

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR District Strategic Planning Council Minutes

Friday, January 22, 2021

Via Teleconference

2:00 pm – 3:19 pm

Present: Hussain Agah, Gregory Anderson, Stephen Ashby, Majd Askar, Quinton Bemiller, Trinda Best, Christopher Blackmore, Victor Bolanos, Aaron Brown, FeRita Carter, Torria Davis, Michael Collins, Kristine DiMemmo, Kevin Fleming, Jennifer Floerke, Rebecca Goldware, Evelyn Gonzalez, Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ruth Leal, Virgil Lee, Paul O'Connell, Abel Sanchez, Elena Santa Cruz, Mark Sellick, Robin Steinback, David Torres, Delisle Warden, Lijuan Zhai

Absent: Monica Green, Ivan Hess, Jeannie Kim, Samuel Lee, Carlos Lopez, Christopher Sweeten, Kaneesha Tarrant, Georgina Villasenor-Lee, Chip West, Launa Wilson

Guests: Rod Oathout, (DLR Group), Leigh Anne Jones (DLR Group), Wendy McEwen, Mehran Mohtasham

I. Committee Business

- a. Approval of the November 20, 2020 Minutes – Anderson/Carter moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2020. Motion carried.

II. Chancellor's Report - W. Isaac

- Good progress is being made in filling open positions at Moreno Valley and Norco colleges. The position of VC of HR is opening back up again. Delisle Warden, General Counsel/Chief of Staff has been hired; if you have any legal issues, please include him.
- Enrollment – Winter term enrollment at all three colleges has been good. With the challenges caused by the pandemic, spring semester enrollment is struggling. Chancellor suggested everyone go out and recruit students.
- COVID – there is a glimmer of hope with the vaccine coming. People are getting frustrated trying to get an appointment for the vaccine. The County of Riverside has been notified that all three college locations are available for vaccination sites and the Nursing Program students at RCC are available to assist.

III. Information Items

IV. Action Items

- a. Solar Planning Funding Options Presentation (A. Brown)
Leigh Anne Jones and Rod Oathout from DLR Group presented the funding options for the solar plan previously presented to DSPC. Payment options include a purchase to own "loan option" or power purchase agreements "PPA option". Under the loan option, the District would purchase, install and maintain the system; similar to a traditional construction project. The PPA option would involve a third party who purchases, installs and maintains the system and the District would purchase the power directly from them. With this option, the District would be required to enter into a long-term ground lease to the vendor. A financial analysis of both options was conducted and determined the most cost effective to the District would be the loan option with a positive cash flow over 25 years. Discussed were possible incentives and rebates offered by the state and federal governments. It was again suggested that the Wood Street Residents Association be informed of the project. Aaron Brown and Hussain Agah offered to meet with the residents to explain the project and answer any questions. Isaac/V. Lee moved that the project move forward to the Board of Trustees.

V. Task Force/Sub-Committee/Special Reports

- a. DBAC Minutes – November 13, 2020 – provided as an information item.
- b. 2021-2022 Governor’s Budget Proposal (A. Brown)

The Governor’s budget proposal is better than expected with the amount of tax revenue (Property and Income Tax) coming into the state. Originally the 2020-21 approved budget was set at \$70.9 billion, but was revised to \$82.8 billion. The 2021-22 estimates are \$85.5 billion, excluding the \$2.3 billion one-time funding. Highlights include 1.5% COLA, .5% growth, no full-time faculty hiring, ongoing restricted revenues of \$69.7 million, and \$428.1 million of one-time restricted revenues including emergency assistance for students, student basic needs, retention and enrollment strategies. Funding from Prop 51 will fund 17 continuing projects and 1 new project, which is the Center for Human Performance and Kinesiology project at Norco College. This funding is contingent upon the District qualifying for hardship exemption of local matching funds. Also with this budget proposal brings a pay down of \$1.13 billion of the \$1.45 billion apportionment deferrals but calls for an acceleration of the repayments.

The Chancellor reminded everyone this is just the first step in the budget adoption process. The May Revise can change everything.

VI. Reports/Updates

- Moreno Valley College – R. Steinback
The college has been analyzing pre-Covid vs. Covid enrollment data and has begun reaching out to students to encourage enrollment. The Strategic Planning Council will meet next week to work on goals and contribution to the college in areas of access and success. Construction projects are on track and will be a nice addition to the campus with the opening of the Welcome Center this fall.
- Norco College – M. Collins
Winter term is moving well with labs on campus; working on the plans for spring 2020/21 labs. Cares Act funds were used to purchase 170 laptops, 200 hotspots for students, 20 staff laptops as loaners. The outdoor student study space has been completed which can also be used for instructional space; the Veterans Resource Center project is making progress.
- Riverside City College – G. Anderson
Currently advocating for the Nursing Program at RCC now and through the pandemic; analyzing enrollment data for the spring semester. The college just received \$250,000 to strengthen their printing facility/program. Recently hired 2 new faculty and an Athletic Director; and Dr. Susan Mills will be returning on an interim basis as the VP Academic Affairs. The recruitment for VP Planning and Development and the Dean for Adult Ed just closed, and the Dean of CTE is moving forward. Held their PRT visit and had a robust participation from faculty members; the strategic planning letter went out outlining how the college will meet the goals of meeting students success and needs. The functional group chairs are finishing up their work so the Call To Action taskforce can present to the Board on March 2.

VII. Other

- Elena Santa Cruz questioned the District mandating Covid vaccines for all employees. The Chancellor explained the District will be following CDC guidelines with both unions on employee vaccination and is currently working on MOUs.

Adjourned at 3:19 p.m