



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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## DISTRICT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

June 10, 2020

**Present:** Alexander, Beresford, Bromma, Bulger, Carpenter, Cortez, Dowd, Gable, Hubka, Kovrig, Lieu, Luster, Mahler, Manis, Murphy, Payne, Short, Solis (for Shabazz), Surbrook, Velez, and Chairperson Chancellor Carroll

**Absent:** Shabazz

**Guests:** Ficken-Davis, Lamb

### 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of May 6, 2020, were approved.

### 2. **REVIEW OF BOARD AGENDA**

The agenda for the June 11, 2020, Board Meeting was opened for review by Chancellor Carroll. Each item was discussed and satisfied.

### 3. **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Chancellor Constance Carroll reported that negotiations between the California legislature and the governor are underway in their effort to agree upon a budget for FY 2020-21 by the deadline of June 15. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state faces a \$54 billion budget deficit, which will be addressed by significant budget cuts, as recommended in the Governor's May Revision, by deferring payments to local institutions, as the legislature prefers, or by a combination of both approaches.

### 4. **FY 2020-21 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Executive Vice Chancellor Dowd walked the Council through her PowerPoint presentation on the FY 2020-21 Tentative Budget which she will present to the Board of Trustees at their meeting on June 11, 2020. It was emphasized that given the many variables yet to be resolved at the state level, the budget was the best plan under the circumstances to ensure the District's solvency and ability to provide service to students and the community.

### 5. **CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CALL TO ACTION**

Chancellor Carroll shared the call to action from the CCC office. Chancellor Oakley and other leaders have called for our system to actively strategize and take action against structural racism. The six points of action include systemwide review of police and first responder training and curriculum; open dialogue between campus leaders to address campus climate; classroom climate audits and an action plan to create inclusive classrooms and anti-racism curriculum; the urgent need for all governing boards to review their student equity plans; implementation of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Integration Plan; and engagement in the Vision Resource Center "Community Colleges for Change." This topic will return as a standing item for continuing discussion.

**6. PLANNING FOR CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19**

Chancellor Carroll reported on instructional formats due to the public health emergency saying that most classes in the summer session and the fall semester will be conducted online. She indicated that there are a few classes that will be moved to an on-campus format due to required laboratory and clinical components. Each president explained plans and practices for safety precautions at their campuses. Some of the harder to convert classes include those in automotive, aviation, biotech, culinary arts, Fire/EMT, nursing, and welding programs.

**7. MANDATORY CULTURAL SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES**

AFT President Jim Mahler spoke in favor of having mandated cultural sensitivity training on a regular basis to keep employees focused on the District mission and core values statement. Vice Chancellor Surbrook stated that the District would welcome such a change, and look forward to receiving an official proposal during collective bargaining from the union. After discussion, Chancellor Carroll asked that this item be brought back for further discussion at the next meeting.

**8. ABILITY TO USE PREFERRED NAMES**

Mesa College Academic Senate President Manuel Velez requested to revisit the topic of having the ability to choose a preferred name for District email, rather than being assigned legal name. Vice Chancellor Dowd agreed to provide an update at the next meeting.

**7. ELIMINATING AN ARMED PRESENCE ON OUR CAMPUSES**

Jim Mahler opened discussion regarding the need for armed officers our campuses. After discussion, it was agreed that safety concerns at this time outweighed the risks, though Chancellor Carroll indicated that Chief Ramos would be invited to the next meeting for further discussion.

Adjourned 5:05 p.m.

Chancellor's Office & Board of Trustees