

DISTRICT CONSULTATION COUNCIL
November 27, 2023

SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yasmine Andrawis, Byron D. Clift Breland, Jennifer Carey, Treisa Cassens, Jennifer Combs, Christie Diep, Jean Foster, Cherry Li-Bugg, Elaine Loayza, Kathleen McAlister, Cynthia Olivo, Jeremy Peters, Valentina Purtell, Jesus Ramirez Jr., Jeanette Rodriguez, JoAnna Schilling, Chloe Serrano, Pamela Spence, Kai Stearns, and Fred Williams.

VISITORS: Gail Arriola-Nickell, Danielle Davy, Tyler Deacy, David Prokopenko, and Gabrielle Stanco.

Chancellor Byron D. Clift Breland called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Summary: The summary of the October 23, 2023 meeting was approved as submitted.

STRATEGIC GOALS & PLANNING

Educational & Facilities Master Plan Refresh 2023: The creation of the original Educational & Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) was conducted at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, the document included a plan to revisit the EFMP in three years to better understand how the pandemic reshaped the educational goals and standards. As a result, the District contracted the original EFMP consultants from Brailsford & Dunleavy and MRY to review and refresh the 2020 EFMP and reconstituted the EFMP Steering Committee to guide the process. The purpose of the EFMP refresh is to review and assess the changing educational landscape post pandemic, to update the facilities construction priorities as a result, and to also update any language or initiatives that were outdated or needed revision.

David Prokopenko, Brailsford & Dunleavy consultant, conducted a presentation which provided an executive overview of the purpose, schedule, and process used during the EFMP Refresh. The 2023 Refresh looked at regional trends, student enrollment, instruction modalities, historical trends, job trends, and growing industries. He highlighted that four of the District strategic directions remained the same, but the physical environment direction changed from the focus on facilities, to flexible learning environments. The presentation also included data integration to illustrate how campus spaces and rooms are used districtwide, and recommendations for project priorities for Cypress College, Fullerton College, and NOCE.

During the discussion, members asked why the classified representatives on the committee weren't listed, clarification on the definition of "in-person," and where the K-12 enrollment decline data and the classroom utilization data were from. Members also requested that the presentation be shared so that they could gather feedback from their constituents.

Winter Intersession Survey & Discussion: Kathleen McAlister, Cypress College Academic Senate President, presented this item to share concerns about the language and options provided in the United Faculty intersession survey and to share information regarding the intersession format, timeframes, and offerings at other colleges, and also to discuss the continued need for meaningful faculty consultation regarding intersession options.

Christie Diep, United Faculty President, spoke first and said this agenda item was inappropriate and that the District could face an unfair practice charge for negotiating outside of negotiations. She stated that United Faculty could not engage in the discussion because union business does not belong on a shared governance meeting agenda and that the District cannot directly deal with members under PERB and EERA rules.

Chancellor Byron D. Cliff Breland noted that winter intersession was not negotiated, and that there is a difference between negotiations and the impact.

Kathleen McAlister pointed out that winter intersession has already been discussed by DCC and the focus is on the joint senate resolution regarding consultation. She stated that United Faculty survey suggestions were previously provided at a DCC meeting, but the survey that was distributed was both misleading and leading, and that no opportunity to discuss the survey at the United Faculty meeting was allowed because public comment was canceled.

Chancellor Cliff Breland stated that discussing the process that was followed at a DCC meeting was not appropriate and extended an invitation to meet with the Senate and United Faculty leadership to resolve the matter outside of DCC. He emphasized that he did not want to interfere with negotiations or Ten Plus One matters, but rather sit down and talk.

Kathleen McAlister stated that she is being silenced everywhere and as a result the voice of the Senate is not being heard and being bypassed. She recommended a Collegiality in Action visit from the state academic senate. Christie Diep responded that a CTA visit is also needed.

Chancellor Cliff Breland stressed that no one is being silenced, but instead it is a matter of the appropriate time and place for the discussion and reiterated his willingness to meet.

Sustainability Electric Vehicle Charging Rate: Fred Williams, Vice Chancellor of Finance & Facilities, introduced discussion on electric vehicle charging rates. In an effort to address increasing energy costs across the State, and to be consistent with local Electric Vehicle (EV) charging rates in the City of Fullerton, the District will begin to charge for usage of its EV stations at a rate of \$0.35 per kWh for the first 4 hours and \$5.00 per hour thereafter, to incentivize keeping the space free for other drivers.

The EV charging program at Fullerton College began in 2016 with 6 plugs on the south side of the Lemon Parking Structure; in 2021, another 44 ports were added and a meter was installed to separately track their electricity usage. During the 2021-22 academic school year, the 50 ports were only being utilized 15-22% of the time. As the community returned to campus, that utilization has increased to approximately 63%, and continues to rise each semester. At the beginning of the program in 2016, the EV chargers were free to use. At the time the meter was separated in 2021, it was costing around \$700/month to operate the charging array. Today, they cost an average of \$3,360/month to operate and costs totaled \$40,316.27 for the last 12 months. No fee has been implemented to date. In the community surrounding Fullerton College, there are no free charging ports outside of those reserved for residents of closed off apartment complexes. Most public ports in the neighborhood charge between \$0.35 and \$0.40 per kWh.

The proposed charging rate of \$0.35 per kWh fits within the lower end of this range. Annually, this would generate roughly \$100,000, after 10% is kept by the station vendor, ChargePoint. This would provide enough revenue to pay off the electricity costs associated with the panels, as well as fund maintenance on the equipment.

Tyler Deacy, Fullerton College Director of Sustainability, provided a short presentation highlighting the issues to consider, current Fullerton College usage, operational costs for the past year, what other institutions are currently charging, and a recommendation to model the CSUF system with a public rate and a subsidized rate for students. Any funds collected over the breakeven point would be reinvested in sustainability projects.

During the discussion, Vice Chancellor Fred Williams voiced concern regarding the costs associated with tracking and monitoring costs, future maintenance costs, and the fact that some classified positions are funded with parking lot funds.

Members noted that it would be helpful to know what each kWh per hour costs to determine what the average hourly rate is, that currently there are no idling fees or penalties for staying in the spaces, that employees and students shouldn't receive free charges, and that free charging stations could incentivize employees to drive electric vehicles.

Subsequent to the discussion it was noted that the item would be presented to the Board at the December 12 meeting and would be implemented at their direction.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW

PACE Climate Survey for Community Colleges: Gabrielle Stanco, District Director, Research, Planning and Data Management, and Cherry Li-Bugg, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Technology, presented information regarding the PACE survey results from 2023 which was designed by the Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research and collected employee feedback on the District's mission, leadership, decision-making, and communication as well as the racial climate of our campuses. NOCCCD administered the survey in spring 2021 and spring 2023, so trend comparisons will also be shared and discussed.

During the discussion, members asked if the results are presented to the Board, noted the survey was too long which impacted participation, whether the PACE survey is benchmarked with other California community colleges, whether there has been any movement based on survey participation, and a request that the data presented be shared with members.

Institutional Effectiveness Coordinating Committee Council Restructuring: The Institutional Effectiveness Coordinating Council (IECC) is the District shared governance committee charged with making recommendations to District Consultation Council (DCC) on policies, planning, and other matters related to research, accreditation, and mandated reporting (e.g., MIS). In recent years, IECC has struggled to meet quorum due to low attendance. The return to in-person meetings due to the sunset of the remote Brown Act has compounded attendance challenges. Therefore, it is recommended that DCC consider reconstituting the IECC into an organizational group advising the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services & Technology. This restructuring would allow more flexibility in the format and timing of the meetings but would still allow for valuable input from the constituent groups that are part of the council.

During the discussion, members asked if the committee composition would also change (it would not) and also suggested the following: making attendance mandatory or disbanding the committee, revisiting the purpose to make it more interesting for participants, and keeping IECC because it provides opportunities to engage in discussion which are important.

Ultimately it was agreed to form the “Districtwide Research and Planning Group” as organizational group and keep IECC as is. IECC will meet on an as needed basis when the newly formed group needs to provide a recommendation to DCC.

POLICY

New BP 3830, Flying of National, State, and Commemorative Flags: Chancellor Byron D. Clift Breland led a third reading of proposed BP 3830, Flying of National, State, and Commemorative Flags after having requested constituent group feedback at prior DCC meetings. The draft policy included revisions received from the Cypress College President’s Advisory Council, the Fullerton College Faculty Senate, CSEA, and suggestions from the Cypress College Academic Senate.

Other points that were raised included: the difference between nationally or state recognized flags; the need to reach out to District affinity groups who might not be aware of the current discussions; the raising of the Juneteenth flag which occurs outside of Black History Month; a suggestion to change “months” to “dates” to commemorate groups that occur outside of their designated month; and how flags will be selected.

Chancellor Clift Breland noted that the opportunity to include the operational aspects would come via the corresponding administrative procedure and asked members to view the proposed board policy via that lens.

During the discussion, members reviewed new proposed language in section 3.3 outlining a process for requesting the flying of additional flags which were accepted. Subsequent to the discussion, **there was consensus to approve BP 3830 and forward it to the Board for their consideration.**

OTHER

2024 DCC Meeting Locations: Chancellor Byron D. Clift Breland shared that due to construction at the Anaheim Campus, the first floor of the building must be vacated beginning January 2024. After discussing the possibility of hosting DCC meetings on the campuses on a rotating basis, it was agreed to meet on the tenth floor of the Anaheim Campus in the Resource Library.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.