Minutes of January 13, 2022

Members Present: Cecilia Aguinaga, Alberta Christy, Paul Gonzales, Drew Hatcher, Kenneth Nguyen, Irma Avila Macias, Barbara "Bobbie" Rooker, Teresa Saldivar and Martha Uriarte

District Staff Present: Marvin Martinez, Iris Ingram, Annebelle Nery, Carri Matsumoto and Kennethia Vega

Guests: Leisa Schumacher

1. Call to Order/Introductions: Mr. Hatcher called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and introductions were completed. There were no requests for public comments.

2. Annual Organizational Meeting
   - Election of Committee Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)
     Mr. Hatcher made a motion to self-nominate and continue as Chair. Ms. Christy seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Aguinaga made a motion to self-nominate as Vice Chair. Ms. Christy seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.
   - Confirmation of meeting dates and times for 2022 – The 2022 meeting schedule was confirmed including June 16, 2022 and tentative to meet in September or October as needed. Ms. Christy made a motion to approve the meeting date schedule for 2022 as presented. Ms. Aguinaga seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
   - Affirmation of Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws and Ethics Policy Statement
     Members reviewed the Bylaws and Ethics Policy Statement. Members of the Measure Q Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee agreed to accept the responsibilities outlined in the Bylaws and affirm the Ethics Policy Statement with the words “I do”. The action was unanimous.
   - Committee Membership update was provided as information. Recently the RSCCD Board of Trustees took action to re-appointment members Paul Gonzales through January 2024, Irma Avila Macias through January 2024 and Martha Uriarte through June 2022. Re-appointed members were congratulated and thanked for their service.

3. Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2021
   Ms. Aguinaga made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting as presented. Ms. Macias seconded the motion. With no comments, edits or questions, the motion passed unanimously.

4. District Update – Martinez
   Chancellor Martinez provided a brief update congratulating Chair Hatcher and Vice Chair Aguinaga. He also extended appreciation to the committee for their support and participation on the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee holding the District accountable and on track with public funds for these specialized projects. He introduced and acknowledged new SAC President, Dr. Annebelle Nery. He briefly reported on fall enrollment at SAC that increased by 8.26%, the highest in the State. Winter intersession began on January 3, 2022 and Spring
Semester will begin on February 7. SAC projections indicate a continuation of positive enrollment and above cap. The RSCCD Board of Trustees at their meeting on January 10 approved a redistricting map. There are still seven trustee areas with five areas having 50% or more Latino voters. The next step is to approve the resolution that identifies the map as approved and submit to the County and State. On January 24, the RSCCD Board will conduct a special meeting to hear the results of the polling survey for a potential new bond measure. Polling results are much more favorable at 65% and that is better than those received a few years ago in 2019. Chancellor Martinez continued to review the next steps as the RSCCD Board considers a potential bond measure. He also summarized projected enrollment increases for SAC while surrounding OC districts continue to decline in enrollment. In concluding his report, Chancellor Martinez discussed AB927 the proposed legislation to allow community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees similar to the current program at SAC for Occupational Studies. Discussion ensued.

5. Measure Q Projects Update - Matsumoto
Ms. Matsumoto provided a brief update on the Measure Q projects noting construction is complete and both projects are wrapping up fiscally. The Johnson Student Center is open and utilized. Moves are in motion for the Science Center with minor items to be resolved including the investigation of the exterior plaster on the building. Exterior cracking has become visible and needs to be resolved. The intent is to work on the punch list, complete corrective measures and financially close out the projects. There are supply disruptions, furniture delays due to COVID that has affected the move-in schedule. Additionally, this office has been working with the colleges since the summer to update the facility master plans, which can support and identify needs for a potential bond project list. Discussion continued on the potential balance, undetermined eligible projects which may include the Health Science Center and the campus improvement entrance project when Russell Hall is demolished. If there is a balance, eligible projects will be evaluated and identified for appropriate funding.

6. Measure Q Financial Update – Ingram
Ms. Ingram referenced the Measure Q financial update and noted recent updates to be complete within the month and for the next meeting. The information is very much the same and on track as the office continues to close out the financials and contracts. As stated by Ms. Matsumoto, there may be an ending balance of $3-$4 million for other eligible projects at SAC.

Ms. Ingram referenced the audit report as unremarkable and without exception – which is a good thing – it confirms that RSCCD has met all compliance requirements under the law as confirmed by the auditors. Ms. Christy expressed great acclamation for the AAA rating, so that the SAC community can have confidence that CBOC is doing things right. Ms. Christy further noted that expenditures were appropriate in accordance with voter-approved bond project list, process, and proceeds were not used for administrative salaries or expenditures. This confirms the auditor’s statement that CBOC kept their word and it is important for the community to have that confidence in the use of public funds – they can trust us.

Ms. Christy made a motion to receive and accept the financial and performance audits for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 as presented. Cecilia Aguinaga seconded the motion. With no questions, comments or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Santa Ana College Update – Nery
President Nery provided a brief introduction of herself and shared enrollment updates for credit and noncredit at Santa Ana College. As continuing education continues to grow, a need for more ESL instructors at the various sites within the community of Santa Ana has increased too. Currently, there are six introductory and free Career Education programs offered in
biotechnology, diesel, manufacturing technology, pharmacy technology, theatre arts and welding technology. Newly created articulation agreements will provide easy access and transition to SAC credit programs. SAC continues to offer free COVID testing to students, staff and the community and hosted several vaccination clinics at various sites within the community. SAC collaborated with Northgate to host a successful toy drive in December. Then on December 7, SAC and ABC7 Spark of Love filled multiple OCTA buses with toys for distribution to needy families throughout Orange County. The new Science Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting is Wednesday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m. followed by a private reception hosted by the SAC Foundation. The SAC Ed Arnold Classic Golf Tournament is May 9 at the Mission Viejo Country Club. Dr. Nery concluded her report commenting on recent meetings with various dignitaries within and around Santa Ana with the intent to enhance partnerships.

9. Committee Comments
   Members made various comments, congratulating Dr. Nery as SAC President, Chair Hatcher, Vice Chair Aguinaga and extending Happy New Year sentiments. Ms. Christy announced the upcoming SAC President’s Circle event on February 10 at the Newport Beach Country Club. Mr. Hatcher commended RSCCD administration and staff for the support and wonderful work accomplished through Measure Q.

10. Adjournment
    The next meeting is June 16 at 6:00 p.m. and dependent upon current pandemics guidelines may be in-person or via zoom, staff will be in touch to coordinate.

    Ms. Christy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.