche Monary, Dorene Novotny, Gigi Gallagher, Paul Setziol, Jim Williams, Andrew LaManque, Bob Cormia, Letha Jeanpierre

Others

Donna Toyohara, Becky Bartindale

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY

The summary of 2/19/10 was approved as corrected.

PARCEL TAX

Chancellor Thor gave an update and tentative timeline for the parcel tax feasibility study:

- 5 firms responded to the RFP that was issued for polling services
- The committee (Brandy, Dunn, Bechtel, Cheng, Thor) reviewed the responses and selected 3 of the 5 respondents to interview
- At the 4/5/10 board meeting the committee will recommend that TBWB Strategies be awarded the contract. Godbe Research, which recently completed similar work for San Mateo CCD, will be a subcontractor to TBWB.
- Once the contract is awarded, it will take about 6 weeks to get the polling results

The results of the poll would give an indication of the best time to present the proposal to the public. Options are:

- November 2010 general election. Although it would cost the district less to put the initiative on the November ballot, ours would be one of many revenue seeking initiatives on that ballot, or
- Special election in Spring 2011 by either a mail only ballot or mail and in person ballot. A special election would cost more. Another consideration is that a special election would bring out different kinds of voters vs. those turning out for a general election.

Linda did mention that statewide polls indicate that voters feel that community colleges need financial support more than the K-12s, and there is more positive rather than negative thoughts on bonds.

Suggestions were solicited for use of parcel tax dollars:

- Student Access/Success Services: matriculation, lifelong learning, nursing, paramedic training
- Reinstatement of funds for categorical programs (matriculation, EOPS, DSPS, Basic Skills)
- Funding for tools to improve success rates in traditionally low-success rate required courses such as math and language arts
- Restoration of funds to reinstate eliminated courses
- Funds for additional/updated technology districtwide
- Reinstatement of funds to rehire personnel

The academic, classified, and student senates will discuss this item and return to the 4/16 CAC meeting with suggestions on how to utilize the potential parcel tax dollars.

American Graduation Initiative Update

The AGI and College Access Completion Fund were both rolled into the health care reform bill as part of the reconciliation process. The strategy behind the initiatives was that by shifting to direct lending, a savings of \$86.8 billion would be generated that would be used to fund the other initiatives. However, with so many colleges, already using direct lending, the savings was overstated. Therefore, most of the initiatives were eliminated. The AGI bill includes \$50 billion in additional Pell Grant dollars over the next 10 years as well as \$2 billion (\$500 million a year) for community college and career training programs. Every state is guaranteed at least 5% of the total funds. Other initiatives that had been discussed but were lost include funding for facilities, on-line learning initiatives, and funding for grant programs.

Layoffs and Transition Status Report

Dorene gave an update on the layoff situation. Human Resources was able to complete the classified bumping analysis for those on the classified lists and has been working with affected employees on relocation and placement. On April 5 the board will be presented with a list of positions/employees to be laid off. Human Resources and each college is providing transition support to affected employees.

Classified senate representatives from both colleges reported the difficulty of getting a quorum for their meetings throughout the year. The hardship is due to both position elimination as well as so many people being involved in Banner training.

Rumor Control/Updates

Lois announced that the Classified Retreat was changed to May 7 to accommodate FH classified staff. The retreat will be held at De Anza in Conference Rooms A/B. Janice said the Central Services classified group is looking forward to the retreat.

Ahmed said that they are gearing up for the March in March. He is hopeful that at least 100 people will participate in the march.

Rich said there are 2 propositions that are gathering signatures; the Lakoff proposition will change the 2/3 vote required to pass the budget and raise taxes to a simple majority (55%). The CTA proposition would change the 2/3 vote to pass the budget only. He also mentioned a march in central valley from Bakersfield to Sacramento, due to arrive in Sacramento on April 21 with an overnight stop at Modesto JC on April 6 & 7. San Jose-Evergreen is organizing a group to join the march on April 10, and there may be an event at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton. He is in conversation with Brian Murphy and will keep the group informed if plans develop.

There were no other updates.