

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR
AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING, EFFECTIVENESS AND
GOVERNANCE, TEACHING AND LEARNING, ADVANCEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP,
RESOURCES AND EQUITY COMMITTEES
OF JANUARY 4, 2022

Vice President Alcalá called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office, Board Room, 3801 Market Street, Riverside, California and via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Trustees Present

Jose Alcalá, Vice President
Virginia Blumenthal, Secretary (via Zoom)
Mary Figueroa, Member (via Zoom)
Tracey Vackar, Member (via Zoom)
Jack Harris, Student Trustee

Trustees Absent

Bill Hedrick, President

Staff Present

Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac, Chancellor
Mr. Aaron Brown, Vice Chancellor, Business & Finance
Ms. Tammy Few, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources and Employee Relations
Ms. Rebecah Goldware, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Advancement and Economic Development
Dr. Monica Green, President, Norco College
Dr. Gregory Anderson, President, Riverside City College

Guests Present

Dr. Lijuan Zhai, Associate Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness
Mr. Carlos Lopez, Vice President, Academic Affairs

Student Trustee Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vackar moved, Figueroa seconded that the Board of Trustees approve Trustee Bill Hedrick's absence as excused. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dr. Isaac reported that a meeting was held this morning that included the Chancellor's Cabinet, leadership from the Senate, CTA, CSEA, Management Association, Associated Student Government, Student Trustee, and key members of staff from the district. The discussion was productive and they developed a unified response to the rapid spread of the Omicron COVID-19 variant as it pertained to the Winter term. Dr. Isaac provided a brief overview of the Omicron impact in the U.S. He emphasized the importance of the booster and how the protection after the booster can increase up to 80%. Dr. Isaac indicated that during the meeting, the team made a strong recommendation to have a redefinition of "fully vaccinated" to include three doses, including the booster, as compared to the

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two doses. Therefore, a resolution for the Board's consideration and approval will be brought forward to the next meeting. Due to the great deal of anxiety, together, the team reviewed different approaches other institutions are taking for the start of the term which include: a change to the format of instruction for the first two weeks to online, then face-to-face thereafter; a change to the academic calendar, delaying the start of the Winter quarter/semester; and staying the course – no changes. Since universities do not have a 6-week term and not many community colleges have a Winter term, the team developed their own recommendation. Today, enrollment for the Winter term is up at almost 88% of target. The student vaccination status for Winter term enrollment is close to two-thirds for fully vaccinated and one-third for unvaccinated. Only fully vaccinated students are allowed in the face-to-face and hybrid sections. These primary sections constitute a quarter of the offerings. Online sections are three quarters of the offerings. The disciplines that require labs, field work, clinicals, and studios, constitute nine percent of the face-to-face sections. Therefore, the recommendation made this morning by the team requested the Chancellor to implement all courses (lectured based) that can be safely transitioned to online will be transitioned online effective immediately. The other courses with disciplines identified previously will remain face-to-face. Those that attend classes at Ben Clark Training Center will continue to be tested weekly and continue with their hands-on training. Dr. Isaac stated that it is important that we recognize to commit to the provisions of the legal mandate of the accommodations to both employees and students alike. The team also agreed that the full range of Student Support Services will be available both online and face-to-face. The objective is to continue offering the full range of student support services while keeping the students, faculty and staff as safe as possible. Dr. Isaac reiterated the importance of the booster shot and the proposed resolution. Testing for COVID infections will continue at the colleges. Rapid testing antigen kits are also being ordered and will be distributed to the colleges. Dr. Isaac added that the team requested a forecasting system with tipping points to avoid last minute decisions and to help plan ahead. Dr. Isaac, therefore, informed the Board of the recommendations discussed to be implemented immediately for the next 6 weeks and in the process, the team will be planning how to handle Spring 2022 term. Dr. Isaac added that messaging will continue to be provided by email and detail will be provided by the colleges to the professor.

Committee Chair Virginia Blumenthal convened the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Committee members in attendance: Academic Senate Representatives: Mr. Felipe Galicia, Moreno Valley College, Dr. Virgil Lee, Norco College, and Dr. Mark Sellick,

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Riverside City College/RCCD (via Zoom); CTA
Representative: Dr. Rhonda Taube (via Zoom); and CSEA
Representative: Ms. Casandra Greene.

Mr. Aaron Brown, Dr. Jeannie Kim, Ms. Tammy Few and Ms. Rebeccah Goldware provided an overview and shared presentations to the Committee on the District Office Strategic Plan Update. Discussion followed.

District Office Strategic Plan Update

The committee adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Adjourned.

Vice President Jose Alcala convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Committee members in attendance: Academic Senate Representatives: Mr. Felipe Galicia, Moreno Valley College, Dr. Virgil Lee, Norco College, and Dr. Mark Sellick, Riverside City College/RCCD (via Zoom); CTA Representative: Dr. Rhonda Taube (via Zoom); and CSEA Representative: Ms. Casandra Greene.

ADVANCEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ms. Rebeccah Goldware shared an application to the Committee for the Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. This item will be presented to the Board for approval at the January 18, 2022 regular meeting. Discussion followed.

Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Application

The committee adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Adjourned.

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ADJOURNMENT

Official Minutes
Approved on 02/15/2022

Certified By: 