



Districtwide Executive Council

Monday, September 8, 2003
Heritage of the Americas Museum

MEETING NOTES

Present: O. Suarez, J. Althaus, M. Amov, J. Austin, T. Martinez, G. Perri, D. Quittner, P. Setzer, B. Smith, B. Tiffany

Absent: K. Brauer, J. Correia, C. McMahan, M. Meador, R. Rose

Others Present: Peter Anderson (representing J. Correia); B. Eygenhuysen (representing C. McMahan)

Recorder: M. Watkins

Review of September 16, 2003, Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Suarez reviewed the agenda for the September 16 Governing Board meeting.

- *Item 201—Federal Legislative Program for 2003-2004:* Quittner explained revisions to the Program. She will provide Districtwide Executive Council members with copies of the Program. Eygenhuysen suggested including Homeland Security. Additional comments should be forwarded to Quittner.
- *Item 202—Resolution 04-008—Authorizing Execution of the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement Creating the Water Conservation Authority:* Perri summarized the amendments, which provide for changes in membership. The Resolution and proposed changes have been reviewed by District Legal Counsel.
- *Item 503—Resolution 04-009—Reduction of Service and Layoff of Classified Employee:* Eygenhuysen explained that, with elimination of work performed by a District employee assigned to the AmeriCorps Program at Grossmont College, it may be necessary to layoff a classified employee. Transfer opportunities will be considered before a layoff is effected.
- *Item 652—2003-2004 Institutional Memberships:* Suarez reported that the Presidents are going through the membership list and will eliminate any that aren't necessary in an attempt to be as conservative as possible.

Pre-Board Meeting Presentation/Tour

Suarez announced that there will be a pre-Board meeting presentation/tour at 5:30 p.m., September 16, featuring the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Department.

Budget Update

Suarez reported there will be a special Board Adoption Budget workshop meeting October 7, 6:30 p.m., at the Griffin Gate. The Adoption Budget will be presented to the Board for approval October 21. With regard to the State budget, Suarez commented that the District is looking at its responsibilities, taking into consideration additional increases in costs. Collective bargaining activities have begun with the United Faculty and CSEA, and the District will work with the Administrators' Association and the Supervisory/Confidential group as well. He invited observations from the group.

Austin reported that the income from the State will be \$1 million less than last year, along with significant increases in mandated and fixed costs. He added that the LAO economic forecaster at a recent budget workshop in Sacramento indicated that the economy is beginning to recover, and the probability that there will be mid-year cuts this year is unlikely.

Eygenhuysen commented that the District had a \$330,000 increase in Workers' Compensation, and reforms will come too late to have a positive effect on our premium for next year.

Suarez reported there is a lot of information regarding the State budget on the web, which presents the dismal scenario that there may be another \$8-\$10 billion deficit in the coming year. He added that the legislative report at the SDICCCA meeting this date was also gloomy.

In response to a question by Setzer, Quittner explained that Property Tax Backfill legislation (AB 1417) and Equalization have been combined. The original bill was gutted, and amendments will include language dealing with both issues.

Proposition R Update

Austin reported that the Colleges accomplished a lot with their summer projects. Cuyamaca had 30 classrooms worked on; the Grossmont quad will be open soon. The big capital projects are being ramped up. Gafcon now has trailers on both campuses, and there are 38 task forces working on the various projects. Suarez, commenting on the lack of complaints given the imposition to faculty and staff, invited comments from DEC members. It was agreed that people are appreciative of what is being accomplished. Amov commented that a complaint department has received virtually no complaints about Proposition R projects. Eygenhuysen added that there have been next to no incidents or complaints filed.

District Operating Procedures

Procedure PE20—Cooperative Career Education/Work Experience, Community Service Learning, Internship, and Field Experience Assignments, was distributed to DEC for review. Comments should be forwarded to Paula Tillery. Amov reported that the United Faculty, in negotiations with the District, developed an outline for the procedure. He presented a history of the issue, and explained that an attempt is being made to treat the programs as classes, as they are listed accordingly in the class schedules, and students receive unit credit. In response to a question from Smith regarding whether there is anything the Academic Senates should be aware of, Amov indicated that, while there have been complaints from faculty members about the proposed procedure, he is not free to discuss the issues at this time. Suarez reported that, from his and the Board's perspective, the contract is clear regarding the responsibilities of faculty and administration; however, this has gotten out of hand, and the procedure will clarify and rectify the issue in the way it was meant to be in the contract. Beyond that, the District will continue serving students.

Joint DEC/DSPBC Meeting

Suarez announced there will be a joint meeting of the Districtwide Executive and the Districtwide Strategic Planning and Budget Councils. Austin added there were conflicts with the date originally chosen, and the joint meeting is now tentatively scheduled on September 30. The date and time will be confirmed and forwarded to DEC/DSPBC members.

DEC Meeting Notes

The August 11, 2003, DEC meeting notes were distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

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