

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR District Strategic Planning Council Minutes

Friday, September 18, 2020

Via Teleconference

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Present: Hassain Agah, Gregory Anderson, Stephen Ashby, Quinton Bemiller, Trinda Best, Christopher Blackmore, Victor Bolanos, Aaron Brown, FeRita Carter, Michael Collins, Torria Davis, Kristine DiMemmo, Carol Farrar, Kevin Fleming, Jennifer Floerke, Rebecca Goldware, Evelyn Gonzalez, Monica Green, Wolde-Ab Isaac, Nathaniel Jones, Jeannie Kim, Ruth Leal, Samuel Lee, Virgil Lee, Carlos Lopez, Paul O'Connell, Abel Sanchez, Elena Santa Cruz, Mark Sellick, Christopher Sweeten, Kaneesha Tarrant, David Torres, Georgina Villasenor-Lee, Chip West, Launa Wilson, Lijuan Zhai

Absent: Ivan Hess, Robin Steinback

Guests: Majd Askar

I. Committee Business

- a. Approval of the August 28, 2020 Minutes – DiMemmo/Carter moved to approve minutes of August 28, 2020. Motion carried. (Abstention: V. Lee)

II. Chancellor's Report - W. Isaac

- Recruitments for the following positions are currently underway – Permanent position for Vice Chancellor of HRER; Director for Center of Social Justice and Civil Liberties; Interim Executive Director of Economic Development & Entrepreneurships; Director of Risk Management; General Counsel & Chief of Staff; Accessibility Specialist for Distance Education.
- Meeting with UCR next week to begin collaboration on Call to Action campaign. With joint efforts between RCCD and UCR will make more of an impact in the community.
- Talked with Provost Smith from UCR to discuss the continuation of the 2+2 program with early childhood education. This program will give students an opportunity to obtain a BA in early childhood and elementary education.
- Congratulations to RCC for being selected by Bank of America to receive a substantial award toward workforce development. The exact amount will be announced at a later time.
- Legislative meeting was held today with Senator Roth, Assemblyman Medina and Cervantes to briefly discuss the District's priorities. Received good feedback on how they may be able to assist us during the COVID pandemic and the budget crisis. The budget crisis is expected to continue for 2-3 years. They have a much clearer understanding in our area before meeting with them in Sacramento and Washington DC.
 - Access to education was also discussed in the areas of financial aid and budgetary funds. Cal Grants are split between all higher education students in the State of California. Only about 9% of applications awarded are community college students. It was promised to continue to push a bill through the system to address this issue.
 - Student Housing/Foster Youth – if the financial aid system is fixed it will allow us to use part of those funds to partnership with others to build dorms for our students.
 - Veterans Program – thanked Sabrina Cervantes for her help with the Norco College Resource Center.
 - Psychological/Mental Health – Money has been given to the County from Proposition 63 for mental health service, which we are not able to access. Elected will begin the discussion with the County for us to possibly access funds. Need to

coordinate with Department of Psychiatry at UCR for better services for our students.

- Success – Our framework for improving our success is Guided Pathways. Need to work on shortening the time of completion; provide more wrap around services for our students; continue informing students of these services; continue partnership with K-12 districts.
- Workforce for the 21st Century – Assemblywoman Cervantes sits as the Chair of this committee. Talked about what we might do together to expand the program in our area.
- Capital Outlay Funds – Because of the budget crisis, the Norco College Kinesiology construction project has been removed from the state list. The new requirements required the district to contribute funds toward the project. Because of Measure A not passing, the district was not able to produce the funds. Senator Roth feels we can make it back on the list next year.
- The Ben Clark Training Education Center Status request will be going before the Board of Governors for approval in November. Assemblyman Medina will draft a letter of support which will also be signed by Roth and Cervantes.
- Attended the groundbreaking for the Moreno Valley College Welcome Center and the ribbon cutting of the Ben Clark Training Center Corrections Platform.

III. Information Items

IV. Action Items

V. Task Force/Sub-Committee/Special Reports

- DBAC Minutes – July 31, 2020
- FY 2020-21 RCCD Final Budget Presentation (A. Brown) The 2020-21 RCCD final budget going to the Board in October for approval. Normally goes in September, but because of COVID have been given an extension.
 - Thanked DBAC for their cost-saving ideas.
 - 2019-20 final budget was \$77.7 billion; 2020-21 estimated budget was \$84 billion with the final adopted budget being \$70.9 billion.
 - Community College share of Proposition 98 – 10.93%. This is a significant reduction; no COLA; no growth. The budget has funded COVID, Dreamer Resource Liaisons and legal services for undocumented immigrants. Reduction in the employer contribution rates for PERS and CalSTRS.
 - Budget contains deferrals equally 23% of our operating budget. (Estimated \$46.81 million to RCCD) These deferrals can be changed to budget cuts at any time.
 - Greatest budget reduction since the 2008 crisis.
 - Since our last budget, interest rates are down and expenditures are up 8%. Enrollment is down 13%. This is not sustainable.
 - The RCC Life Science project was funded. The NC project was removed from the list as stated earlier by the Chancellor.
 - Other Items: extends the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) hold harmless provisions for an additional 2 years; preserves apportionment and categorical funding at 2019-20 levels.
 - District received COVID-19 Pandemic funding for FEMA and CARES Act I, II and III.
 - Assumptions: Contractual increases of 2.00% for full-time and 2.50% for part-time faculty employees was included. Step/Column/Professional Growth have been included. Sixteen new full-time faculty included. Five new Distance Education positions included.
 - FTES target are the same as 2019-20 target. (31,857)
 - Revenue items such as interest income, bookstore commissions, instructional program sales, facility rental, non-resident fees, and student fees have been reduced.
 - Looking Ahead: Continuing impact of COVID-19 on instructional delivery; enrollment decline; Multi-year rate increases for STRS and PERS; health insurance increases; mid-year budget reductions; new ERP system implementation; collective bargaining agreements; other funds and activities (Parking, Performance Riverside, Community Education, customized training, and facility rental).
 - Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact Aaron Brown or Majd Askar.

- Community Transportation Needs Assessment – H. Agah) The District has a goal under BP 5775, its District Strategic Plan and Board of Governors Policy 2019-11 to provide 25% of fleet vehicles are zero emission vehicles by 2025 and 50% by 2030, thus reducing the greenhouse emissions.
 - The Clean Mobility Option (CMO) provides funding for car sharing, carpooling, vanpooling, bike-sharing, transit service and ride-on demand services. The CMO is funded by California Climate Investment.
 - Process: RCCD application is submitted to access \$50,000 to conduct a needs assessment. \$6 to \$8 million is available for funding statewide for the 2021 calendar year. If approved, RCCD could receive up to \$1 million for car sharing program, electrical vehicles, charging stations, infrastructure connections, software applications. The needs assessment could be completed by late May, early June 2021.
 - The application needs Board of Trustee approval before submission. Item will be sent to the Board in November.

VI. Reports/Updates

- Moreno Valley College – C. Lopez
MVC had a successful start of the semester with 1100 students. The majority (869) are at Ben Clark Training Center; some completing their spring semester programs. MVC was notified they were a finalist for the John W. Rice Award, but were not chosen. They will receive an honorable mention at the ceremony held on September 30th. MVC was named 11th best community college by Wallet Hubb. Progress on the Guided Pathways is underway; working on the new school structure; engagement centers will be starting up in a virtual format/student success model. Excited about their journey in Cohort 2 with the Guided Pathways. Facility projects include the Ben Clark Training Center grand opening of the Corrections Platform and the new Student Welcome Center is 18% complete.
- Norco College – M. Green
Excited about the advocacy outreach to electeds on their construction project. Veterans Resource Center bid process has concluded and will be presented to the Board in October; with groundbreaking on November 11th; and grand opening for fall of 2020-21. Early Childhood Education Center project is still in discussion with Alvord Unified School District. Thanks to the District for their help with this project. Enrollment is down by 11%; have quite a few late start classes added; will increase targets for winter and spring semesters. They have over 31 strategies to address this issue; coming from all areas of the institution. The prison education program is continuing during the fall semester; 31 sections, correspondence mode of instruction. Welcomed Dr. Virgil Lee to DSPC. He is filling the vacancy left by Melissa Bader.
- Riverside City College – G. Anderson
Congratulations to Moreno Valley College on their award and BCTC Education Center status. Attended a productive session with legislative electeds this morning. Equity is the main focus at RCC; will provide a schedule to students that meet their needs; analyzing data on students who register but don't show up or students who are not attending full-time. Additional labs were added this week (Cosmetology and Early Childhood Education). Engagement Centers are being developed which will open up the same time as Guided Pathways is launched. He has gathered information from meetings with faculty and students that they want more action and less talk. This will be the focus of their next management meeting; demands accountability from administration. Will focus on access, reduce barriers and provide a better experience for students. Working on workshops and professional development related to racial and social injustice after coordination with both unions. Also working on getting the word out for everyone to get out and vote.
- Call To Action – G. Anderson
Has received additional guidance from the Chancellor; the functional areas will be reduced to 4 main groups. Acceleration of the work from this Task Force on developing concrete plans, goals and timelines is the main objective. He will work with Academic Senate to develop a course required for all students to take on racism and social justice.

VII. Other

Adjourned at 3:15 p.m