

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR District Strategic Planning Council Minutes

Friday, November 20, 2020

Via Teleconference

2:00 pm – 4:03 pm

Present: Hussain Agah, Gregory Anderson, Stephen Ashby, Quinton Bemiller, Trinda Best, Christopher Blackmore, Victor Bolanos, Aaron Brown, FeRita Carter, 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, Abel Sanchez, Mark Sellick, Robin Steinback, David Torres, Launa Wilson, Lijuan Zhai

Absent: Michael Collins, Ivan Hess, Virgil Lee, Carlos Lopez, Paul O'Connell, Elena Santa Cruz, Christopher Sweeten, Kaneesha Tarrant, Georgina Villasenor-Lee, Chip West

Guests: Sean Avery, (DLR Group), Leigh Anne Jones (DLR Group)

I. Committee Business

- a. Approval of the October 23, 2020 Minutes – DiMemmo/Lee moved to approve minutes of October 23, 2020. Motion carried.

II. Chancellor's Report - W. Isaac

- Recruitments are ongoing. The initial interviews for the Vice Chancellor HR have been completed with two strong candidates moving forward. The contract is being finalized and reference checks completed for the General Counsel/Chief of Staff position. The Director of Center for Social Justice has also been completed and the candidate should be starting soon.
- The Chancellor attended many sessions of the CCLC conference which finished up today. Several sessions on labor management, layoffs, rescheduling, concessions, suspending provisions, etc. Other districts throughout the state are in similar situations with budget constraints.
- The Chancellor listened to students present their papers during the RCCD Student Research Conference. Many focused on antiracism and student inequality.
- Congratulated RCC as a recipient of a \$1 million grant from Bank of America.
- Have entered into discussions with Jerry McGuire at UCR regarding the possibility of their School of Medicine providing mental health and psychological services to our students.
- Working on a joint meeting with presidents of the six colleges in our region to begin strategizing on how to access funds from the County for mental health services. The County has been reluctant to give money for services without a solid plan.

III. Information Items

IV. Action Items

- a. Credit for Prior Learning BPAP (J. Kim)
BP 2235 is a time sensitive policy required by the State Chancellor's Office to be Board approved and submitted by December 31, 2020. Academic Senate is currently reviewing which will be presented to the Board on December 8th. The Chancellor requested for the BP and AP to be submitted to the State Chancellor at the same time and further refinement can be completed later. The AP only requires approval by the Chancellor.
- b. BPAP Review and Timeline (J. Kim)
With the large number of policies and procedures to be reviewed and approved, VC Kim will work with Jennifer Floerke, Academic Senate President, to establish a timeline for

approval. Suggested sending the policies with minimal changes through first and focus on the more complex documents. The Chancellor requested a timeline be sent to him.

V. Task Force/Sub-Committee/Special Reports

- a. DBAC Minutes – October 16, 2020 – provided as an information item.
- b. Districtwide Solar Planning Initiative Update (H. Agah)
Leigh Anne Jones and Sean Avery from DLR Group presented the proposal for solar power planning for the three colleges and CAADO. The goals, objectives and timelines for the project were reviewed. Payment options discussed included a purchase to own “loan option” or power purchase agreements “PPA option”. The feasibility of the different solar options of rooftop, solar canopy, carport and ground arrays were discussed, as well as, battery storage. Each option was aligned with the college facilities master plan. Three levels of energy production goals were discussed; Net Zero Energy; 50% and 25% energy consumption, including the cost for each production goal. Next steps are presentations to Chancellor’s Cabinet and Board of Trustee Committee meeting on December 1st; finalization of the report incorporating the Solar Committee and DLR feedback and recommendation; providing the project schedule based on the chosen options and prepare RFQs.

Various questions were asked regarding maintenance staff to perform upkeep on the system; possible opposition from community residents on the various arrays; how to project future energy needs; visual appearance of the project(s); and different financing options.

- c. Districtwide Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Planning Update (H. Agah)
Following RCCD Board Policy 5775 and District Strategic Plan objectives 5.1, 5.7, 5.9 and 6.1, a plan for sustainability and environmental responsibility has been created. The three areas of social, financial and environmental sustainability are included. The State Chancellor’s Office, along with the Board of Governors, adopted in May 2019 reduction requirements the district must meet by 2025 and 2030. Some of these requirements include energy consumption, zero-emission vehicles, new buildings and major renovations with zero net energy and environmental design and increased use of sustainable products and services. A holistic approach will be followed to develop the process and road map. The timeline starting in January 2021 with the formation of the Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee and ending in December 2021 with the final plan was reviewed. The next step is V.C. Brown and AVC Agah will reach out to college senates to be placed on their agenda.

VI. Reports/Updates

- Moreno Valley College – R. Steinback
MVC just held their third IEPI project visit where they were encouraged to apply for a grant in IEPI; guided pathway progress is moving forward with the inclusion of student voices in all four pillars; working on developing the Student Engagement Center for students when they return to campus; website redesign is on target; majority of their faculty is participating in the DE Den; planning on a strategic planning retreat in January; and at the request of the Chancellor will be giving a presentation to the Board on their accreditation progress.
- Norco College – M. Green
Acknowledged their enrollment numbers are down by 6.4% from last year; currently reviewing the veterans enrollment data to determine the cause of the decline; thanked everyone who participated in last week’s State Chancellor’s Office Listening Tour; President Green participated in the Corona Chamber’s Education Day highlighting the college’s various programs, how they are handling the COVID pandemic, and educating the community about the college. The strategic plan and governance manual is in progress and will be brought to the Board for approval in April. Negotiations with Alvord Unified on the Stokoe Learning Center are progressing and hopes for a full report at the next meeting. Quinton Bemiller announced that Dominique Hitchcock has been elected as the faculty commencement speaker for 2021.
- Riverside City College – G. Anderson
The Call to Action work is going well in all functional areas with a full report to DSPC in December and to the Board of Trustees in January. The guided pathway plan has been completed and is in review; the accreditation follow-up report has been sent out. Athletics has submitted a plan to the Safe Return Taskforce and is awaiting a recommendation. The

prioritization process has concluded. All expenditures are connected to the strategic plan and focus on guided pathways. Enrollment and marketing is continuing to receive data from multiple surveys sent out. The recruitment of the Interim Vice President Academic Affairs is underway, as well as the permanent Director of Athletics; the Vice President of Planning and Development will be posted in December. RCC has received a \$1 million grant from Bank of America that will focus in increasing access for students of color.

VII. Other

Adjourned at 4:03 p.m