

September 11, 2011 Board Retreat

Call to Order

Board of Governors President Scott Himmelstein, called the retreat to order at 1:15 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Board President Scott Himmelstein thanked everyone for attending the Board retreat and reviewed the topics that the Board would be discussing.

Chancellor Jack Scott spoke to the Board about the recent changes at Compton Community College District. He reported that Genethia Hudley-Hayes, Special Trustee to Compton Community College District, was terminated and Tom Henry has been reappointed as the Special Trustee.

Board members asked several questions about what happened at Compton and how it has impacted the relationship between Compton and El Camino.

Executive Vice Chancellor Steve Bruckman interrupted the discussion and recommended that an item be placed on the November 2011 Agenda so that public notice could be posted 10 days prior to the discussion.

Review of Board Goals

Board President Scott Himmelstein reviewed the Board goals for 2011:

Work with the State Board of Education focusing on activities that will benefit students.

Increase advocacy efforts, with the new Governor's Administration, Committee Chairs and Committee Vice Chairs.

Board Members
Present on Sunday
September 11, 2011

Manuel Baca

Geoffrey Baum

Barbara Davis-Lyman

Danny Hawkins

Scott Himmelstein

Lance Izumi

Peter MacDougall

Deborah Malumed

Alice Perez

Michelle Price

Review of Board Goals continues:

Continue the ongoing efforts to develop programs and opportunities for veterans seeking education.

Board Vice President Alice Perez would like to have advocacy meetings scheduled for Tuesday afternoons following the Board meeting.

Board member Deborah Malumed suggested meeting with members of the State Board of Education in November 2011.

Board member Manuel Baca spoke about the need to ensure veterans get help. The Veteran's Summit that was planned for September 2011 has been rescheduled for December 2011 in San Diego.

Board member Michelle Price reported that the Student Affairs Committee will be formed shortly.

Chancellor Jack Scott reported that the State Board of Education will have a meeting on the common core standards this week and two representatives from the Chancellor's Office will attend the meeting.

Board member Peter MacDougall suggested that someone from the State Board of Education be invited to the November 2011 Board meeting to update the Board on Common Core.

Board President Scott Himelstein reported that he has spoken with Sue Burr, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, and the two Boards will plan a joint meeting for 2012.

Update on the Student Success Task Force

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Board member and Student Success Task Force Chair, Peter MacDougall, spoke to the Board about the progress of the task force. He focused on four questions.

What is the purpose of the task force?

How to achieve the objectives of the task force?

What is the process?

What are the challenges to proceeding with the task force recommendations?

Board member and Student Success Task Force member, Manuel Baca, spoke about some of the proposals that are being vetted.

Amy Supinger, Executive Director of the Student Success Task Force, provided a detailed overview of the draft recommendations from the task force.

Board member Geoffrey Baum: How can we use what the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) and the Little Hoover Commission have come up with on student success to help us out?

Neither commission's report is helpful to us. CPEC refers community college issues to us and there is no overlap with the Little Hoover Commission.

Board Vice President Alice Perez: Is there a way for the Board to review and/or send questions and comments on the recommendations?

Yes, at Board meetings and utilizing the website.

Board Vice President Alice Perez: Do students and the general public know about the meetings?

Students know. We will be speaking about the task force recommendations at the Student Senate General Assembly.

Several Board members not listed above asked questions about the recommendations of the Student Success Task Force and about the authority of the Board regarding the recommendations. This item will be discussed at the November 2011 Board meeting. The Board may schedule future meetings to discuss the recommendations of the Student Success Task Force before approval of the recommendations at their January 2012 meeting.

Follow up on the Presentation from the State Board of Education and Update on the JP Morgan Grant Regarding Veterans was not discussed at the retreat, but may be added to the November 2011 Board meeting agenda.

The retreat was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Scott Himmelstein.