

## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR District Strategic Planning Council Minutes

Friday, September 17, 2021

Via Teleconference

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Present:** Hussain Agah, Gregory Anderson, Stephen Ashby, Majd Askar, Melissa Bader (for Virgil Lee), Victor Bolanos, Aaron Brown, FeRita Carter, Michael Collins, Torria Davis, Kristine DiMemmo, Tammy Few, Kevin Fleming, Jennifer Floerke, Evelyn Gonzalez, Rebeccah Goldware, Monica Green, Jack Harris, Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ruth Leal, Samuel Lee, Carlos Lopez, Abel Sanchez, Mark Sellick, Robin Steinback, David Torres, Lynn Wright, Lijuan Zhai

**Absent:** Christopher Blackmore, Jeannie Kim, Paul O'Connell, Elena Santa Cruz, Christopher Sweeten, Kaneesha Tarrant, Georgina Villasenor-Lee, Chip West, Launa Wilson

**Guests:** Ali Cooper, Laurie McQuay

### I. Committee Business

- a. Approval of the May 21, 2021 Minutes –DiMemmo/Anderson moved to approve. 2 abstentions (Bader/V. Harris) Motion carried.
- b. Presentation of the September 17, 2021 Agenda

### II. Chancellor's Report - W. Isaac

- Clarification to the deadline for the September 30, 2021 definition. Two weeks after last vaccination is considered fully vaccinated. Many students understood the deadline to be 9/30/21 as the last day to get the 2nd dose. Therefore, it will be October 14 before we will have everyone on campus fully vaccinated.
- VC Brown gave an update on the progress of the streamlining of the structure of the District Strategic Planning Council. Began meeting in May, 2021. Developed purpose statement, had discussion and making changes to the Strategic Planning Plan document including the role of the chancellor and the purpose and role of each of the councils. Only district items will go to DSPC. Meeting schedule will be adjusted to reflect the same timeline as colleges. Results of the work will be presented at the November DSPC meeting.
- Chancellor alerted the District Strategic Planning members that there has been a delay in the draft of the District Strategic Plan. COVID has strained the district, but has allowed us to identify where our services are deficient, strained and limited. However, we did increase the extent of collaboration between and within the colleges and the district offices. A draft of the plans will be distributed in good time for members to review so that each of the vice chancellor's areas may be discussed at the next DSPC meeting.
- We have outstanding issues of strategic interest that have not been concluded due to the pandemic; we had a taskforce made up of the three senate presidents, CTA leadership, the strategic planning faculty co-chair of each college, the VC of Ed Services and the VC of Finance to re-examine course caps based on three factors: pedagogical requirements, workload equity principles, and whatever formula we come up with must meet funding apportionment requirements.

### III. Information Items

- a. Govt Code 4217 Public Works Procurement Energy Conservation Contracts (Brown/Agah)
  - A form utilized for solar energy
  - AVC Agah reviewed a presentation with the committee.
  - The RFQ will be issued in November.

- b. Clean Mobility Options Community Transportation Needs (Brown/Agah)
- c. RCC Accreditation Report (DiMemmo/Sellick)

#### **IV. Action Items**

#### **V. Task Force/Sub-Committee/Special Reports**

- a. DBAC Minutes – May 20, 2021
- b. DBAC Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2021 (draft)

#### **VI. Reports/Updates**

- Moreno Valley College – R. Steinback
  - Commended RCC on Accreditation Update and model for performance evaluations
  - Accreditation follow-up visit has been set for October 21 and will be virtual; the team has only 3 members: DE professor from LA Pierce, VP of instruction, and the President of San Jose CC. Had the pre-visit last week.
  - Received notice of approval of application for \$5M over five years HSISTEM grant
    - Extension of work that has started with the STEM Innovation Center and MakerSpace
    - Goal is to capture more students for STEM majors, particularly Latino and African-American students
    - Work with Mathematics faculty to increase the success of students in mathematics their first year and capture them in STEM for life
    - Partnering with UC Berkeley, UCR and Cal State San Bernardino in this effort
  - Proud of team as we returned onsite
    - Adopted an attitude of cooperation
    - “Great Weeks” replaces Late Start; pleased with the array of classes being offered
    - Currently at 71.5% of enrollment target
- Norco College – M. Green
  - Pleased to be where we are; the college took an all hands on deck approach to helping students. It’s been remarkable.
    - Helping students get in to classes, through the Cleared4 system, connecting them with vaccinations and testing
    - VPAA, faculty, department chairs and deans in converting classes and reengaging students who were dropped
  - The college has begun implementation of the new strategic plan and governance model through the leadership of VP Fleming
  - Our new Veterans Resource Center is up; expect to move the VRC team the week of October 18 and are planning a grand opening event for November 10. Thank you to VP Collins for his work on getting the center up and going.
  - The design team for the Center for Human Performance and Kinesiology has been working to prepare the foundation; the team includes VP Collins, Dean Hartley, faculty members Witmer, Wallstrom and Aguilar and Dean Parks
  - Norco College made the list of the 2021 Great Colleges to Work for the third year in a row and made the honor roll in six of the ten categories.
- Riverside City College – G. Anderson
  - Grateful for the cooperation of everybody to minimize harm and maximize opportunity for our students to the extent possible
    - At 75% of target; well over 200 late start classes at which time we hope to regain access to the community
    - The number of hours is uncountable, but we were able to count the hours for the first week, which was 1420 plus the VP’s hours which probably pushes it above 1500 hours of time at the stations; 147 employees assisted.
  - School of Nursing has been recognized as a 2021 Apple Distinguished School that’s common for universities and professional schools, so it’s quite an honor for them to receive this designation
  - Also, for the School of Nursing, as one of the few community colleges to offer an Associate Degree in Nursing that is accredited, they are going through accreditation, which is a tremendous amount of work for the faculty, so grateful for that.
  - We have quite a few grants, but want to mention specifically:

- Veterans Center of Excellence was recently awarded \$450K over three years to support the expansion of the Center
- Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions Title V Grant of \$3M over five years for institutional improvement which includes renovation and redesign of the Glen Hunt Center for Teaching Excellence starts October 1.
- NSF HSI Implementation Evaluation grant of \$1M over four years mostly focused on faculty professional development learning community around diversity, equity and inclusion
- HSI STEM Title III grant of \$3.6M over five years focused on faculty professional development learning community around diversity, equity and inclusion and expanding student research, getting students involved in the work with faculty members. This is in partnership with UCR, Cal State San Bernardino and Robert Half First Cyber Internships.
- Athletics open competition has begun; so far on-campus it's been aquatics and volleyball. Cross Country and Football have been off-campus; the first on-campus football game is tomorrow night.
- RCC has won the 2021 Best Community College in the Inland Empire Award, thanks to the faculty and classified professionals This is second time in the last five years that RCC has received top honors, announced by the Press Enterprise last week.

## **VII. Other**

Adjourned at 3:27 pm