DATE: November 20, 2003

TO: Board of Trustees

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


Because of the limited timeframe since my last report (October) and this month’s meeting, my report this month will be very brief.

Aside from focusing on issues relevant to the District, clearly a lot of time has been devoted to responding to the Lumina Foundation grant announcement (see attached) for NATN. Trustee Carter and I traveled to Washington, D.C. for a special “News Briefing” on the grant announcement. The “briefing” was hosted by Mr. Patrick Swygert, President of Howard University and was attended by 2- and 4-year college representatives, students, representatives of the UNCF, Inc., HACU, Council of Great City Schools, NAFEO, American Indian Higher Education Association, AACC, and the American Council on Education. It was a great event and Trustee Carter spoke on behalf of the Board and did an excellent job of representing the District.

While in D.C., and earlier in the day, I was asked by the President of the American Council on Education to address the Washington Higher Education Secretariat” (see attached) on matters related to transfer and the efforts of voluntary consortium (NATN) which focus on the elimination of traditional barriers/constraints and prevent students from moving to complete baccalaureate studies in an efficient and orderly manner. Matters related to the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act currently being discussed in Congress were also addressed. Trustee Carter attended this session and not only was supportive but also engaged in the ensuing discussion.

While in Washington I also met with our governmental relations team, Public Policy Partners (Trey Barnes and Maureen Walsh) to discuss special efforts to promote funding opportunities for our Welcome Back Project (SFSU and CCSF). This project has been supported up until this time by the California Endowment but approaching a time period when those funds will be running out. I presented some background information to them (see attached) and we are exploring options for special funding that would A) help provide a continuous and sustained level of funding for Welcome Back; and B) establish the California-based model that has been developed by CCSF, in partnership with SFSU, as a national model for assisting foreign-trained immigrants to the U.S. in getting certified and licensed to practice medicine or health care in this country. We will continue to follow-up in this area and are hopeful that the program will receive additional support beyond what we have been able to leverage to date.

Additionally and while in D.C., I was able to attend AACC’s Fall National Commission Meetings. I
am a member of the Commission on Academic and Student Development. At the opening session, an overview was provided by George Boggs (AACC’s CEO) and David Baime (Vice President for Governmental Relations) on federal issues. A copy of the materials used in the briefing is also attached. Also attached is a copy of a recent study commissioned by Jobs for the Future, which you may find informative.

This week the “West Coast” briefing on the Lumina Foundation grant was held in City Hall. Former Trustee Jim Mayo, who some of you will recall was a consistent and avid supporter of expanded articulation and transfer opportunities for students of color, was present representing the United Negro College Fund. Olga Talamante, Executive Director of the Chicana/Latina Foundation and Dr. Eloise Brooks, Associated Superintendent for Instruction (representing Dr. Ackerman) were present as well. Trustee Rodis (who was also representing the Association of Asian/Pacific Islander Community College Trustees), Trustee Carter and Trustee Ramos were present. Additionally, Dr. Henry Augustine, Robert Clark, Ted Alfaro, Jorge Bell and others were present. Dr. Augustine spoke and also introduced two of his former students (Nicole Wise, a graduate of Spelman College; and Corwin Cooley, a graduate of Clark Atlanta University) who had graduated from City College and successfully transferred to out-of-state four-year schools (HBCUs). Special recognition and appreciation is extended to Dean Martha Lucey and her staff, along with Ann Zinn…all of whom did the necessary planning and logistical work for the briefing. Great job!!!

Additionally, I was involved in the following:

1) Attended a meeting of the Washington Higher Education Secretariat and made a presentation on the National Articulation Transfer Network. (Related Chancellor’s Objectives: 8.2)

2) Met with Madeline Mueller regarding the Performing and Media Arts Center. (Related CO’s: 7.0)

3) Met with Dean Jorge Bell and Olga Talamante, Executive Director of the Chicana/Latina Scholarship, Inc. regarding the annual C/L Scholarship Ceremony hosted by City College. (Related CO’s: 8.3)

4) Met with members of the College Advisory Council to discuss issues related to shared governance. (Related CO’s: 11.1)

5) Met with Dean Leslie Smith and Prof. Tim Killikelly regarding the statewide Voter Registration Project. (Related CO’s: 13.1)

6) Attended a Press Conference in City Hall on the NATN and the $2.5M Lumina Foundation grant. (Related CO’s: 8.2)

7) Met with officers of the Academic Senate to discuss a variety of issues and plans. (Related CO’s: 11.1)

8) Attended a Board Work Session at Gough to discuss the 4th quarter financial report, district-wide technology issues, and the National Articulation transfer Network. (Related CO’s: 8.2)
9) Met with Prof. Bonnie Gratch Lindauer regarding accreditation. (Related CO’s: 3.0)

10) Met with Darreald Etherley of the Department of Child Support Services about issues related to DCSS initiatives. (Related CO’s: 12.0)

11) Met with Bob Davis of the Music Department and others regarding the transgender issues. (Related CO’s: 8.0 and 11.0)

12) Met with officers of AFT 2121 to discuss issues, future plans, and matters related to negotiations. (Related CO’s: 11.0)

13) Met with Eunice Azzani of the CCSF Foundation Board regarding the Foundation and plans for a joint gathering with our Board of Trustees. (Related CO’s: 10.0)

14) Met with the OMI Renaissance Group, West of Twin Peaks Council, Westwood Park Association, and the Executive Board of the OMI Business League to update them on the EIR and Master Plan. (Related CO’s: 7.2)

15) Attended the Notice of Participation meeting on CCSF’s EIR and master planning process to brief the community on the planning to date and solicit ideas, suggestions, and reactions. (Related CO’s: 7.2)

16) Met with Gloriamarie Caluen, Student Trustee, to discuss future plans and development efforts related to students. (Related CO’s: 11.0 and 9.0)

17) Met with the College’s Labor Management Council to discuss relevant issues related to personnel. (Related CO’s: 11.0)

18) Met with the College’s Diversity Committee and discussed a number of issues and plans. (Related CO’s: 8.0)

19) Met with the Executive Committee of the Associated Students to discuss future plans. (Related CO’s: 11.0)

20) Met with members of the College Council to discuss a number of issues and plans for the second semester, budget matters, etc. (Related CO’s: 11.0)

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

Attachments

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