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TO: Board of Trustees

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


Well, it’s over. The recall has happened and we have a new Governor. Time will tell as to whether or not “promises made” turn out to be “promises kept.” It’s very early but one key aspect of the Governor-elect’s pledge/commitment will be monitored very carefully. That is, his stated commitment to give community colleges their required split of Prop 98 funds. He won’t be the first Governor to make that pledge on the campaign trail but he’d be the first one to keep it if (indeed) he follows through. We’ll see.

Aside from monitoring developments as they unfold in Sacramento, it has been an incredibly busy month and it has required a lot of time being spent on several different fronts. On the national level, I was invited to be a presenter in Washington, D.C. for the U.S. Department of Education High School Leadership Summit (they paid for the trip!). My particular presentation (panel) focused on “System Alignment – the Disconnected K-12 and Post-Secondary Education Systems: Making a Smooth Transition to Post-Secondary Education and Beyond.” My co-presenters were Ms. Cheryl Orr, Senior Communication Director for Indiana Commission of Higher Education, and Dr. Jan Somerville, Executive Director of National Association of System Heads (Universities and State University Systems).

The program’s target audience were state teams of 5/6 educators representing primarily the K-12 sector. There were only a handful of community college people present, which was a bit disconcerting but the program emphasis of the Department of Education for the “Summit” was High School Reform. Colleges and university systems were well represented particularly those responsible for training teachers and engaging in research on curriculum development and student performance. The information presented at this one-day summit was substantial and very meaningful. I am attaching a copy of the agenda and copies of several issue papers that were presented either by DOE staff or noted researchers. I call your attention to two specific papers enclosed published by The Education Trust under the leadership of Dr. Kati Haycock, which are excellent. I’ve invited Dr. Haycock to come out to San Francisco next fall to help “kick off” our Flex Day as a keynoter. Her research and presentation on the impact of lower expectations related to high school student performance (in my opinion) is
right on target and will require “major restructuring of the way we structure our high school curriculum, programs and support services. I suggest you read these at your leisure. I do believe that these readings and research have direct relevance to City College and I will be sharing them with selected faculty, department chairs, and deans.

On another note, and consistent with my previous communication, we are following through with the finalization of the **Master Planning process and the related EIR**. Notices of Preparation and the associated materials which provide an overview of the Master Plan – Scope, Intent, and Plans have been circulated. We have advertised in the local papers as required. We have sent out notices to every household in District 7, 8, and 11. We have sent notices out to the list (over 1400 names) provided by Ken Rich and the Department of Planning and a cross-section of state and county agencies. Our meeting to hear input on the “scope” of the EIR has been scheduled for November 19, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. Board members are invited to attend but it is not required. Peter and I will be in attendance, along with representatives of Impact Sciences. This meeting is a legal requirement and it doesn’t usually generate a lot of interest in terms of participation, but given all of what we have done to generate awareness --- you never know.

Shifting back to the state level, I attended (along with Trustee Grier, Dean Leslie Smith, Doug Re, and Professor Tim Killikelly) the statewide Community College Leadership Conference in Sacramento. During that session, Leslie, Tim, Doug, and I, with representatives of the Secretary of State Office, made a presentation of a **statewide voter registration process** that links electronically with the community college registration process. Attached for your information is some background information on the new initiative. City College, which came up with the idea in the first place (Thank you, Tim!), has been asked to take a lead role in implementing this initiative. It represents the first time that the Chancellor’s Office has asked any district to coordinate a statewide initiative and it appears as though a sizable number of community college districts are getting on board. In the first 2-3 weeks in which City College piloted the effort, over 7000 students registered to vote. We may be making a special presentation to the Board on this new initiative either this month or next.

I am also enclosing a copy of the **“Draft Workplan for the Board of Governors, Chancellor and Consultation in 2003-04.”** This document is instructive in that it identifies a number of priority issues, both budget and legislative, that clearly will be the focus of a lot of energy, and follow-up throughout the upcoming year. I’ve asked Leslie to contact the Chair of the Legislative Committee, Trustee Ramos (and its members) to arrange for a working lunch to talk about these matters.

Also, and as a result of the last legislative session and in response to the budget crisis, the Legislature made some significant changes in the existing retirement benefit program, i.e., **Golden Handshake Legislation**: AB1207 (Corbett). This new legislation which provides for an additional 2 years of service credit and 2 years of age credit, has sparked an enormous amount of interest and questions particularly from faculty and administrators. We have had a number of meetings for purposes of clarifying the program but there are still some unanswered questions that we are trying to get clarified (from STRS and the author of the legislation). Attached for your review is a copy of a DRAFT letter which will go out district-
wide in an effort to respond to the continuing questions and inquiries from our employees. It’s still a draft and my staff are giving us feedback so it might change a bit, but it does provide you with an overview of the program. For those of you who may be interested in some additional specificity, I am also enclosing the CALSTERS Circular on the new retirement incentive program.

Additionally, I was involved in the following:

1) Was guest lecturer at Professor Lou Schubert’s Political Science honors class and discussed the issue of governmental advocacy at the state and national level. (Related Chancellor’s Objectives (RCO’s): #8).

2) Met with officers of the Academic Senate to discuss a variety of issues and future plans. (Related Chancellor’s Objectives: #11; 13; 14)

3) Attended the CEO Fall Leadership Conference in Sacramento and made a presentation on the new Statewide Voter Registration Program. (RCO’s: #13)

4) Met with Peter Goldstein, Christina Reyes of SFSU and others in her organization regarding the Tobacco Free College Campus Project. (RCO’s: #12 and #11)

5) Met with Sue Homer, Lynda Hirose, Jackie Riza, and Franey Kendall, Diversity Consultants, regarding the Multicultural Curriculum Infusion Project. (RCO’s: #8; #11)

6) Attended the Deans’ meeting to discuss issues regarding the plans for replacing Frances Lee’s position. (RCO’s: #11)

7) Met with Bob Gabriner to discuss status of Institutional Advancement Plan and Strategic Plan Implementation Schedule. (RCO’s: #2; #10; #13)

8) Welcomed group from NAFSA: Association of International Educators for the Inter-Cultural Workshop on Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos: “A Region in Transition.” (RCO’s: #6; 8; 11)

9) Met with Dean Linda Squires Grohe, Dr. Jose Ramon Pena and others regarding funding possibilities for the Welcome Back Program. (RCO’s: #13; 10)

10) Met with officers of AFT 2121 to discuss issues, future plans, and matters related to negotiations. (RCO’s: #11)

11) On the invitation of the Department of Education, was a presenter at the National High School Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. (RCO’s: #8; 10; 13)

12) Together with Peter Goldstein, met with Supervisor Aaron Peskin to discuss the Chinatown/North Beach Campus plans and developments. (RCO’s: #7)
13) Attended a Board Work Session at Gough for a review and discussion of the Master Course Scheduling approach of the District and a presentation on the SLBE Annual Report. (RCO’s: #8; 12)

14) Met with the College’s Labor Management Council to discuss relevant issues related to personnel. (RCO’s: #11)

15) Met with Peter Goldstein, Barbara Maloney, Arlyn Purcell, Jim Blomquist for a discussion on the EIR and the College’s Master Plan. (RCO’s: #7)

16) Joined Athena Steff and Rose Vela and the classified staff at the 3rd Annual Classified Flex Day. (RCO’s: #11)

17) Met with Martha Lucey to discuss the annual “Report to our Neighbors.” (RCO’s: #12)

18) Attended the City College and San Francisco Black Chamber of Commerce event at the Southeast Campus “to promote strategies for doing business with City College.” (RCO’s: #13; 8)

19) Met with Gloriamarie Caluen, Student Trustee, to discuss future plans and development efforts related to students. (RCO’s: #9; 11)

20) Met with Peter Goldstein, Don Griffin, Bob Gabriner, Clara Starr, James Kendrix, David Liggett, Toni Lee and Josie de Lara to discuss changes in the approaches followed to plan and develop the Board Agenda. (RCO’s: #9; 11)

21) Together with Phyllis McGuire and Suzanne Korey, met with Muni’s General Manager Fred Stephens and others to discuss the Transportation Academy project. (RCOs: #12; 13)

22) Met with Lorraine Leber, Chair of Graphic Communications and Art instructor Ray Holbert to pick the winning entry and 2 runner-ups for the Holiday Greeting Card Art Competition sponsored by the Chancellor’s Office. (RCO’s: #11)

23) Met with Dr. Denton Crews, Tony Potts of the RSmart Group, and Ann Zinn for an executive briefing on the NATN. (RCO’s: #8)

24) Participated and did a presentation on the National Articulation Transfer Network at the American Council on Education’s “Educating All of One Nation” conference in Atlanta, Georgia. (RCO’s: #8; 13; 12)

25) Met with the Executive Committee of the Associated Students to discuss future plans. (RCO’s: #11)
26) Welcomed visitors to the presentation on the “Rape of Nanking” held at Arts 115. (RCO’s: #12)

27) Met with Ray Vernon of Accent Foundation regarding our Study Abroad Program, its status and future plans. (RCO’s: #6)

28) Welcomed guests to the Chicana/Latina Scholarship Program for Excellence with Trustee Ramos. (RCO’s: #11; 9; and 13)

29) Attended the tailgate party for the 1948 World Championship Football Team Reunion of Ollie Matson, Burl Toler, Walt Jourdan, Roy Giorgi, and others in the barbecue area of the CCSF football field. (RCO’s: #11; 13; and 10)

30) Met with Kathleen Alioto, Peter Goldsteen, Ron Lee, Steve Glick, and Ed Hamilton to discuss plans for the Educated Palate. (RCO’s: #7; 10; and 12)

If there are any questions on the above schedule or activities, please don’t hesitate to contact me directly.

Attachments

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