



RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR District Strategic Planning Council Minutes

Friday, March 18, 2022

Via Teleconference

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Present: Stephen Ashby, Hussain Agah, Gregory Anderson, Majd Askar, Melissa Bader, Christopher Blackmore, Victor Bolanos, Aaron Brown, FeRita Carter, Michael Collins, Torria Davis, Tammy Few, Mark Figueroa, Kevin Fleming, Felipe Galicia, Rebeccah Goldware, Evelyn Gonzalez, Monica Green, Casandra Greene, Jack Harris, Vivian Harris, Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ruth Leal, Samuel Lee, Abel Sanchez, Mark Sellick, Robin Steinback, Christopher Sweeten, Kaneesha Tarrant, David Torres, Beiwei Tu, Lynn Wright and Lijuan Zhai

Absent: Kristine DiMemmo, Virgil Lee, Carlos Lopez, Georgina Villasenor-Lee, Chip West and Launa Wilson

Guests: Susan Mills and Michael Peterson

Recorder: Rachelle Arispe

I. Committee Business

- Approval of the February 25, 2022 Minutes – Fleming/Harris moved to approve the minutes, with correction to delete the name duplication of Mark Sellick under “Absent”. Sellick abstained. Motion carried.

II. Chancellor’s Report - W. Isaac

- There have been modifications to the vaccination and masking requirements. We have committed to keep our campus safe. The virus is not predictable; therefore, we need to be prepared because we are navigating the situation in a flexible manner. There is a potential rise and we are advocating for more funding and higher degree of preparation.
- Enrollment is showing an increase after census. Late start classes are contributing to the increased calculation. We need to keep summer term robust so we can gain as much as we can while increasing sections and keeping retention.
- Two major funding initiatives that are ongoing in Region 9 are K-16 Pathways for transfers and jobs (grant potential total \$20 million) and Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) (state is investing \$600 million, planning total \$5 million).
- Recruitments for the Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and the General Counsel positions are ongoing and application screenings are occurring.
- Planning to have an enrollment summit that will include all partners to have a more comprehensive understanding of the dynamics that have been occurring and where we can all collaborate and meet to recover our enrollment. Tomas Morales suggested, he and the Chancellor create a video message that includes information that anyone who has completed ADT with a 2.0 average will have a guaranteed admission in the relevant departments at UCR. More information to follow.

III. Information Items

- Noncredit Strategic Plan and Timeline
 - Mills briefly reviewed the Adult Education, Noncredit, and RCCD presentation. She identified changes/feedback that was received when presented at other groups districtwide.

- Greene shared concern with being proactive on addressing the infrastructure of the ERP challenges, creation of the new programs and having a curriculum representative.
 - Peterson indicated that he has contacted the vendor for the ERP and Brian Nicols will be joining the meetings to represent curriculum.
 - Chancellor added that if there are any comments or concerns, they should be emailed to Zhai, Mills or Peterson.
- MVC Student Services Renovation Project
 - Agah and Askar reviewed the project presentation identifying construction escalation and scope changes to the project. The changes will incur an increase to the project budget from \$5,000,000 to \$6,700,000. The budget augmentation of \$1.7 million will be funded as follows: \$1,000,000 of budget savings from the general fund; \$200,000 from MVC Measure C uncommitted funds; and \$300,00 reallocated from project savings related to the MVC Welcome Center Project funded by Measure C.
 - Chancellor is pleased that the building is being upgraded and that the college is using their savings for the cost increase.

IV. Action Items

- No action items.

V. Task Force/Sub-Committee/Special Reports

- Facilities Planning and Development Council Minutes – January 27, 2022
 - Agah briefly highlighted information on the Solar Planning Initiative, Sustainability Climate Action Plan, 5-Year Capital Construction Plan, Norco College Center for Human Performance and Kinesiology, and Student Housing.
 - Chancellor commented that there is a move being made in the Assembly to include a \$5 billion budget allocation for zero interest loans for student housing.

VI. Reports/Updates

- Moreno Valley College – R. Steinback
 - Not available
- Norco College – M. Green
 - Carpentry apprenticeship program is underway for requesting approval. One hundred new courses are developed for fall 2022 with 13 new certificates. The college expects to serve 700 apprentices in this next year.
 - National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for the National Center for Supply Chain Technology will be ending in the next couple of months. An update will be provided on the accomplishments of the grant from the last 10 years.
 - Military Articulation Platform continues to expand at 54 colleges. Lee will be assisting with the project on a full-time basis for the next year. Lee's current position will be backfilled by May 1st. Green thanked Lee for his dedication and sacrifice to the program. The Chancellor also thanked Lee for his leadership and contribution to the Military Articulation Platform. The Chancellor commented that it is important to the Veterans and a tremendous initiative to make the speed of integration into a peaceful productive civilian life. Lee thanked the Chancellor for making the vision possible.
- Riverside City College – G. Anderson
 - Veterans Resource Center is not furnished due to the supply chain challenges therefore, the grand opening has been moved to Fall 2022.
 - A save-the-date notification will be sent out soon for Dr. Oliver Thompson's legacy of life celebration. It is scheduled for the end of May.
 - The scale of adoption assessment for the Guided Pathways allows the colleges to view a snapshot of where we are with our progress, it identifies the gaps and successes. Thousands of promise students have been identified as eligible for the fall. The college is looking at options for coordinating work at the engagement centers to make the students feel welcomed and to hold on to our students (retention). The scale of adoption assessment for each college will be posted on the college websites once adopted through participatory governance.
 - Encouraged the group to take a look at the Accreditation data for the annual reports. It identified 8% to 74% of total enrollment online during the pandemic.

Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.