

# COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT District Governance Council Meeting Summary

September 9, 2013

## CALL TO ORDER

Cabinet members present were:

**Lori Adrian**, President, Coastline Community College  
**James Andrews**, representing Vice Chancellor, Human Resources  
**Wes Bryan**, President, Golden West College  
**Denise Cabanel-Bleuer**, President, Academic Senate, Orange Coast College  
**Gregg Carr**, President, Academic Senate, Golden West College  
**Julie Clevenger**, President, Association of Confidential Employees  
**Andrew Dunn**, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administrative Services  
**Julie Frazier-Mathews**, Secretary of the Board  
**Ann French**, Chair, Classified Senate, Coastline Community College  
**Rachel Gajardo**, Student Representative, Orange Coast College  
**Trudie Giordano**, Co-Chair, Classified Leadership, District  
**Pedro Gutierrez**, President, Academic Senate, Coastline Community College  
**Dennis Harkins**, President, Orange Coast College  
**Ann Holliday**, representing President, Coast Federation of Educators  
**Andrew Jones**, Chancellor/CEO  
**Connie Marten**, Chair, Classified Connection, Golden West College  
**Ann Nicholson**, President, Coast Federation of Classified Employees  
**Madjid Niroumand**, representing President, Coast District Management Association  
**Andreea Serban**, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services & Technology

Also in attendance was:

**Nancy Sprague**, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor

**Chancellor Jones** called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room at Coastline Community College, College Center.

## District Governance Council Charge and Membership

### Discussion:

- Council members shared feedback on the draft *Charge and Membership* document that was distributed and discussed at the August 12, 2013, meeting. A significant amount of feedback focused on two issues:
  - inclusion of a student representative from each college in addition to the Student Trustee (a total of four student representatives), versus inclusion of the Student Trustee only (one student representative), as proposed on the draft *Charge and Membership* document
    - A rationale for increasing the student membership to one student rep per site was that the campuses are vastly different and it would stand to reason that their interests/votes may vary. The rationale against was that the position of Student Trustee is a representative voice for all students' interests, and should be able to do so in all governance situations.
  - inclusion of bargaining unit representatives as Council members with full voting privileges, versus participation as Resource members without voting privileges, as proposed on the draft document
    - The rationale for allowing union reps to vote was to promote inclusiveness, collegiality, and student success, and to balance out governance between all constituent groups. The rationale against was that it blurred the lines between

union purview (wages, hours, working conditions) and participatory governance issues.

- It was noted that a governance overlap may exist between constituent bodies elected for open dialogue, such as the Senates, and that of collective bargaining units, which are closed-door operations. This dichotomy may inherently contribute to non-resolution of issues.
- With respect to voting privileges, it was pointed out that the District Governance Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Chancellor and has historically served as a consultative body as opposed to a voting body.
- A concern was voiced that, without voting privileges, Resource members may be less inclined to participate in meetings where their voice isn't counted.
- **Vice Chancellor Serban** referenced Ed Code and Title 5 as it relates to participatory governance. Academic Senates are mentioned in Title 5 to appoint or represent faculty relative to participatory governance. Title 5 states that classified staff will have effective opportunities to take part in policies that affect them.
- Other recommendations to the draft *Charge and Membership* document included:
  - Changing the word "appoints" in the first sentence that reads, "The Chancellor appoints a District Governance Council to serve as the District-wide communication, planning, and review forum on matters pertaining to major issues affecting the District." The request was to allay concerns that the Chancellor would appoint/change membership at will.
  - A balancing of governance among constituent groups by having the Chancellor as the only District representative on the Council, with other constituent leaders representing their respective Colleges; or having the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors participate as Resource members without voting privileges.
- **Chancellor Jones** thanked everyone for their input, adding that a very real value of this group is the opportunity to promote dialogue and communication.

**Action:**

- **Chancellor Jones** announced that today's feedback would be compiled and sent to District Governance Council members, ideally by September 12 so the Senates are able to vote at their upcoming meetings. At the next DGC meeting on September 23, a recommendation will be made with respect to the draft *Charge and Membership* document.
- **Chancellor Jones** indicated that a primer on participatory governance may be beneficial, and stated that information will be forthcoming. He added that both the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) and the College Brain Trust consulting team recommended a more defined participatory governance mechanism.

**Review of Board Policies and Procedures**

(Summary pending)

**IT Service Catalog**

(Summary pending)

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:

September 23, 2013, 8:30 a.m.

Golden West College

President's Conference Room

Recorded by Nancy Sprague