

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 29, 2001
TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr.
Chancellor

SUBJECT: Chancellor's Monthly Report – March 2001

If you can believe this, I'm actually writing this report on March 8th because as I look at my schedule for the remainder of the month, I don't see an opportunity available to devote time to writing up the report. So this report is more anticipatory, rather than reflective. Some highlights include:

1) **Washington, D.C.**

Trustee Grier and I traveled to D.C. to meet directly with the Cassidy Group (our federal legislative advocacy consultants), and to meet with Congressman Tom Lantos, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and Senator Feinstein. Our purpose was to discuss the proposed joint-use facility between CCSF and SFSU and the prospects of the federal government providing some financial support. We also attended the signing ceremony between the American Association of Community Colleges, American Council on Education, the United Negro College Fund, and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education on March 15th, I referred to this in last month's report so I won't repeat myself and will give you more of an in-depth briefing at our Board meeting.

2) **Hawaii**

I have been asked by the United States Office of Education, the Stanley Foundation, and the Community Colleges for International Development to facilitate a two-day planning session between U.S. educators and the Ministry of Education in Thailand. It was an end of week/week-end planning session to examine ways in which the American model of community colleges could be applied to Thailand. The Minister of Education and a team of 9 leading representatives of the Thai government and education sectors were in attendance. All of my expenses were covered by the USOE and Stanley Foundation. The potential

opportunities for City College to play a leading role in Thailand in terms of technical assistance, student and faculty exchange, and other opportunities are enormous. These same participants will be leaving the workshop and then touring the United States. We will host the group here at City College on Monday, March 26th and 27th (a.m.) and members of our core staff in academic affairs and student development will talk with the group about the “nuts and bolts” of our operations.

3) Mission Campus

We have finally contracted with Jay Turnbull, a highly regarded Preservation Architect in San Francisco, to help provide technical and consultative assistance on our New Mission Campus. Jay will work directly with the architectural and engineering firm working on the project to identify a number of preservation options and the costs associated with same. He will also serve as a “linkage pin” to the preservation community and specifically Alice Carey, who has been hired by the San Francisco Heritage group and others (Will Shank) to explore preservation options, as well. We want to insure that both groups are connecting and communicating. I’ve talked directly with Board President and Supervisor Tom Ammiano, who was very pleased with this development and has agreed to postpone our public hearing until May 4th, allowing enough time for all parties involved to identify future options and strategies.

4) State Legislative Issues

Despite the fact that Sacramento seems to be totally focused on the “energy crisis,” an initial set of hearings is being scheduled. This process commenced last week when the three sector heads for post-secondary education were asked to testify on their budget requests. Chancellor Tom Nussbaum did testify on behalf of the statewide community colleges. For your information, I am attaching a copy of his testimony for your review.

On another note, Senator Jackie Speier did submit her bill (SB 611), which addresses the need for funding of our proposed “Joint Use” facility. We drafted the bill for her staff which she submitted and it is now in the pipeline for consideration. Dr. Corrigan and I are sending letters to the delegation asking for their co-sponsorship. A copy of a draft letter and fact sheet to Senator Burton is also attached for your review. It’s important for you to know that the state’s share of this facility (\$20 M being requested) will be channeled through the CSU system, to SFSU, and to us. This is an important strategy for two very important reasons. First, it will not impact on the Prop 98 split between K-12 and community colleges, which would have a negative impact on the share of funds available to community colleges statewide. Secondly, and in terms of the state, since the funds get allocated to the CSU system, they can’t jeopardize our highest priority capital outlay projects, i.e., the new Chinatown/North beach campus, Mission, and the Gym.

In reference to the above projects and specifically Chinatown/North Beach and Mission, we are putting the full court press or getting the balance of the Working-Drawings funds (\$200K) for the Mission Campus put back into the budget, as well as the Preliminary Planning funds for Chinatown/North Beach. You’ll remember that Governor Davis redlined those and other “new start” capital outlay budget request of the Board of Governors. The good news is that the Chancellor’s Office is fighting and supporting our efforts because the

problem concerns more than just City College but over 20 community college districts from around the state. I'll keep you posted on all the matters.

I intend to provide you with only a partial list of notable activities I've been involved in this past month:

- Met with Labor Management Council (Classified); AFT 2121, Local 790, the Academic Senate; and members of the Associated Students, per my usual monthly meetings.
- Called together the first meeting of the new shared governance Committee on Diversity, which I will co-chair with Professor Glen Nance (faculty), Maria Mah (Classified), and Lauren Nelson (student). The first meeting was primarily organizational and included a review of the current status of recommendations related to the former Chancellor's ad-hoc committee on diversity, the Student Equity Committee, the Transfer Enhancement Plan, as well as the areas currently under study by the Enhanced Self-Study work groups.
- Held series of meetings with members of the Board of Supervisors to discuss local Bond. This will continue through mid-April.
- Attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Workforce Investment San Francisco Board, of which I am a member.

Thank you and if you have any questions and concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Attachments

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