MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Trustees

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


As I write this month’s report from Washington, D.C., I have, with the support of my cell phone and Peter Goldstein’s information relay, been tracking the results of the election. At 4 a.m. Wednesday, I got the final report via phone mail (please know that I voted via absentee ballot last week) and I am absolutely thrilled with the results, as I know you all are. For City College, the first day of the 21st century started on November 7, 2001. Having these resources available to systematically start the rebuilding process for CCSF is a “watershed moment” for this great institution. We all worked very hard to make this happen and should feel extremely proud of this achievement. The people of San Francisco have spoken with a clear and unequivocal voice, one that is supportive, encouraging, and motivating. The trust and confidence San Franciscans have expressed with this vote is both valued and respected. Our pledge to them is to continue the excellent tradition of the past and continue to be responsive and accountable to the community we serve as we head into the future.

I want to use this opportunity to thank you directly and all of the members of the “team” who helped make this vote possible. Clearly, the effort, time, and financial contributions of a great many people had a significant and very positive impact on getting Prop. A passed at such an extraordinarily high approval rating (72.6%). AFT 2121 (Allan Fisher, Ed Murray, and Chris Hanzo, plus many more); SEIU 790 (Athena Steff, Patti Tamura, Alice Shvarts, and many more Classified Staff); the Administrators’ Council (Bob Gabriner and Linda Squires-Grohe, Carlota del Portillo, Joanne Low, Steven Glick, Jorge Bell, and many more); the Academic Senate (Ophelia Clark, Susan Lopez, Fred Teti, David Yee, and lots of faculty volunteers); the Department Chairs Council (Darlene Alioto, et al); Tim Killikelly, who helped in the area of City College’s efforts to expand voter registration opportunities for our students; the Associated Students from all campuses; the Board of Trustees; a very long list of people and companies that stepped up to the plate financially; and, finally, a core group of people who were very directly involved in working in the campaign (on their own time) from beginning to end. First and foremost is Peter Goldstein, who worked with me directly in sheperding Prop. A
through the City’s bureaucracy (Planning Department, DPW, Finance, Mayor’s Office, City Attorney’s Office, etc.) and afterwards, as we progressed through the campaign itself. Peter’s work, energy, commitment, advice, and counsel played a key role throughout. I couldn’t have done it without him. Additionally, Stephen Herman, Larry Klein, Kathleen Alioto, Ed Hamilton, Frances Lee, Don Griffin, and Denise LaPointe and Shannon Jacobs of Barnes and Whitehurst, and finally, Robert Barnes and John Whitehurst themselves, whose commitment and creativity guided our campaign strategies from beginning to end and most importantly, allowed us to get the maximum out of the campaign funds we had to work with. I’m sure I may have left someone out (please forgive me), but this was a great team effort and everyone played a critical role.

I must also express our appreciation to our campaign supporters and honorary chairpersons. Two people are deserving of special recognition. First is Clint Reilly who, after putting us through our paces in terms of asking a lot of questions about the what, who, why, and for whom aspects of our business, provided the biggest and most substantial personal contribution to our campaign on behalf of his wife, Janet, and himself. Clint is a true believer in City College and he put his money where his heart is. Secondly, the Mayor needs to be acknowledged. He advised us early in the game and during the last weeks of the campaign, publicly and often, spoke in strong support of Prop. A in arenas that got a lot of attention and publicity. He went the extra mile for us and that made a difference.

Finally, because I am currently in Washington and attending the Fall Commission Meetings of the American Association of Community Colleges and meeting on the Hill about other funding options for City College, I have access to some great materials that I’d like to include in this report (see attached). We can discuss their content at the Board meeting next week.

In addition to being involved with the campaign (on my own time), you should note that there are a great many other things that I worked on this month. Below are specific activities I was engaged in during the month of November:

1) Met with Dan Estrada, Director of the Statewide Energy Conservation and Management Project (Board of Governor/CCCA), Phyllis McGuire, Suzanne Korey, and Byron Anderson regarding City College’s role in the project and the plan to establish a Resource Center for business/industry seminars, training, and curriculum development in San Francisco (I have been asked to chair the Statewide Project Advisory Committee.

2) Chaired the meeting of the College Advisory Council.

3) Attended the Fall Dinner of the Bay Area Consortium hosted by SFSU President Dr. Robert Corrigan at SFSU’s Chartwell Conference Center (special guest was Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent of Schools/SFUSD).
4) Attended and chaired meeting of the College Diversity Committee and discussed a range of topics related to post September 11th activities and other matters.

5) Attended a meeting of the Scholarship Committee and discussed future plans and opportunities.

6) Met with the Enhanced Self Study Coordinating Council to review and discuss recommendations from work groups.

7) Attended and chaired meeting of the Planning and Budgeting Council.

8) Attended and spoke at the memorial service for Stefan Ponek, Broadcasting Media Services employee.

9) Met with Steve Hale and Carmen Plaza de Jennings regarding status of negotiations.

10) Attended the Silver Spur Awards luncheon at the San Francisco Hilton Grand Ballroom.

11) Attended the AACC Fall Commission Meeting in Washington, D.C. Preceding the AACC meeting was an invitational Leadership Forum of community college CEOs sponsored by Pew Charitable Trust. Also met on Capitol Hill with key House and Senate staffers, National Science Foundation personnel, and White House personnel.

12) Met with Vice Chancellors Frances Lee, Don Griffin, and Peter Goldstein regarding Extra Reassign Time.

13) Attended a dinner of Swords to Plowshares at the Green Room of War Memorial Building where I was honored (along with Dr. Robert Corrigan, SFSU President), for our institutions’ role in providing educational opportunities to formerly homeless veterans.

14) Met with the Labor (SEIU 790)/Management Council to discuss future plans.

15) Met with AS President Rick Cantora to discuss issues related to AS initiatives and plans for the coming year.

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

17) Met with Dean Sandra Handler regarding CCSF’s response to WASC.

18) Met with Jon Rubin (PR firm, Bay Relations) and Martha Lucey to preview a commercial for television.
19) Attended a meeting of the Education Committee of the Board and presented an overview of the Education Master Plan in conjunction with Frances Lee and Deanna Abma.

20) Met with Pam Calloway, president of the Private Industry Council regarding workforce development issues.

21) Conducted a budget workshop for the Board of Trustees (with Peter Goldstein).

22) Was a panelist, along with Reverend Cecil Williams from Glide Memorial Church, and David Gruber from Workforce Strategy Center, at the City to City Leadership Exchange interest track forum focusing on workforce development held at the Glide Memorial Church. The event was sponsored by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, the City of Boston, and the University of Massachusetts Boston.

23) Met with Superintendent Arlene Ackerman regarding our lease agreement with SFUSD and discussed other matters (e.g. Joint Meeting).

24) Met with the new manager of Public Utilities Commission, Patricia Martel to discuss future plans re: Balboa Reservoir.

25) Met with leadership of AFT 2121 to discuss labor/management issues.

26) Met with the Administrator Council’s Executive Committee to discuss general planning issues.


28) Attended an Industry Welcome Breakfast at the Educated Palate.

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

Attachment

Please note that the attachments referenced in the Chancellor’s Monthly Report will be provided at the Board meeting. If interested parties would like copies of these materials forwarded to them, please contact the Chancellor’s office.

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