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Message from Chancellor Mark Drummond regarding Board of Governors Motion on Assessment

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Dear Community College Partners and Friends:

Improving student success is at the core of the System Strategic Plan that was adopted by the Board of Governors on January 17, 2006. Improvement in the achievement of students unprepared for college level work is the largest and perhaps most challenging aspect of this effort. The Strategic Plan places an emphasis on promoting college readiness and providing programs and services that enable all students to achieve their educational and career goals. Our ability to develop methods to more effectively assess student preparedness levels is fundamental to achieving this goal. Recognizing the importance of this issue, the Board of Governors (BOG) held a special session on March 4th devoted to assessment and student success. The session began with a presentation I made on factors leading to an economic and social collision that will result from divergent skill distributions, the changing economy and demographic trends as described in the ETS report "America's Perfect Storm". Pat Callan, President of The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education addressed some of the same issues that he has highlighted in his "Measuring Up" higher education report card. Following a staff presentation on the system's current approach to assessment as a component of matriculation services, Karen Halliday, President of Las Positas College described their efforts to require orientation and assessment for more students. Findings related to assessment and placement from the recently released Review of Literature and Effective Practices for Basic



Message from the Chancellor, cont...



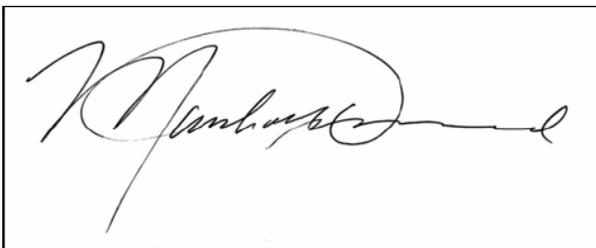
Skills as a Foundation for Student Success, recommendations from the Consultation Council's Matriculation Assessment Task Force chaired by Mark Wade Lieu, Vice President of the Academic Senate and a legal analysis of the Board's authority to alter assessment policy were also reviewed, followed by public comment. Based on the discussion, there was consensus among members of the BOG that some changes to existing policies may be necessary and that additional steps must be taken to further explore this complex issue before making any final policy recommendations. At their subsequent meeting on March 6th, the BOG heard public comment on the assessment topic and engaged in more discussion. At the conclusion of this discussion, the BOG unanimously adopted the following motion: "The Chancellor is directed to begin the process of evaluating the implementation of a system-wide uniform, common assessment with multiple measures of all community college students in consultation with the Community College League of California, Academic Senate and other community college partners for consideration and adoption by the Board of Governors by no later than November 2007. This evaluation shall be in concert with the System Strategic Plan and implementation process. In addition, and integral to the above, the Chancellor shall study policy strategies for consideration by the Board of Governors in the following areas: non-barrier access; student success; early assessment; orientation; prerequisites; failure to participate; funding; and exemptions." In adopting this motion, the BOG recognizes the complexity and sensitivity of issues surrounding this topic and the importance of involving all stakeholders in the evaluation. They also recognize that it is critical to move forward in a timely manner and have therefore specified a time frame within which to hold these discussions and bring back a recommendation for their consideration. Because of this time frame, I am requesting that all interested parties establish this as a high priority for consideration and that we work collaboratively as a system, as we have in the past, in order to bring back meaningful recommendations to the BOG that support improved student success without compromising the community colleges' mission of open access.



Message from the Chancellor cont...

Over the next couple of weeks, the System Office will begin talking with the practitioners, partners and constituent groups that we will need to assist us in responding to the BOG's motion. We will be asking our current consultation mechanisms, including the Matriculation Advisory Committee, System Advisory Committee on Curriculum, Chief Student Services Officers and Chief Instructional Officers associations, Academic Senate, Student Senate and Consultation Council to engage in discussion and planning for how we will respond to the BOG. We will also utilize the System Strategic Plan implementation groups to assist in this effort which is central to addressing the Basic Skills priority initiatives that we have all agreed are the key to improving student success. The entire system is being called on to review our approach to serving the real education and support needs of our students and providing what they need to be successful. This work will be carried forward by Carole Bogue-Feinour, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Linda Michalowski, Vice Chancellor for Student Services and coordinated by Executive Vice Chancellor Steve Bruckman. All of us are aware of the significance of the BOG's call for a more coordinated and aggressive approach to assessment and all of us are committed to implementing it in a way that will ensure continued access to the colleges for all populations while students are given the assistance they need to succeed. Please join us in this effort.

Sincerely,



Mark Drummond
Chancellor



CALL FOR SDSU ARTICULATION REQUESTS

The update cycle for the 2007-2008 San Diego State Articulation Agreement is soon to begin. Please review the current agreement at www.assist.org. If you have suggestions that you would like to submit for articulation consideration, please send your request to Juliette Parker at jparker@sdccd.edu no later than Wednesday, April 18, 2007. Thank you.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES FOR CRC REVIEW

CRC Meeting

April 2007
May 2007

Publication

Fall Schedule 2007
Spring Schedule 2008

Please note that all items submitted prior to and by these deadlines remain dependent upon subsequent CIC/Board of Trustee's and/or State approval. Until the appropriate subsequent approvals are given; items cannot be included in the above publications. For updates and changes to deadlines, please contact the Curriculum Chair (Paula Gustin, Ext. 2850)



MESA CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE (CRC) MEETING SCHEDULE

Spring 2007 ~ 2:00 p.m.

March 29

April 19

May 3, 17

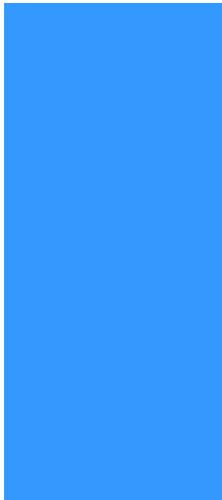
Important Dates

May 2007

07-08 SDSU Articulation Renewal

June 2007

UCSD TAG Update



SDCCD CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL (CIC) MEETING SCHEDULE

Spring 2007 ~ Thursdays ~ 2:00 p.m.

<u>CIC Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Proposals Due to District</u>
March 22	March 2
April 12	March 23
April 26	March 30
May 10	April 20
May 24	May 4

Proposals Due to District

Instructional Services

Farewell ~ Adieu ~ Adios ~ Adieux



Dr. Mrya Hyrada, Dean,
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BEST WISHES ON YOUR RETIREMENT!!

Welcome

The Mesa Articulation Office is pleased to welcome Ms. Claudia Cuz, Senior Clerical Assistant.

Claudia has five years experience working in various student services areas within community colleges and universities. Her most recent position was as an evaluator at Riverside Community College. She is also a transfer student who received an A.A. from Riverside Community College and transferred to Cal Poly Pomona where she received her BS in Apparel Merchandising and Management. She will be attending Point Loma Nazarene University in Fall 2007 to pursue her Masters in Counseling.

Claudia has a firm working knowledge of the California Community College system, and in particular transcript evaluations and curriculum. Her technical skills are evidenced by her continual growth and promotion within the higher ed system. Her increasing responsibility and experience in evaluations makes her a great addition to the Mesa Articulation Office.



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