

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR
AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING, EFFECTIVENESS AND
GOVERNANCE, TEACHING AND LEARNING, ADVANCEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP,
RESOURCES AND EQUITY COMMITTEES
OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022

President Hedrick called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. in the District Office, Board Room, 3801 Market Street, Riverside, California and via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Trustees Present

Bill Hedrick, President
Jose Alcala, Vice President
Virginia Blumenthal, Secretary (via Zoom)
Mary Figueroa, Member (via Zoom)
Jack Harris, Student Trustee

Trustees Absent

Tracey Vackar, Member
(joined at 6:45pm via Zoom)

Staff Present

Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac, Chancellor
Mr. Aaron Brown, Vice Chancellor, Business & Finance
Ms. Tammy Few, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources and Employee Relations
Ms. Rebeccah Goldware, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Advancement and Economic Development
Ms. Robin Steinback, President, Moreno Valley College
Dr. Monica Green, President, Norco College
Dr. Gregory Anderson, President, Riverside City College

Guests Present

Dr. Lijuan Zhai, Associate Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness
Mr. David Torres, Dean, Institutional Research and Strategic Planning
Mr. Christopher Blackmore, Associate Vice Chancellor, Information Technology & Learning Services

Vice President Alcala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary Blumenthal moved, Vice President Alcala seconded that the Board of Trustees approve Trustee Tracey Vackar absence as excused. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE

Written public comments were received and read on behalf of anonrccd@gmail.com, indigenoustraveler91@yahoo.com and concernedrccdemployee1@gmail.com.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dr. Isaac referenced the last board meeting where many spoke and honored Professor Oliver Thompson's retirement after decades of distinguished and dedicated service to Riverside City College. The district learned days later, that Professor Thompson passed away. Dr. Isaac acknowledged that Professor Thompson's life story was an inspiration to his students and colleagues. Dr. Isaac requested to have a moment of silence in his memory. In regards to enrollment, we are

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trying to find creative and innovative solutions to address the issue. The enrollment trend continues to go downward while Spring semester will start in two weeks. Over the past weekend, Trustee Alcalá, President Anderson, President Green and Chancellor Isaac attended the CCLC Annual Legislative Conference. In one session called, “Where did all the students go and why”, students raised their concerns due to a lack of social interaction amongst themselves resulting in extended isolation and mental health issues. At the last board meeting, a booster requirement mandate resolution was approved. All students and employees who are eligible for the booster, should be boosted. If not boosted by February 1st, there will be a one-month grace period. The district has made it possible to have sufficient vaccination and testing sites at each campus. Student Housing was of high interest at the CCLC Annual Legislative Conference. However, it raised some concerns due to the criteria for selection of funding and guidelines for the preparation of the project is not well developed. The district has expressed their concern to Assembly Member Jose Medina that the allocation for student housing should favor the districts with the highest level of disadvantaged students. It should not be based on first come first serve, but on a need basis. Many of our colleagues felt that the Governor’s Budget Proposal was generous to higher education. However, since most of the funding was one-time funding and the gap in funding for apportionment is significantly lower for community colleges than K-12 and UC’s, we cannot claim that we have fair and sustainable support to fulfill our mission. We are the only segment of education that needs to be saved through hold harmless or emergency funding. During the last meeting in Sacramento, we had an exciting and hopeful conversation with the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development in Sacramento. We presented the whole concept of the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center and strategies to alleviate poverty. Ms. Palugyai gave us a number of ideas of possible funding options and she wanted to have an open line of communication. She promised to come to the Inland Empire during the Spring and we plan to have a second meeting. Trustee Hedrick who led the discussion will be able to provide a more complete report at the next board meeting.

President Bill Hedrick convened the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Committee members in attendance (via Zoom): Academic Senate Representatives: Mr. Felipe Galicia, Moreno Valley College, Dr. Virgil Lee, Norco College, and Dr. Mark Sellick, Riverside City College/RCCD; CTA Representatives: Dr. Rhonda Taube; and CSEA representative: Ms. Casandra Green.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Dr. Zhai led the Committee review of the proposed curricular changes for inclusion in the college catalogs and in the

Proposed Curricular Changes

schedule of class offerings that will be presented to the Board for approval at the February 15, 2022 regular meeting. Discussion followed.

Dr. Zhai introduced Mr. Torres to present the Student Equity Update. Mr. Torres reviewed for the committee the Student Equity Update. Discussion followed.

Student Equity Update

The committee adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Adjourned.

Committee Chair Jose Alcala convened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Committee members in attendance (via Zoom): Academic Senate Representatives: Mr. Felipe Galicia, Moreno Valley College, Dr. Virgil Lee, Norco College, and Dr. Mark Sellick, Riverside City College/RCCD; CTA Representatives: Dr. Rhonda Taube; and CSEA representative: Ms. Casandra Green.

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mr. Aaron Brown reviewed for the committee the FY 2022-23 Governor’s Budget Proposal. Discussion followed.

Presentation for FY 2022-23 Governor’s Budget Proposal

The committee adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Adjourned.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Official Minutes
Approved on 03/15/2022
Certified By: _____

