

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 24, 2003  
**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr., Chancellor  
**SUBJECT:** Chancellor's Monthly Report – April 2003

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This has been a very busy month with the focus being on a number of critical issues, locally, statewide, and nationally. On the local level, we have following-up on the post-SFUSD approval of our Mission Campus new site acquisition plan. We have had a series of meetings with the Mission Campus Building Committee and architects; meetings with representatives of the Preservation community to help orient them to our plans for the new site; and discussed with the state the procedures and next steps as we move through the facilities planning process. Additionally, I have been working with Peter Goldstein and the architects on matters related to the EIR process, Department of Planning review, and other issues which will require attention as we move ahead.

On a statewide level, we have been “directing” traffic on a coordinated campaign to follow-up on the March 17, 2003 march in Sacramento. After discussing the matter with the state’s Consultation Council, there is agreement on a strategy of direct and positive contact with every single legislator in the capitol. The plan is to put together a bold written statement reflecting a theme of “No More Cuts” and “No Increase in Fees” that would be co-signed by every Board President, CEO, AFT President/Chair, Academic Senate President, Student Trustee, AS President, Classified Senate/Union Rep, etc. and delivered to each member of the Assembly and State Senate. It was felt that this would deliver a very powerful and direct message on our behalf. It would be timed to coincide with the Governor’s May Revised Budget Recommendations.

On the national level, we have been working on several fronts. Attached for your review is a copy of the “Recommendations for Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act” submitted by over fifty (50) associations representing various segments of post-secondary education. Our focus has been on the Pell Grant Program and helping urge Congress to support a significant increase in the award per student. We supported the Senate budget version, which would pull \$1.8B from President Bush’s proposed \$726B tax cut and pump that money into the Pell Grant program, potentially raising the maximum award by \$450 to \$500. The House

version mandates a 1% across-the-board cut in discretionary programs. The mandatory cuts would take \$10B away from higher education over the next 10 years. We can all thank Senator

Kennedy for taking the lead on this and when we heard of his plan, we rallied behind it and scored a major victory on behalf of our students. There is still much work to be done as the Senate and House move towards a recommendation process, but we do have a head of steam on this. Even President Bush's 2004 Budget Recommendation calls for an increase in the Pell Grant Program, raising it to nearly the \$12.7B level. However, his recommended increase only serves as an offset to the current deficit that was created when the budget appropriations lag behind both demand and approved authorization levels, creating a major funding gap.

You also should note that on page 11 of the "Recommendations" and for the first time, a major section on the issue of Transfer has been included. This is as a result of City College's major efforts working behind the scenes to keep the issue of access to effective transfer "alive and well." Note that our National Articulation and Transfer Network (NATN) is mentioned specifically as the "poster child" example of best practices among voluntary consortia. This will go a long way in creating a level of understanding to the complex issues associated with increasing our capacity to serve students (particularly students of color) in the transfer area. Later this Spring and perhaps at the May Work Sessions of the Board, I would like to provide a detailed briefing of our current status with NATN.

Additionally, as a member of a special "CEO Advisory Roundtable" for AACC, I played an instrumental role in drafting the particulars of AACC's specific priorities for reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. Attached is a copy of a letter to Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Innovation for the U.S. Office of Post-Secondary Education (USOE) from George Boggs, President of AACC. This letter outlines the basic priorities developed within the CEO Roundtable and approved by AACC's Board of Directors.

Also attached is a copy of a new report that has been published entitled, "**Betraying the College Dream: How Disconnected K-12 and Post-Secondary Education Systems Undermine Student Aspirations.**" The report was published as a Final Policy Report from the Stanford University Bridge Project. Some of the issues and recommendations in the report have been and should be the focus of our joint Board meetings with SFUSD.

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

- 1) Met with members of the College Diversity Committee to discuss issues and plans related to our ongoing agenda.
- 2) Welcomed participants at an Industry Breakfast held at the Educated Palate, which was sponsored by the Office of Contract Education.
- 3) Met with Phyllis McGuire and Greg Johnson regarding the One Stop Program Center operated in cooperation with the Workforce Investment Board of San Francisco.
- 4) Met with the Vice Chancellors and Sunny Clark to discuss how the college could address questions and concerns regarding SARS (Severe acute Respiratory Syndrome).

- 5) Met with the Labor/Management Council of SEIU Local 790 to discuss future plans and issues.
- 6) Attended the annual meeting of the National Articulation Transfer Network (NATN) at Dallas, Texas and the AACC Conference, as well.
- 7) Attended the annual JVS Strictly Business Luncheon on the invitation of Trustee Berg.
- 8) Met with the Administrators' Council Executive Committee to discuss current plans and issues.
- 9) Met with officers of the Academic Senate to discuss current issues and plans.
- 10) Met with leadership of AFT2121 to discuss labor/management planning issues.
- 11) Met with Peter Goldstein, Kendall Young, and Frank Fung regarding Mission Campus plans.
- 12) Attended the annual Wok on the Wild Side fundraising dinner at PCR.
- 13) Met with members of the Board Personnel Committee regarding the Chancellor's annual evaluation.
- 14) Attended a Board Work Session at Gough to discuss the planning and development effort for the Community Health and Wellness Center, 2002/03 Budget Status, and Educational Master Plan Revisions.
- 15) Attended the Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee meeting.
- 16) Met with members of the Planning and Budgeting Council to discuss budget status and the PBC future agenda.
- 17) Conducted a community meeting at Pierre Coste Dining Room facility to discuss specific Prop A projects like the Community Health and Wellness Center, Student Health Services Center, and the proposed Day Care/Laboratory Center.
- 18) Met with Julie Brandt of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development on matters related to the City.
- 19) Attended the Faculty Tenure Party at Pierre Coste Restaurant.
- 20) Met with officers of AFT2121, Steve Hale, and the Vice Chancellors regarding labor/management issues and contract negotiations.
- 21) Met with Trustee Lawrence Wong and Dean Joanne Low regarding plans for the Chinatown North Beach Campus.

- 22) Met with Dr. Kathe German, Ophelia Clark and the Enhanced Self Study Coordinating Council regarding the status of ESS recommendations and Academic Senate's review.
- 23) Met with members of the College Council to discuss plans and communication issues.
- 24) Met with Patrick Murphy, Associate Professor at the University of San Francisco Department of Politics to discuss the issue of how community colleges are financed in California.
- 25) Met with the Labor/Management Council (SEIU) regarding future plans and labor/management issues.
- 26) Welcomed participants to the annual CCSF Career Fair.

If there are any questions on the above schedule or activities, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. Thanks for your continuing support.

Attachments

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