
CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District

Special Meeting of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Committee

Date: March 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

Board of Trustees Conference Room

1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Procedural Matters

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Howald called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
2. **In Attendance** – Chair Walt Howald; Vice Chair Jim Moreno; Chancellor Dr. Ding-Jo Currie; Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Educational Services John Breihan; Orange Coast College President Dr. Dennis Harkins; Coastline Community College Interim President Dr. Marilyn Brock; Golden West College President Wes Bryan; Golden West College Vice President of Instruction Dr. Lois Miller; Orange Coast College Vice President of Instruction Melinda Nish; Coastline Community College Dean Dr. Joumana McGowan; Orange Coast College Dean of Technology Dr. Doug Benoit; Orange Coast College Interim Dean Ed Fratanaro; Orange Coast College Career & Technical Education Director Corine Doughty; Golden West College Dean Omid Pourzanjani; District Marketing and Public Relations Director Martha Parham; Townsend Public Affairs Representative Sean Fitzgerald; and Secretary of the Board of Trustees Dr. Christian Teeter.

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no requests to address the Committee during Public Comment.

4. **Approval of Minutes: Meeting of February 2, 2010**

It was moved by Mr. Moreno and seconded by Chair Howald to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 Career Technical Education Committee meeting.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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| Aye: | Mr. Howald and Mr. Moreno |
| No: | None |
| Absent: | None |

5. **Further Consideration and Discussion of the American Graduation Initiative**

- a. Report on District Proposals
- b. Status of Letters to Be Sent
- c. Legislative Status

Mr. Fitzgerald commented that health care continues to dominate the legislative agenda in Washington, D.C., but that there would be focus on the American Graduation Initiative. He added that additional lobbying would be taking place and that a letter from

the District on the matter would be timely. Dr. Currie noted that there was broad support throughout the education system for support of the American Graduation Initiative. The Committee requested that Ms. Parham provide restructured letters for advocacy concerning the American Graduation Initiative after March 12, and to work with Townsend Public Affairs and the Board of Trustees Office to finalize them.

6. Report on CTE Graduation Rates

Dr. Currie noted that complete graduation rates are not currently tracked, adding that there are specific programs for which the graduation rates are tracked. Mr. Breihan provided information to the Committee concerning other graduation rates. Mr. Breihan noted the challenges of measuring the rates and summarized graduation statistics for the Committee. Mr. Breihan noted that a discussion could take place on how this information should be provided. Ms. Nish provided input also on the challenges of measuring the statistics and noted the concern about measuring “apples and oranges” in the measurements. Trustees commented on the possibility of a common way to measure these types of statistics to assist in lobbying efforts, and Trustee Moreno indicated that a report could be provided showing a breakdown for programs at each campus, such as ARC, Biennial etc. Mr. Breihan added that there is already extensive program review being done at each campus that provides useful information. Dr. Currie indicated that Mr. Breihan and the District research department could prepare a streamlined report for the District office, and Trustee Howald asked Mr. Breihan about the timing of this report. This will be re-addressed at the April meeting.

7. Status Report on CTE-related Veterans Services

a. Information to Board of Governors ?

Mr. Bryan reported that Golden West College had hosted Veterans services events. He stated that there are 750 registered Veterans and added that there is a “disconnect” with those registered. Mr. Bryan noted that the college had applied for a Veterans Resource Center project. Mr. Breihan reported that Veterans are given priority registration at the campuses. Mr. Howald requested the number of Veterans attending the colleges of the Coast Community College District. Ms. Nish noted that OCC had 382 Veterans receiving benefits, but that several thousand students indicated they were Veterans. She noted the challenges of separating the number of Veterans into a CTE-related category. Ms. Doughty discussed federal funding levels for Veterans services, including Perkins Loans. Mr. Howald requested that Mr. Breihan follow up with Ms. Doughty for more information. Mr. Moreno asked about the status of Veterans services offices. Ms. Nish noted that there is space on the OCC campus but that a center has not been established due to funding issues, adding that the campus continues to focus on ways to serve Veterans in the absence of a specific center.

Mr. Howald asked that the Veterans issue be brought back to a future agenda and that there be additional information submitted to the Board of Governors.

8. Status Report on Student Services in CTE Areas at Golden West College

Items from the February 2, 2010 meeting were briefly discussed concerning student services at Golden West College. Committee members discussed their interest in trends and statistics on CTE student services issues.

9. Status Report on CTE Grants

Mr. Fitzgerald provided an overview of Federal funding and grant opportunities. Mr. Howald asked Mr. Fitzgerald to provide a report at the April meeting on the status of funding opportunities and their positions in various committees in Congress.

10. Pursuit of Liaison with Workforce Investment Board?

Committee members and staff discussed the District's relationship with the Workforce Investment Board, and the possibility of increased collaboration. Given that a District staff member currently is a member of the County Workforce Investment Board, concerns were noted about a conflict of interest given the District's role as a contractor for the County's One-Stop Centers through Workforce Investment Act funding.

11. Discussion of Career Technical Education Reception

Committee members confirmed that the Career Technical Education reception was scheduled for March 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., at the District Office.

12. Proposed Fee Increase Impact to CTE

Committee members and staff discussed the Legislative Analyst's proposal to increase fees and to adjust the community college system's growth funding model.

13. Set Future Meeting Dates

The Committee set April 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. for the next Career Technical Education Committee Meeting.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Moreno and seconded by Chair Howald to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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| Aye: | Mr. Howald and Mr. Moreno |
| No: | None |
| Absent: | None |

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees