MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr.
      Chancellor


Happy New Year! If January (to date) is an indicator of things to come, it is going to be a very busy year. There are several issues that I would like to highlight for you that relate to the ongoing efforts of the Chancellor and other activities of which you need to be informed.

1) Mission Campus

Just before the holiday break, I arranged to have a meeting with our two newly-elected Board members so they could be brought “up to speed” on all developments associated with the New Mission Campus. The meeting was held in Peter Goldstein’s Office and included Kendall Young of the Design Team, Trustee Rodel Rodis, Chair of the Facilities Committee, Trustee Natalie Berg, and myself. The meeting was very productive and covered a wide range of issues, including the matter of preservation. As a result of that meeting, it was strongly felt by all parties that it would be in the District’s best interest to identify a notable and well-respected preservation architect to work with our design team in two specific areas:

   a) Assess what elements of the interior décor are able and worthy of preservation for future use; and

   b) If we were to hypothetically say “Let’s preserve the theater and build our campus around it,” what would be the financial, engineering, design, and programmatic implications of same?

Trustee Berg, Peter Goldstein, and I are working to identify an individual who could serve in this capacity.

By now you know that our community meeting in the Mission was a success. We attracted the large numbers we wanted and heard a variety of perspectives on the matter. You also know that I have spoken directly with Board President Ammiano and we agreed that he and I need to get together and talk prior to his sponsored Public Hearing. We will continue to press forward and pursue the agenda associated with a & b above; and also, be ever mindful of the need to not put the overall project at risk by failing to follow-through and meet state-mandated timetables.
2) State Budget

The Governor has released his budget for 2001-2002. Attached is an executive summary of the budget. The good news with the budget is the fact that the initial COLA adjustment is in place and at the level of 3.91%. Last year at this time he was recommending considerably less and we ended up in May at 4.17%. So this is a good start. Enrollment growth has been recommended for 3%, which doesn’t hurt City College but does hurt other districts, particularly high-growth suburban districts down south. The Board of Governors requested a 4% growth rate. My prediction is that in May, we’ll settle on a 3.5% growth figure for the State.

The other good news relates to an issue that City College was providing strong statewide leadership on and that is, the issue of Part-Time Equity. The Governor’s Budget recommended $62 M versus a $75 M request by the Board of Governors. Again, it’s a great start and will allow us to have funds added to our Human Resource allocation to support a greater degree of “pro-rata” pay for part-time faculty. The way this will work to our benefit relates to our ranking in the state (Number 1 on highest pro-rata pay). Given this, it will take us less time and fewer dollars to get to full pro-rata. Once full pro-rata pay is achieved, a college district will be rewarded by being allocated their fair share out of this “pot” but is no longer restricted in its use. This is called the “pay back for good practices” provision and we will be the first district in the state to reap the benefits as long as the Governor continues to fund the request as a part of a three-year funding strategy. You should know that we are at 79% pro-rata for part-time credit faculty, 85% pro-rata for non-credit part-time faculty, and already at 100% for part-time counselors and librarians. So, we are really not that far-off from full pro-rata across the board.

Disappointingly but not surprisingly, the Governor did not support equity funding for non-credit. We had been given a heads up on this by our friend, then Secretary of Education John Mockler. What has also become clear, and this comes directly from the Governor’s staff, is that our Chancellor’s Office didn’t fight with passion for this critical area. Even though they supported the request in the Board of Governors Budget, it appears as though they didn’t carry the fight beyond that point. You can be assured that City College and I personally will be leading the fight on behalf of all of the colleges in the state to get this area funded and treated more equitably.

The other piece of bad news is that the Office of Finance (Governor’s Office) cut a lot of capital projects out of the Capital Outlay budget, in an effort to restrict the amount of capital outlay dollars to the community colleges. I note with both interest and anger, that the Governor is recommending over $160 million for the UC Merced campus, for which they haven’t been able to identify an acceptable location as of this date. This may or may not be related to the cutbacks but the bottomline is, that the Preliminary Planning Funds for the Chinatown/North Beach Campus ($1.3 M) and the balance of the funds for the Working Drawing funds for the Mission Campus ($200K) were “red-lined” out of the Board of Governor’s request. We have already put the wheels in motion for a full-court press on this issue with our delegation, the community, and all areas of potential influence. I’ll keep you posted. I’m very confident that we will get this reinstated but we really didn’t need to have this happen nor should it have happened. The problem was not with us or our system office. These cutbacks came right out of the Governor’s office.
Overall the Governor’s budgetary commitment to the community colleges is weak, particularly when you compare it with his commitment to the CSU system (12.9% increase) and the UC system (10.36% increase). The overall increase for the community college budget was only 7.7%. Our split on Prop 98 is now at 10.27%, which is below the level for the current year. There is much work to be done between now and May Revised but I’m confident we will move up considerably from this level of funding. Again, please see the attached summary and also the analysis of the report entitled “CAL FACTS,” prepared by Leslie Smith. The latter provides some context for our current and future budget discussions.

3) Joint Use Facility with SFSU

As most of you know, we have been having very serious discussions with San Francisco State University about the matter of collaborating on a Joint Use Facility to be located on the Ocean Avenue campus of City College. This facility (see attached prospectus) would be a “one-stop” instructional center whereby students would be able to earn a baccalaureate degree without having to leave the City College campus. The targeted program areas are the fields of Teacher Preparation; Child Development and Early Childhood Education; and Health. All of these correspond with state and regional priorities and in particular, the strengths of our respective institutions.

The reason why I’m reminding you of this project is because of the support and interest that it is starting to generate. It appears very likely that the San Francisco Foundation will provide a small planning grant ($100 – 130K) to assist both institutions in the early stages of the project development. Secondly, Senator Jackie Speier has expressed a very strong level of interest to the extent that she may be willing to introduce a special bill to establish such a facility as a demonstration site worthy of potential replication around the state. The facility would not only house faculty and staff from both institutions but also a fully expanded Child Development and Family Resource Center (including Infant and Sick Child Care Services) and quite possibly, a K-6 lab school jointly run by SFUSD, SFSU, and CCSF. Dr. Bob Corrigan and I met with Senator Speiers, along with Dr. Kathleen Alioto and she gave a green light for us to draft a bill to get funding to help provide at least 50% of the required resources. As this moves forward, I’m sure it will be receiving a lot of attention and possibly, publicity. I wanted you to be aware of our successes to date and the potential for this initiative to blossom into something very big.

Other activities I have been involved in this month are reflected below:

1) Attended a reception hosted by Mayor Brown for outgoing members of the Board of Supervisors at the North Light Court of City Hall.

2) Met with Peter Goldstein, Brad Duggan, George Rush, and Peg Grady regarding the current Bond Project and long-range facilities planning.

3) Met with Dr. Griffin, Tobin Kendrick, Carl Jew, and Carolyn Soohoo regarding plans for remodeling of the Transfer Center.

4) Met with leadership of Local 790 to discuss campus issues and plans.
5) Met with Chancellor Brice Harris of the Los Rios Community College District to discuss statewide strategies to lobby on behalf of large/urban community college districts.

6) Attended the Board of Governors meeting in Sacramento at the request of the State Chancellor to make a presentation on our joint use project with San Francisco State University.

7) Attended, and was Master of Ceremonies, at swearing-in ceremonies for Trustees Dr. Natalie Berg and Rodel Rodis, and new Board members, Milton Marks III and Julio Ramos, at the Green Room, War Memorial Veterans Building.

8) Met with Frances Lee, Don Griffin, and Phyllis McGuire regarding the CalWorks program.

9) Along with Kathleen Alioto and SFSU President Robert Corrigan, met with Senator Jackie Speier to discuss legislative strategies and potential special funding for the Joint Use Facility Project.

10) Met with Ron Lee and Ginny Riegel regarding M/WBE issues and the City of San Jose/High Wire Works case.

11) Sponsored a community meeting at Horace Mann Middle School on the plans for the New Mission Campus project.

12) Met with Bill Liskamm, CCSF consulting architect, to discuss follow-up plans for the Balboa, Ingleside, and Ocean Avenue projects.

13) Met with Martha Lucey, Bob Gabriner, Clara Starr, and Ann Zinn to finalize plans for meetings for internal and external groups involved in the “Promoting Diversity” project.

14) Gave welcoming remarks to classified staff at the first annual Classified Staff Development Day.

15) Conducted, with the involvement of selected faculty and staff, orientation sessions for the new Board members, Milton Marks III and Julio Ramos.

16) Attended the Martin Luther King Civic Committee Breakfast celebration at the Holiday Inn Hotel, along with some trustees and administrators.

17) Gave keynote address at the Diego Rivera Theater for Spring 2001 Flex Day (Professional Development Day) and met with members of Administrators’ Council and officers of the Academic Senate and Classified Senate.

18) Met with Paul Orfalea (founder of Kinko’s) and his staff, Kathleen Alioto, Bob Gabriner, and Stephen Rico regarding follow-up plans on the Child Development Center.

19) Together with Kathleen Alioto, met with Shailash Mehta, CEO of Providian, regarding CCSF development and fund-raising strategies.

20) Attended and chaired meeting of the Planning and Budgeting Council.
21) Met with Dean Bruce Smith and Smiley Curtis regarding Docutech.

22) Attended a reception for Superintendent Arlene Ackerman, hosted by the San Francisco Consortium on Higher Education.

23) Met with members of the Labor-Management Council (SEIU officers and management staff) regarding follow-up workplace issues and concerns.


26) Attended meeting of the Board of Supervisors’ Treasury Oversight Committee at City Hall (I am a member).

27) Met with Mike Kelly, chair of the College Curriculum Committee.

28) Met with Allen White regarding the “Brain Train” project.

29) Met with officers of the Academic Senate.

30) Interviewed finalists for the Dean of Financial Aid/EOPS position.

31) Together with Frank Chong, met with representatives of Pepsi Cola Company to discuss long-term development.

32) Hosted a meeting at the Airport Holiday Inn for marketing and human resource specialists, the “external” group involved with Promoting Diversity project.

Thanks and if you have any questions and concerns, please contact me directly.

Attachments
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