

**District Shared Governance Council (DSGC)**  
**May 4, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Co-Chairs Patty Dilko and Jing Luan, Linda Allen, Connie Beringer, Megan Claire, Megan Eznekier, Mauricio Flores Hernandez, Ray Hernandez, Teeka James, Adolfo Leiva, Virginia Medrano Rosales, Martin Partlan, Marsha Ramezane

**Members Absent:** Diana Bennett, Lessandro De Sousa, Darne Duckett, Jeanne Gross, Charles Jones, Brittany Piccolotti, Stephanie Samuelsen

**Others Present:** Executive Vice Chancellor Jim Keller, Director of Community/Government Relations Barbara Christensen, Vice Chancellor Marilyn McBride

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m.

Vice Chancellor Luan asked that agenda item number 5, California AB 1455, Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot, be moved to number 4; the Council agreed to the change.

Review and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Professor Partlan and seconded by Professor James to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2009. Mr. Leiva noted the misspelling of Fred Slone's name; it will be corrected. The motion to approve the minutes as amended carried, all members present voting "Aye."

Public Comments

Mr. Leiva reported on the successful Skyline Classified Council Retreat. The final half day of the Retreat will take place on May 8.

Mr. Flores Hernandez said that Skyline student elections will take place from Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22 and will be online. Mr. Flores Hernandez said this will be his last meeting as he will be transferring next semester.

California AB 1455, Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot

Executive Vice Chancellor Keller explained that the District was given the opportunity by Assemblyman Jerry Hill to have him introduce legislation which would be of interest to the District; one item identified is the possibility of offering baccalaureate degree education at community colleges. The District is interested in expanding these opportunities, currently available in our District through the University Center, limiting them to districts that are coterminous with a county and which do not have any other four-year institutions in the county. Representatives from the District conducted a conversation with Assemblyman Hill and his staff, representatives from the UC and CSU systems and the Higher Education Committee, during which some concern and opposition was expressed. The District agreed to remove the discussion of financial impact from the bill to allow time for further study and conversation about partnerships with the UCs and CSUs. The bill will go before the Higher Education Committee tomorrow and Vice Chancellor Keller, Ms. Christensen and Board of Trustees President Karen Schwarz will be attendance. There will be an information report presented at the June 10 Board of Trustees study session.

Executive Vice Chancellor Keller said the University Center has had a successful partnership with San Francisco State University, the Sequoia Healthcare District, and the Peninsula Health Care District. With the current economy, San Francisco State is withdrawing support. The District believes that many of its students cannot be admitted to the State universities because of enrollment caps and/or cannot travel to

these institutions because of other commitments. Professor James asked if partnerships would be limited to public institutions; Ms. Christensen said private institutions could become partners as well. Ms. Christensen reported that UC representatives said they cannot afford university centers because they want to build two more campuses. Ms. Christensen said that the decision on where to build is not always based on the need to serve students with limited access. She questioned the prospect of spending billions of dollars to build new UCs and CSUs when existing community colleges could handle some of the demand for degrees in fields such as education, nursing, social work and business.

Professors Partlan and James expressed concern about the cost of offering new programs. Executive Vice Chancellor Keller said that while cost is not part of the initial discussion, the District wants to emphasize that it can offer the best cost opportunity since there are existing extraordinary facilities and most of the cost would be for salaries.

Dean Ramezane and Ms. Claire said they want to make sure that access for current groups of District students remains steady. Ms. Christensen said the District's students will always come first.

Professor Hernandez asked how many community colleges in the County would qualify to participate in the program. Ms. Christensen said that for this bill, only our District would participate as it would be a pilot program. Professor James asked if the pilot would be driven by the Academic Senate; Professor Dilko said the Academic Senate would consult collegially on it.

Professor Hernandez said there is a national discussion about moving toward bachelor's degrees in the field of respiratory therapy and a discussion point has been where the programs could be housed; the opportunity to offer them on community college campuses could help move the discussions forward.

Ms. Christensen distributed copies AB 1455 for Council members to share with their constituencies, noting that the bill will be amended again at tomorrow's hearing.

#### Board Policy Revisions: Chapters 2 and 7

Ms. Christensen explained that the proposed changes are based primarily on changes in Title 5, changes in terminology used by the District, and changes advised by the Community College League of California service to which the District subscribes. Chancellor McBride noted changes to the proposed revisions since they were posted on the Council website:

- Section 2.45, Conflict of Interest: addition of wording in 3.b.
- Section 2.55, Emergency Response Plan: new policy using wording recommended by the League
- Section 2.80, Claims against the District: to be moved to Chapter 8 (as 8.20) which is the business section

Council members expressed concern that some of the proposed revisions should be taken to their constituencies for discussion and review before going to the Board of Trustees. Each of the proposed revisions was discussed, with questions answered by Ms. Christensen and Chancellor McBride. It was agreed that the following policies will be removed from the list going to the Board of Trustees for approval and will be taken to the constituencies for discussion:

- Chapter 2: Sections 2.13 Dissemination of Employee Information; 2.19 Nondiscrimination; 2.20 Equal Employment Opportunity; 2.25 Prohibition of Harassment; 2.28 Safety; Injury and Illness Prevention Program; 2.29 Sexual Assault Education, Prevention, and Reporting; 2.51 Reporting of Crimes; 2.60 Resignation
- Chapter 7: Sections 7.03 Eligibility Requirements for Admission of Students and 7.07 Non-resident Student Tuition Fees

Council members will attempt to consult with their constituencies and bring their comments back at the September 2009 meeting which will be the third Monday in September.

Closing Remarks

None

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None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:20 p.m.