AGENDA
SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
STUDY SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 22, 2021
Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.; Open Session at 6:00 p.m.
In Person at 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo, CA 94402

Members of the Public may also participate via Zoom.
Zoom Meeting ID – https://smccd.zoom.us/j/87097032255

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Persons with disabilities who require an accommodation or service should contact the contact the Chancellor’s Office at (650) 358-6877 at least 24 hours prior to the Board meeting.

5:00 p.m. Call to Order

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2): Two Cases

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION
MEETING AGENDA

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION
6:00 p.m. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

MINUTES

21-09-01 Approval of the Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Regular Meeting
21-09-02 Approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

21-09-02A Approval of Personnel Items: Changes in Assignment, Compensation, Placement, Leaves, Staff Allocations and Classification of Academic and Classified Personnel (Time Allotted: 5 minutes)

STUDY SESSION

21-09-05C District Anti-Racism Council Update (Time Allotted: 2 hours)

COMMUNICATIONS

STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (if necessary)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
San Mateo County Community College District
August 25, 2021 – San Mateo, CA

This was conducted remotely via Zoom. A video recording of the meeting can be accessed at:
https://smccd.edu/boardoftrustees/meetings.php.

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Board Members Present: President Thomas A. Nuris, Vice President Richard Holober, Trustee Maurice Goodman, Trustee Lisa Petrides, Trustee John Pimentel

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
President Nuris stated that during Closed Session, the Board will take up items as listed on the printed agenda, including: 1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2): Two Cases; 2) Ratification of May and June 2021 Confidential District Warrants; 3) Public Employee Appointment: Executive Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY
None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION
The Board recessed to closed session at 5:07 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION
The Board reconvened to open session at 6:20 p.m.

Board Members Present: President Thomas A. Nuris, Vice President Richard Holober, Trustee Maurice Goodman, Trustee Lisa Petrides, Trustee John Pimentel, Student Trustee Ashley Garcia

Others Present: Chancellor Michael Claire, Chief Financial Officer Bernata Slater; Skyline College President Melissa Moreno, College of San Mateo President Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, Cañada College Interim President Kim Lopez, District Academic Senate President Kate Williams Browne

ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY
President Nuris announced that this evening’s meeting will be adjourned in honor of two prominent community leaders, who also served our District: Ruth Nagler who was a former Director of Community Education at Cañada College and the District Office, and Rosalie O’Mahony who was a professor of Mathematics at College of San Mateo.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
President Nuris announced that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.
DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA
(Time Stamp: 1:15:34)

It was requested that the following items be moved up in the agenda to be considered after the Discussion of the Order of the Agenda: (1) Review of Bookstore Business Model Analysis (21-08-02C) and (2) Update on Crystal Springs Cross Country Course Use Agreement and Stakeholder Engagement (21-08-03C). The Board agreed, and there are no further changes to the agenda.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Review of Bookstore Business Model Analysis (21-08-02C)
(Time Stamp: 1:16:14)

Summary of Discussion: Vice Chancellor Bauer provided a brief overview of the bookstore and its available services and resources to students. He also provided information on how internal and external factors have impacted the bookstore finances.

Tom Byrne of Campus Bookstore Consulting (CBC), an independent consulting firm for bookstores based in Massachusetts, presented findings of an analysis his firm has conducted at the District’s request. He noted that the assessment had two goals: (1) to assist the District in analyzing the financial performance of current bookstore operations; and (2) to identify and assess viable business models for the District to consider. He briefly presented current industry challenges, current focuses and contributions to the SMCCCD Bookstores, bookstore business models, and self-operation/contract management comparison. It was noted that the Bookstores have not been profitable since FY 2016 and have relied on Reserve Funds to continue operations.

Trustee Goodman asked if the information regarding the financial situation was presented to administration from 2019-2020 and if so, what could have been done to keep the District from going down this path? Staff responded that the financial trajectory has been noted for some time and that the pandemic has delayed discussion at this level until this point.

Trustee Petrides wants to understand the assumptions or projections of the profit and revenue on textbook sales. She asked if they assume a continuing decline of textbooks. She also asked about the use of OER or print on demand.

Vice President Holober commented that he does not believe the District needs to contract out the bookstore operations.

Chancellor Claire advised that staff needed direction from the Board on how to move forward with the bookstores.

This item will come back to the Board for further consideration and ultimate action.

Public Comment:

- Rosalyn Young stated the bookstore was so much more than a bookstore, and the staff go above and beyond their job duties and responsibilities.
- Maria Lara stated they had an issue with needing to print diplomas and programs, and the staff took care of it without hesitation. She commended the Cañada College Bookstore staff, and how they go out of the way to help the students.
Update on Crystal Springs Cross Country Course Use Agreement and Stakeholder Engagement (21-08-03C) (Time Stamp: 2:06:49)

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Claire started this discussion by acknowledging those that commented and addressed concerns regarding this item. He also acknowledged Bob Rush, who founded the course in 1971, the SFPUC (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission) and the City of Belmont. The Chancellor noted that College of San Mateo felt that the license should be terminated due to the course not being utilized as much. It is, however, being used by my high schools and the community. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item this evening was to allow for public feedback about the course and to get Board direction. The Chancellor explained that the District had contracted with a third-party mediator to facilitate a discussion between the track users and the Belmont Homeowners Association and that mediation process did not yield any agreement.

Public Comment:
- Frank Hunt spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
- Luis Folan said this is possibly the best Cross Country Course he has seen in the United States and he is against closing the course and limiting the number of participants.
- Kira Holman said she against the closing the course and limiting the number of meets and that the neighborhood loves the course.
- Bill Kurtz spoke in favor of limiting the numbers of participants and events, but against closing the course.
- Deniz Bolbol stated that events have not gone under environmental review, and the Board needs to consider making that happen. She is for limiting the number of participants and events, basically due to “the sound” at night.
- Jennifer [last name not provided] spoke in favor of limiting the number of participants and events.
- Brad Mathaney spoke against closing the course.
- David Grissom spoke against closing the course.
- Jake Lang spoke against closing the course.
- Anna Feland spoke against closing the course.
- Cliff Lentz stated there is no report that indicates significant disruption during events. He spoke against limiting the number of participants and events.
- Barbara Posch mentioned the fire hazards in the area, specifically around the course and that fire season needs to be considered when scheduling the meets, as well as the number of participants.
- Rich Wood spoke against closing the course, as well as limiting the number of participants and events.
- Charles Stone (Mayor of Belmont) spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events. He thanked SMCCCD for the collaboration in managing and planning the events, and also for making the course available to students across the region and state. Encouraged administration and Board to adopt about 20 races, including Middle School level.
• Lydia Newaysur spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
• Davis Turner spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
• Asad Baheri spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
• Lee-Lin Thye spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
• Jet Turner spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
• Jim Marheineke spoke against closing the course, but for limiting the number of participants and events.
• Paul Sheng spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
• Judith [last name not provided] spoke against closing the course.
• Jared Saal spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
• Patrick McCrystle spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
• John Cooper spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.
• Thaddeus Block spoke against closing the course.
• Joan Dentler spoke against closing the course and limiting the number of participants and events.

President Nuris thanked everyone for their comments. He mentioned that the Board has received dozens of emails regarding this issue, and they’ve had the opportunity to review them.

Trustee Goodman mentioned that when this matter came up for Administration, the Board responded to all communication regarding this issue. The Board has asked that the District allow them to hear from both sides; even paid for mediation. He hears the comments and empathizes with those who spoke. He mentioned the concerns do not outweigh the benefits the course has to the students and community. He believes equal access and opportunity to the students is extremely important. The recalls the recommendation was to decrease the number of events, but it needs to be looked at with an equitable lens.

Trustee Pimentel thanked the public for their participation and comments. He asked if the staff has been clear with the running community and neighborhood that we would make the CSM parking lot available to stage some of the traffic. It would minimize the footprint on the neighborhood, yet enable adequate access to the running facility.

Chancellor Claire stated they have a tentative schedule of events for the fall. He would like to receive recommendation on the perimeters for scheduling.
Vice President Holober thanked the public for their comments, as well as all of the emails they’ve received addressing their concerns. He had questions about the Board’s role in the matter. He asked about the licensing piece, and how we go about getting a license and continue to have it. What is the requirement around Board ratification of signing contracts with other government entities? He would like to know this answer at a later date. He addressed the concerns mentioned about endangered species, fire hazards, and parking. He suggested perhaps offering parking at CSM and having a shuttle transportation, not at the District’s expense, but it might help relieve some of the traffic.

Chancellor Claire stated the license is revocable, with a renewal for 8 years. The license is $2,400.00 per year. SFPUC would like to have this conflict around use of the course resolved before renewing or executing the license.

President Nuris stated he is hoping we can move in the direction that Trustees Goodman, Pimentel, and Holober have suggested. He stated the program has been there for 50 years, and we need to consider the value that it provides to so many young people. This is a scarce asset that we have, and we need to handle the matter carefully.

Coach Andreas Wolf stated that the SFPUC advised that the environmental impact is minimal. If it was great, then the course would be closed. He did mention that they’ve discussed with the HOA (Homeowners Association) the possibility of using the CSM parking lot, but they were concerned about the traffic going up and down twice. They’re discussing alternative parking.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 17, 2021 Board Retreat (21-08-01)

(Time Stamp: 3:43:08)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Holober
Second by: Trustee Goodman
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

Summary of Edits or Corrections: None.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 28, 2021 Regular Meeting (21-08-02)

(Time Stamp: 3:43:46)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Holober
Second by: Trustee Petrides
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

Summary of Edits or Corrections: Trustee Pimentel asked that the comments from Maxine Terner be reflected in the minutes appropriately.

STATEMENTS FROM EXECUTIVES AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

(Time Stamp: 3:44:35)

• Chancellor Claire introduced the Interim Chief Human Resources Officer Marie Billie.

• President Moreno stated that Opening Day was a great success with approximately 80 participants in person and 150 via Zoom. She also announced that there was a new initiative at
Skyline College called the People’s College Initiative, and she will discuss it further at a future meeting.

- President Taylor-Mendoza stated the college had a successful high flex Opening Day with approximately 80 participants in person and 145 via Zoom. students online). She also noted a recent ranking from Wallethub where CSM ranks number two as the best community college, up from number three last year.

- Interim President Lopez stated Cañada College has its first high flex Opening Day last week with approximately 30 participants in person and 130 online. She also noted that Dr. Tammy Robinson is working with the State Chancellor’s Office to put together a town hall meeting on September 9th to showcase some of the work happening at Cañada College.

STATEMENTS FROM OTHER REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS

(Time Stamp: 3:52:10)

- AFT, Local 1493: Monica Malamud commented about the District’s COVID-19 policies for employee and student safety and advocated for greater transparency and better communication.

- CSEA, Chapter 33: Annette Perot stated that a final return to work MOU had been reach.

- AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 829, Council 57: Joseph Puckett thanked facilities employees for their hard work in preparing the campuses for the return of employees and students. He advocated for a cost of living increase for AFSCME members.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Time Stamp: 4:00:00)

- Lavinia Zanassi commented on behalf of counselors and called asked for transparency and consistency in the specifics about the return-to-school plans for them returning to campuses.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Personnel Items: Changes in Assignment, Compensation, Placement, Leaves, Staff Allocations and Classification of Academic and Classified Personnel (21-08-01A)

(Time Stamp: 4:04:00)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Goodman

Second by: Vice President Holober

Action: Approved unanimously as amended, with all Trustees voting Aye.

Summary of Discussion: Staff asked that the following corrections and edits be made to the report:
(1) Under Item C, the title for the Skyline College position should read “Senior Planning and Research Analyst”; (2) Under Item I, the position should be assigned to College of San Mateo, not Skyline College; and (3) Under Item K, the Program Services Position at College of San Mateo and Staff Assistant for International Education at the District Office be removed.

Public Comment: None.
Consideration and Approval of Executive Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Employment Agreement (21-08-02A) *(Time Stamp: 4:05:06)*

*Motion to Approve by:* Trustee Goodman  
*Second by:* Trustee Petrides  
*Action:* Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

*Summary of Discussion:* Trustees requested a technical correction in the report. The salary effective date should read September 13, 2021, not August 13, 2021.

As required by law, an oral summary of the terms and conditions of the agreement were read, including: Dr. Richard Storti’s contract is for a three year term, through June 30, 2024. Effective August 13, 2021, his annual compensation will be that outlined in Executive Salary Schedule (10), Grade EC, Step 1 (currently $249,912). Dr. Storti will receive 225 hours of vacation annually, and can cash out up to 10 days of vacation annually. He will receive one (1) day per month of sick leave, and the same health and welfare benefits, including post-retirement medical benefits, as are generally provided to management personnel of the District. He will be eligible for an annuity vesting after five years of service as Executive Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services.

*Public Comment:* None.

Approval of Modifications to Instructional Adjunct Salary Schedule (HI) (21-08-03A)

*Motion to Approve by:* Vice President Holober  
*Second by:* Trustee Goodman  
*Action:* Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

*Summary of Discussion:* None.

*Public Comment:* None.

NEW BUSINESS: Approval of Consent Agenda  
*(Time Stamp: 4:06:36)*

Ratification of Agreement with the Registry for College and University Presidents for Interim Chief Human Resources Officer Services (21-08-01CA)

Ratification of District Warrants for May and June 2021 (21-08-02CA)

Approval of an Instructional Services Agreement with Community Initiatives to Support Dual Language Learning Courses in Early Childhood Education Including Tuition, Fees and Faculty Salary (21-08-03CA)

*Motion to Approve by:* Vice President Holober  
*Second by:* Trustee Goodman  
*Action:* Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

*Summary of Discussion:* None.

*Public Comment:* None.
Approval of Declaration of Surplus Property (21-08-04CA)
This item was removed from consent to be discussed.

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Goodman
Second by: Trustee Petrides
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.
Summary of Discussion: Trustee Goodman asked for clarification as to ways the District can dispose of surplus property in an effort to recoup funds from these items. The Chancellor and CFO commented that items are auctioned on a public surplus website.
Public Comment: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Other Recommendations

Approval to Continue Accommodation for Students Impacted by Extraordinary Conditions – Fee Refunds (21-08-101B)
(Time Stamp: 4:10:04)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Holober
Second by: Trustee Goodman
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.
Summary of Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

Approval of Revision to Board Policy 6.21 – Grading and Academic Record Symbols (21-08-102B)
(Time Stamp: 4:10:42)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Goodman
Second by: Vice President Holober
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.
Summary of Discussion: Trustee Goodman asked if this is an opportunity to do retroactive withdrawals. Vice Chancellor McVean advised they wanted to reflect that this is an addition to use with grading.
Public Comment: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Review of Proposed Allocation from Federal American Rescue Plan’s Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (21-08-04C)
(Time Stamp: 4:12:26)

Summary of Discussion: Vice Chancellor McVean provided a quick overview on HERF III Funds. This is the third installment of federal funds received during the Pandemic. Allocation amount is just over $23,000,000.00, which is separately allocated in direct student aide or institutional dollars. 51% of the overall funds are allocated in direct student aide. $11,500,000.00 in institutional funds,
which are allocated directly to the colleges. They have determined what is college institutional need and district-wide need. Administration is proposing $4,500,000.00 (19%) towards district-wide needs and $7,000,000.00 (31%) towards college institutional needs.

Trustee Pimentel supports the action that is said to help eliminate student debt, which is allocating $700,000.00. He asked if there are any outstanding debts during the Pandemic that we are not waiving, of which there are none. He also asked if our outreach for engaging with and reenrolling students is an appropriate expenditure of these HERF III funds; how much is allocated (from college institutional need funds will be used).

Skyline College President Dr. Moreno commented that Skyline has received a college institutional need allocation of $3,500,000.00 total. They’ve allocated $600,000.00 to disproportionately impacted students, and $426,000.00 to enrollment recovery efforts (includes recruitment and marketing).

Trustees would like a report from each of the colleges at a future meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Review of Suggested Updates to Board Policy 1.60 – Rules of Order for Board Meetings (21-08-05C)
(Time Stamp: 4:24:21)

Summary of Discussion: The Board requested at a prior meeting to consider setting adjournment times. Staff has drafted a report on this item, and presented it to the Board. President Nuris advised it can be taken out of draft form, and move forward to the next level.

Public Comment: None.

Review of Potential Board Ad-Hoc Committee on Board Operations (21-08-06C)
(Time Stamp: 4:25:24)

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Claire advised he counted the number of meetings and there’s been about 72 meetings over his tenure as Chancellor. He presented the idea of putting together an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of two Board Members.

Trustees are in favor of this idea.

Vice President Holober stated he would like the committee to cover and discuss various topics and issues, not just Board Meetings.

Trustee Pimentel and Trustee Petrides have both volunteered to be on the committee.

Trustee Goodman officially nominated both Trustees Pimentel and Petrides to be on the committee; President Nuris appointed them on behalf of the Board.

Public Comment: None.
Report on the Use of Public Agency Contracts for the Purchase of Materials, Equipment, Supplies and Services (21-08-07C)
(Time Stamp: 4:30:41)

Summary of Discussion: President Nuris noted the report had been received.

COMMUNICATIONS
(Time Stamp: 4:31:13)

• President Nuris advised that the Board received a number of communications from community members relating to the Crystal Spring Cross Country Course. Those communications are noted for the record as having been received.

• President Nuris advised the Board received a communication from Maxine Terner relating to the facilities planning report at the July 28, 2021 meeting. That communication is noted for the record as having been received.

STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
(Time Stamp: 4:31:48)

President Nuris: None.

Vice President Holober: None.

Trustee Goodman: Met with Trustee Pimentel, the Chancellor and staff to discuss the opportunity to kick start the process to explore student housing. Discussed an issue getting support for student at one of the colleges and reminded that having a presence on campus is important to serving students.

Trustee Petrides: She and President Taylor-Mendoza serve the Coast Side community, and they have begun efforts to meet with representatives of the Coast, including wanting to host Coast Side Town Halls. She and Vice Chancellor McVean met with Cabrillo School District regarding Dual Enrollment.

Trustee Pimentel: Working on two projects with Trustee Goodman: student housing and the San Mateo County Community College Foundation. Said with the Foundation, there is opportunity to increase the endowment, which could generate an annuity used to support Promise Scholars or general free community college initiative.

Student Trustee Garcia: Spoke with the Student Advisory Council, and they support the strategies approaching the issue regarding the Cross Country Course; they hope we keep the course, because of the history and significance it has with Cross Country teams. Laurelwood Park was a suggested course, if there had to be an alternative.

President Nuris announced the next meeting will be Thursday, September 9, 2021. This will be a Business Meeting of which the Board will hold a Public Hearing and consider the adoption of the annual budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Submitted by

Michael Claire, Secretary
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
San Mateo County Community College District
September 9, 2021 – San Mateo, CA

This was conducted remotely via Zoom. A video recording of the meeting can be accessed at: https://smccd.edu/boardoftrustees/meetings.php.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: President Thomas A. Nuris, Vice President Richard Holober (joined meeting in progress), Trustee Maurice Goodman, Trustee Lisa Petrides, Trustee John Pimentel

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
President Nuris said that during Closed Session, the Board will take up items as listed on the printed agenda, including: (1) Hold a Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2): Two cases; (2) Consider ratification of confidential District warrants for May and June 2021; and (3) Hold Conference with Labor Negotiator for Employee Organizations: AFSCME, AFT and CSEA.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY
None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION
The Board recessed to Closed Session at 5:07 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION
The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:29 p.m.

Board Members Present: President Thomas A. Nuris, Vice President Richard Holober, Trustee Maurice Goodman, Trustee Lisa Petrides, Trustee John Pimentel, Student Trustee Ashley Garcia

Others Present: Chancellor Michael Claire, Chief Financial Officer Bernata Slater; Skyline College President Melissa Moreno, College of San Mateo President Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, Cañada College Interim President Kim Lopez, District Academic Senate President Kate Williams-Browne

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
President Nuris stated there are no reportable actions coming out of Closed Session.

DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA
(Time Stamp: 1:27:09)
It was requested that the following agenda items be moved after consideration of all action items and before presentation of information items: (1) Statements from Executives and Student Representatives, (2) Statements from Other Representative Groups, and (3) Statements from the Public on Non-Agenda Items. The Board agreed and there were no further changes to the order of the agenda.
NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Personnel Items: Changes in Assignment, Compensation, Placement, Leaves, Staff Allocations and Classification of Academic and Classified Personnel (21-09-01A)
(Time Stamp: 1:27:40)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Holober
Second by: Trustee Pimentel
Action: Approved as amended, with all Trustees voting Aye
Summary of Discussion: Staff asked that under Item K, the Staff Assistant for International Education at the District Office be removed.
Public Comment: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Approval of Consent Agenda Items
(Time Stamp: 1:28:33)

Approval of College and Career Access Pathways Dual Enrollment Partnership Agreement with South San Francisco Unified School District (21-09-01CA)

Approval of College and Career Access Pathways Dual Enrollment Partnership Agreement with Sequoia Union High School District (21-09-02CA)

Approval of College and Career Access Pathways Dual Enrollment Partnership Agreement with Jefferson Union High School District (21-09-03CA)

Approval of College and Career Access Pathways Dual Enrollment Partnership Agreement with San Mateo Union High School District (21-09-04CA)

Approval of College and Career Access Pathways Dual Enrollment Partnership Agreement with Cabrillo Unified School District (21-09-05CA)

Reappointment of Members to the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (21-09-06CA)

Acceptance of Sub-grant from San Francisco State University’s School of Engineering to Skyline College and Cañada College (21-09-07CA)

Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 1.60 – Rules of Order for Board Meetings (21-09-08CA)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Pimentel
Second by: Trustee Petrides
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye
Summary of Discussion: None.

With the approval of revisions to Board Policy 1.60, Vice President Holober moved and Trustee Pimentel seconded that the Board set an adjournment time of 9:30 p.m. for this evening’s meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
Trustee Petrides inquired if the 9:30 p.m. adjournment time applied only to this meeting or all future meetings as well. Vice President Holober proposed that the Ad Hoc Committee for Board Operations discuss setting a regular adjournment time, and bring back to the Board a policy recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS: Other Recommendations

Public Hearing of the 2021-22 Final Budget (21-09-101B)

(Time Stamp: 1:31:05)

Motion to hold the hearing by: Trustee Pimentel
Second by: Trustee Petrides
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Claire gave a brief introduction on the presentation of the budget, and gave the floor to Chief Financial Officer Bernata Slater to continue.

Officer Slater presented the 2021-2022 Final Budget recommendation. She provided Budget Highlights, Budget Guidelines, a Presentation Overview, information on the State Budget itself, Adopted Budget Assumptions, 2021-2022 Initiatives, and 50% Law – Continued Commitment. She mentioned PERS and STRS continue to impact the budget of SMCCCD.

The Budget Summary presented that SMCCCD has a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and is guided by the District’s Strategic Plan. The total general fund budget is $249,928,809.00 and the total all-funds budget is $500,760,058.00.

Staff also noted that the budget makes a $6.75 million strategic investment in the Free Community College initiative to support the growth of the dual enrollment programs, Promise Scholars Program and zero textbook cost/open educational resources programs.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to adjourn the hearing by: Vice President Holober
Second by: Trustee Pimentel
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

Adoption of the 2021-22 Final Budget (21-09-102B)

(Time Stamp: 1:57:58)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Holober
Second by: Trustee Pimentel
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye

Summary of Discussion: Trustee Pimentel asked (1) who was responsible for applying for available state funds for student housing and (2) who was in charge of implementing the expansion of the Promise Scholars and the Dual Enrollment programs. Trustee Pimentel noted the significance of the investment in the Free Community College initiative. Chancellor Claire responded that the Chief of Staff, working with the Finance team, would be exploring the state funds for student housing and that the Vice Chancellor for Educational Services and Planning,
working with the colleges, would be coordinating the expansion of the referenced programs.

Vice President Holober asked where the funds for COVID-19 mitigation would come from or be found; he also noted that he would like to see what the District budgets for staffing and what actually staffing is each year.

The Board thanked staff for their presentation and work on the budget.

**STATEMENTS FROM EXECUTIVES AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

*(Time Stamp: 2:15:01)*

- **Chancellor Claire** noted that CFO Slater had taken on several roles over the last two years and thanked her for all of the work she has done. He also advised the process of hiring a permanent president position for Cañada College, noting his goal of having the position filled by April/May 2022. Chancellor Claire also noted that the District would begin the process of actively recruiting for a Chief of Human Resources in the coming month. He also referenced that the Internal Auditor position is posted will be closing in a few weeks.

- President Moreno recognized Joe Morello as new Vice President of Administrative Services at Skyline College.

- President Taylor-Mendoza noted that CSM had their first in-person welcome activity, of which about 300 students attended. She also noted the college had been awarded a STEM Grant. President Taylor-Mendoza announced that fall athletics are starting and that the football season will begin Sept. 11, 2021, of which CSM is ranked #1 in the state of community college football teams.

- Interim President Lopez noted that Cañada College is starting a new initiative called the Cañada College Wellness, Outreach, Registration, and Retention Initiative.

- District Academic Senate President Browne reported that the District Academic Senate will have its first meeting on September 13.

- Student Trustee Garcia reported that the first District Student Council Meeting was held on September 8, and members addressed their concerns about the contract management proposal for SMCCCD’s bookstores and support for gender neutral restrooms on campuses.

**STATEMENTS FROM OTHER REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS**

*(Time Stamp: 2:29:17)*

- **AFT, Local 1493**: Jessica Truglio presented a petition that asks the Chancellor and Board of Trustees to create a transparent process/district-wide plan to guide the in-person return of counselors. Darian Chan expressed concerns of counselors regarding return to in-person services.

- **CSEA, Chapter 33**: None.

- **AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 829, Council 57**: Tony Burrola expressed the union’s concern about the cost of living adjustments for this year and noted the increase in costs throughout the region.
STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS  
(Time Stamp: 2:42:00)

- David Lau commented about vaccinations and re-opening.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Discussion of Bachelor’s Degree Completion Pathway Partnership with Notre Dame de Namur University (21-09-01C)  
(Time Stamp: 2:44:53)

Summary of Discussion: Vice Chancellor McVean presented on this item, along with the team of individuals (from NDNU and SMCCCD Colleges) that have been working with him on this pathway. Trustees expressed support of this partnership, and directed staff to continue to refine this pathway and bring the final partnership agreement to a future meeting for action.

Follow-up on Crystal Springs Cross Country Course Operations (21-09-02C)  
(Time Stamp: 3:26:09)

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Claire summarized the proposed schedule of events as outlined in the staff report and asked for the Board’s direction. The Board concurred with the Chancellor’s report and directed him to proceed with that which was recommended.

Update on Operating Model for District Athletic Centers at College of San Mateo and Cañada College (21-09-03C)  
(Time Stamp: 3:29:00)

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Claire provided an update San Mateo Athletic Club (SMAC), along with the new interim Director of Community Fitness Kurt Scholler. Chancellor Claire and Mr. Scholler provided a review of the key goals of the transition process, a summary of preliminary actions, noted the work that had been completed to date and outlined next steps.

Vice President Holober wanted to receive more information and clarification about the classified staffing for the model. There is a concern about employment cost, along with membership fees.

Trustee Pimentel reminded everyone that the process started to make sure that the academic programs had primacy over private use of the facilities; however, make sure there’s spare capacity and broad availability for community usage (drop-in and/or community groups).

Trustee Petrides suggested having an advisory committee comprised of community members and students.

Discussion of Scope of Authority of Board Ad-hoc Committee on Board Operations (21-09-04C)  
(Time Stamp: 4:09:35)

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Claire advised that Trustee Pimentel and Trustee Petrides have volunteered to serve on the committee.
Vice President Holober stated he hopes the committee will bring items routinely to the Board rather than waiting for a complete package of items at the end of a process. He offered several recommended areas for the committee to consider, including: internal auditor implementation, performance audits by external consultants, policy review, achieving a feedback loop of Board members on assigned boards and committees, further exploration of the Board’s role in the development of the budget, and the process for the rotation of Board officers. Chancellor Claire also suggested the committee review the number of meetings it holds each month/year.

COMMUNICATIONS  
(Time Stamp: No time.)

None.

STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS  
(Time Stamp: 4:24:35)

President Nuris: None.

Vice President Holober: Will bring back information from the Housing Board Meeting from last week, to the next board meeting.

Trustee Goodman: None.

Trustee Petrides: None.

Trustee Pimentel: He and Trustee Goodman serve on the Foundation Board, and they are excited by the development. A letter delivered from Chancellor Claire to the Foundation board to set a goal of increasing the corpus to $100M. Noted that resident enrollment declined, but cost has doubled which is a threat to the survival of the institution. Mentioned marketing and outreach to communities and high schools, and would like to know and work with whomever is responsible for this particular aspect.

Student Trustee Garcia: None.

President Nuris announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees would be September 22, 2021. He also reported out that the confidential warrants were approved during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:32 p.m.

Submitted by

Michael Claire, Secretary
BOARD REPORT NO. 21-09-02A

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Michael Claire, Chancellor

PREPARED BY: David Feune, Director, Human Resources

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

New employment; changes in assignment, compensation, and placement; leaves of absence; changes in staff allocation and classification of academic and classified personnel; retirements, phase-in retirements, and resignations; equivalence of minimum qualifications for academic positions; and short-term temporary classified positions.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT, ASSIGNMENT AND REASSIGNMENT

**Cañada College**

**Ludmila Prisecar**
Interim Vice President of Administrative Services
Administrative Services

Reassigned from College Business Officer (Grade 192E of the Academic-Classified Exempt Supervisory Salary Schedule 35; Salary Range: $122,688 - $155,388) into this interim administrative assignment (Grade AB of the Management Salary Schedule 20; Salary Range: $180,804 - $232,260), effective September 27, 2021, replacing Graciano Mendoza who resigned.

**College of San Mateo**

**David McLain**
Director of Community Relations & Marketing
President’s Office

Reassigned from Communications Manager (Grade 192S of the Classified Professional/Supervisory Salary Schedule 40; Salary Range: $91,212 - $116,436) into this administrative assignment (Grade 194E of the same Salary Schedule; Salary Range: $142,008 - $179,868), effective September 23, 2021, replacing Richard Rojo.

**Aubrey Roderick**
Acting Dean of Language Arts
Language Arts

Reassigned from College International Student Program Manager (Grade 189E of the Academic-Classified Exempt Supervisory Salary Schedule 35; Salary Range: $105,696 - $133,884) into this acting administrative assignment (Grade AD of the Management Salary Schedule 20; Salary Range: $169,668 - $215,580), effective October 1, 2021, replacing Kristiane Ridgway who was reassigned.
B. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT


   **College of San Mateo**

   **Luz Roman-Amaro**
   Executive Assistant
   Administrative Services

   New full-time, 12-month classified employment (Grade 201C of the Confidential Salary Schedule 50; Salary Range: $78,936 - $100,860), effective October 4, 2021, replacing Jane Wong who retired.

   **Skyline College**

   **Sirreck Brown-Smith**
   Staff Assistant (NP)
   Equity Institute

   New full-time, 12-month classified employment (Grade 21 of the Classified Salary Schedule 60; Salary Range: $59,112 - $75,552), effective September 23, 2021. This position was previously Board approved on June 23, 2021.

   **Correction:** At its meeting on August 25, 2021, the Board approved Lauren Wagner’s new full-time, 12-month classified employment (Grade 24 of the Classified Salary Schedule 60; Salary Range: $63,840 - $81,636), effective September 9, 2021, replacing Bianca Pineda who resigned. A correction is being made to this item. The Office of Human Resources was informed that Lauren Wagner’s start date was September 10, 2021. Therefore, with the adoption of this report, the Board rescinds its approval previously granted to this item.

2. Re-Employment

C. REASSIGNMENT THROUGH THE HIRING PROCESS

   **College of San Mateo**

   **Oksana Brinson**
   Cosmetology Aide
   Business/Technology

   Reassigned from Storekeeper (Grade 19 of the Classified Salary Schedule 60; Salary Range: $56,412 - $72,000) into this full-time, 12-month position at Grade 26 of the same salary schedule; Salary Range: $66,912 - $85,512, effective September 23, 2021, replacing Samantha Martinez who resigned.

   **District Office**

   **Alexis Arreola**
   AV Systems Engineer (NP)
   ITS

   Reassigned from IT Support Technician II (Grade 31A of the Classified Salary Schedule 60; Salary Range: $75,636 - $96,648) into this full-time, 12-month position at Grade 210S of the Classified Professional/Supervisory Salary Schedule 40; Salary Range: $104,832 - $133,800, effective September 23, 2021. This position was previously Board approved on February 26, 2020.
D. TRANSFER/ADMINISTRATIVE REASSIGNMENT

None

E. NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES ADDITIONAL DUTIES ASSIGNMENT

None

F. CHANGES IN STAFF ALLOCATION

Skyline College

1. Recommend creation of a new classified supervisory exempt classification titled, “Assistant Registrar” at Grade 180E (Salary Range: $87,300 - $110,580) of the Academic-Classified Exempt Supervisory Salary Schedule (35), effective September 23, 2021. In addition, recommend a change in staff allocation to add one full-time, 12-month Assistant Registrar position, effective September 23, 2021.

G. PHASE-IN RETIREMENT

College of San Mateo

Kathleen Diamond
Professor, Biology
Mathematics and Science

Recommend approval of participating in the Phase-In Retirement Program, effective fall 2021. Confirmation of employee eligibility and final approval of the employee’s proposed workload reduction is managed by the State Teachers Retirement System.

G. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

None

H. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATION

1. Retirement

Skyline College

Barbara Lamson
Financial Analyst
Administrative Services

Retirement effective December 30, 2021, with 22 years of District service. Eligible for District retiree benefits.

2. Post-Retirement

None

3. Resignation
Cañada College

Rosa Moncada
Program Services Coordinator (VROC)  Enrollment Services

Resignation effective August 30, 2021, with 7 months of District service.

Skyline College

Pcyeta Stroud
Director of the Bay Area Entrepreneur Center  Business, Education and Professional Programs

Resignation effective November 19, 2021, with 10 years of District service.

I. **ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUIVALENCY TO MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

None

J. **PROFESSIONAL EXPERT/CONTRACT POSITIONS**

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| Cañada College   | Science & Technology / STEM   | 1           | 10/01/2021 11/30/2021 | **Professional Expert: Consultant (Non-Instructional)**  
Content creation for 2 days of workshops including the development of presentations, workbooks, and assessments. All materials will be designed within the organization's (San Mateo County Community College District) brand standards including colors, logos, fonts, and any other requirements. This position includes meeting with the program team and key stakeholders for information gathering, a review of deliverables and objectives, program research and background, and a review of materials prior to presentation. Present the 2-day workshop to NSF Trabajo job shadowing participants.  
Requesting Manager: Ameer Thompson |
# K. SHORT-TERM, NON-CONTINUING POSITIONS

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| Cañada College   | Student Services      | 1           | 09/23/2021 – 12/31/2021 | **Retention Specialist (Guided Pathways):**  
  This retention specialist's duties will align with the other three dedicated Guided Pathways Retention Specialists at the college. Some examples of the types of work include case management of Interest Area student supports from the point of application to enrollment and registration in courses, sorting through student data files to identify appropriate support systems for students based on need (e.g., tutoring, peer mentoring, Financial Aid support referrals, SparkPoint referrals), maintain regular communication with Interest Area students individually and in small groups to connect new, returning, and continuing students, and build a sense of community through the Guided Pathways Success Team framework. Requesting Manager: Manuel Perez |
| District Office  | Human Resources       | 1           | 09/23/2021 – 12/31/2021 | **Human Resources Representative:**  
  This position will assist with reviewing transcript submissions by instructional adjunct faculty for placement on a new salary schedule. Requesting Manager: David Feune |
| District Office  | Chancellor’s Office    | 1           | 07/01/2021 – 12/31/2021 | **Vice President – Special Projects:  
  Previously Requested Position**  
  Scope of work: To lead, coordinate or assist with (1) long-range operational and financial planning; (2) special programs and projects; (3) analyzing federal and state laws, rules and regulations and providing recommendations; (4) developing reports and presentations, and (5) performing other duties as assigned. Requesting Manager: Mitchell Bailey |
| District Office  | Auxiliary Services/ Bookstore | 6 | 10/01/2021 – 02/28/2022 | **Cashier/Clerk:  
  Previously Requested Position**  
  In the absence of student employees, the Bookstores are requesting short term staff to help the classified and management staff with duties in the bookstore including cashiering, shipping and receiving and working in the market. Requesting Manager: Tom Bauer |
BOARD REPORT NO. 21-09-05C

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Michael Claire, Chancellor
PREPARED BY: Mwanaisha Sims, Director of Policy, Training and Compliance, District Office

DISTRICT ANTI-RACISM COUNCIL UPDATE

In August 2020, the Chancellor established the District Anti-Racism Council. The goal of the Anti-Racism Council is to create a culture of equity with a lens of anti-racism, radically reimagine how the District commits to anti-racism and how the District can transform the educational experiences of all students, especially hyper-marginalized students. The District Anti-Racism Council has identified three priority areas: (1) Policy and Procedure; (2) Curriculum and Instruction, and (3) Equal Employment Opportunity.

To provide context about the scope, work and activities of the District Anti-Racism Council, the following information is provided, which includes the letter Chancellor Claire sent to the campus community about the District Anti-Racism Council, links to April 2021 and August 2021 Flex-day presentations with slides and the Anti-racism glossary.

I. SMCCCD Anti-Racism Council goals, commitment, philosophy and focus (Attachment #01)
II. Link to April 2021 and August 2021 Flex-day presentations: https://smccd.edu/antiracismcouncil/flexdayactivities.php and https://smccd.edu/antiracismcouncil/
III. April 2021 Flex-day presentation slides (Attachment #02)
IV. SMCCCD Anti-Racism Council glossary (Attachment #03)

The District Anti-Racism Council meets weekly and is facilitated by Mwanaisha Sims, Director of Policy, Training and Compliance, and graciously lead by the following members:

Policies and Procedures Work Group
- Jackie Santizo, Multicultural & Dream Center, Program Services Coordinator, College of San Mateo
- Dr. Cheryl Johnson, Dean of Student Equity & Support Programs, Skyline College
- Dr. Oyame KenZoe Brian Selassie-Okepe, Executive Director, Equity Institute at Skyline College
- Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, President, College of San Mateo
- Dr. Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Vice President of Student Services, Cañada College
- Dr. Tabitha Conaway, Lead Instructional Aide, Learning Center, College of San Mateo
Curriculum Work Group

- Dr. Natalie Alizaga, *Assistant Professor of Psychology, Cañada College*
- Dr. Malathi Iyengar, *Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies, College of San Mateo*
- Dr. Nicole Porter, *Interim Dean of Social Science/Creative Arts, Skyline College*
- Kristi Ridgway, *Acting Vice President of Student Services, College of San Mateo*
- Dr. Bianca Rowden-Quince, *Instructional Designer, Skyline College*
- Dr. Rebekah Sidman-Tavezou, *Professor of ESL, Cañada College*
- Mike Claire, *Chancellor, SMCCCD*

Equal Employment Opportunities Work Group

- Cynthia Avalos, *Human Resources Representative (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Emphasis), District Office*
- Kim Lopez, *Interim President, Cañada College*
- Dr. Melissa Moreno, *President, Skyline College*
- Dr. Oyame KenZoe Brian J. Selassie-Okpe, *Executive Director, Equity Institute at Skyline College*
- Dr. Jeremiah Sims, *Director of Equity, College of San Mateo*
- Ariela Villalpando, *Acting Director of High School Transition and Dual Enrollment, Student Services, Cañada College*
- Diva Ward, *Director of Special Grant Initiatives, District Office*
- Lezlee Ware, *Professor of Political Science and Umoja Coordinator, Black Students Matter Co-Chair, Cañada College*
- Clair Yeo-Sugajski, *Interim Program Services Coordinator, International Student Program, Skyline College*

At this study session, the Board will receive an update from the District Anti-Racism Council and engage in a conversation about their work.
SMCCCD Anti-racism Council

Our Goal
The goal of the San Mateo County Community College District’s Anti-racism Council is to radically reimagine how we commit to anti-racism and how we can transform the educational experiences for all students, especially hyper-marginalized students. We are leaders in anti-racist work by ensuring our culture and education are critical, anti-racist, and justice-centered. At each of our campuses and the district, we work to foster inclusive and welcoming environments that disrupt structural barriers and welcome, validate, and celebrate all students, faculty, staff, and administration. We invite everyone to join us in these efforts.

Our Commitment
This work is two-pronged: to eradicate the underlying causes while, simultaneously, treating the pernicious symptoms of racism. In order to do this work, we are committed to analyzing and improving our systems to root out systemic, institutionalized anti-Black and other forms of racism. This council is made up of a cross-representational group of equity practitioners, with representation from across SMCCCD’s three-college system. Anti-racism is infused in every aspect of our work -- such as but not limited to our mission statement, resource allocation, hiring practices, curriculum, and policies -- to create a culture of equity.

Our Philosophy
We acknowledge that racism is systemic and does not happen in a vacuum. Racism is both the offspring of and support for white supremacy. As such, we acknowledge that our institutions were designed to privilege certain groups and not others, built upon a white supremacist framework that disenfranchises poor, ethnoracially minoritized students of color.

Racism is complex, so our analysis centers on race with an intersectional lens, investigating its many contributors and consequences, including racialized capitalism. We believe that our work, done in earnest, will improve our resource allocation decisions, systems, practices, and policies for our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) as well as our entire campus community. When we address these inequities, all of us benefit. We are wholly invested in working collaboratively to eliminate racialized injustices and inequities and individual acts of racism.

We are keenly aware that we must also work to eradicate the systems and structures that make racial microaggressions and other instances of anti-Black (and other forms of) racism normal in the first place. We recognize that we are a part of the white supremacist institution and must begin this work as administrators, faculty, and classified staff/professionals by examining our own roles in perpetuating a racist system.

Our Focus
We have identified three areas of priority: Curriculum and Instruction; Policy and Procedure; and Equal Employment Opportunity. Within the larger Council, there are subgroups dedicated to each of these three components. Our action plan is coming into focus within the respective subgroups (and as a larger collective). This work does not operate in a silo but collaborates with the other anti-racist work on our campuses and district.

We invite you to our district-wide April 22 Flex Day session, 9 - 10am, to learn more and get involved.
SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT’S ANTI-RACISM COUNCIL

Policy & Procedure | Curriculum | EEOC
CHANCELLOR’S OPENING REMARKS

Mike Claire
Anti-Blackness

Anti-blackness describes the inability to recognize black humanity. It captures the reality that the kind of violence that saturates black life is not based on any specific thing a black person — better described as “a person who has been racialized black” — did. The violence we experience isn’t tied to any particular transgression. It’s gratuitous and unrelenting... (kihana ross-vakil, Northwestern University)
Policies & Procedures

Tabitha Conaway - College of San Mateo | Cheryl Johnson – Skyline College
Jamillah Moore - Cañada College | Manuel A. Pérez - Cañada College
Jackie Santizo - College of San Mateo
ACTIVITY I
**WHAT IS A POLICY AND WHAT IS A PROCEDURE?**

**Policy**
A set of general guidelines that outline the organization’s plan for tackling an issue. Policies communicate the connection between the organization’s vision and values and its day-to-day operations.

**Procedure**
A procedure explains a specific action plan for carrying out a policy. Procedures tell employees how to deal with a situation and when.
Why This Matters

- The importance of Policies & Procedures in Antiracism requires us to examine these processes in an equity-minded way. We must approach policies and procedures in a way that requires us to be race-conscious (as opposed to colorblind) in an affirmative sense. We must ensure that our policies, procedures and practice do not result in further traumatizing and/or marginalizing Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities.

- The policies and procedures of SMCCCD must assume the responsibility for the elimination of inequality and increased access along race, ethnicity and gender lines, to name just a few identities.
1. Radically reimagine how we reconnect to antiracism
2. Disrupt structural barriers
3. Root out systemic, institutionalized anti-Black and other forms of racism
4. Create a culture of equity with a lens of antiracism
ACTIVITY 2
If we radically reimagine, disrupt, and root out racism & anti-Blackness . . .

. . . then we must look critically at our foundations & our documents.
We examined our District's Mission/Vision/Values/Commitments.

The Center for Urban Education (CUE) analysis of Student Equity Plans, uses a framework of terminology (e.g., equity, equity minded, inquiry, race consciousness).
This is a process...

We need your insights around these issues, and we hope you'll share your thoughts, and suggest activities.

We're not there yet, anti-racism work is ongoing work with no end point. We all have a role to play in this fight for racial justice.
WHAT WE'VE STARTED...

● We're working on creating a shared language and terminology that we all use collectively across the district. A common language, as CUE states is how we frame our work and discussions about anti-racism.

● As stated earlier looking at the vision/mission, etc. For the district.

● Do we need a district-wide review of our processes related to equity & anti-racism work?
ACTIVITY 3
02 CRITICAL INQUIRY OF CURRICULUM: ANTI-RACIST LENS

Natalie Alizaga – Cañada College | Mike Claire – SMCCCD | Malathi Iyengar – College of San Mateo | Nicole Porter – Skyline College | Kristi Ridgway – College of San Mateo | Bianca Rowden-Quince – Skyline College | Rebekah Sidman-Taveau – Cañada College
SMCCCD STRATEGIC GOALS

Success, Equity, and Social Justice

Success, equity, and social justice for our students are long standing goals of the San Mateo County Community College District and are the overarching themes of the District’s Strategic Plan.
OVERVIEW

• Areas of curriculum are we inquiring about
• Why Curriculum and what does it entail?
• Critical Inquiry Lens
• Ensuring our curriculum practices become wholly anti-racist
• Opportunities to engage
Why Curriculum?

- Classroom is where students spend the most time
- CUE Review calls for more faculty involvement, professional development on racial equity classroom (CUE, 2021)
- Faculty need to foster: Intellectual Engagement & Sense of Belonging
- Remediate cultures and practices

AREAS OF INQUIRY

- Curriculum
- Data to Support Equity
- Student Voice
- Curriculum Delivery
LENS OF CRITICAL INQUIRY

**Critical Race Theory**
(Solorzano, Ceja, & Yosso, 2000; McCoy & Rodricks, 2015)
- mode of analysis
- rooted in legal scholarship
- recognizes inequitable distributions of power and resources in our society.
- challenges Eurocentric values and prevailing systems of oppression

**Culturally Responsive Teaching**
(Ladson-Billings, 1994)
- builds on critical race theory.
- recognizes the importance of leveraging students’ cultural assets in all aspects of learning.
- honors, respects, supports, and creates safe places for students
CURRICULUM IN ACTION

Curriculum Inventory work
Anti-racism curriculum audits
Engaging Student Voice
**Areas of Curriculum Inquiry**

**Curriculum Development**
- Course Outline of Record currency/relevance
- Syllabus Language
- Course materials & texts
- Scholarship (guest scholars, research talks, performances, workshops)
- Evaluation processes and procedures

**Critical Action for Instructors**
- Critical reflective practice
- Ownership of curriculum delivery and development
- Classroom Equity Data Inquiry
- Faculty choice of course materials (OER/ZTC)
- Approach to facilitation
- Fostering community/belonging
SUPPORTING ANTIRACIST CURRICULUM

• Student Experience/Voices

• Data to Support Critical Inquiry

• Advocate for funding (spending=values)
Individually...

What steps toward embedding anti-racism into your curriculum have you taken?

Collectively

What support do you and your colleagues need to help you move forward in this work?
ACTIVITY I

INPUT ON OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE
NEXT STEPS...

- Map out what we have
- Confer with colleagues across the district
- Prioritize
- Advocate for filling in gaps
Kim Lopez - College of San Mateo | Dr. Melissa Moreno – Skyline College
Dr. Jeremiah Sims – College of San Mateo | Ariela Villalpando – Cañada College
Diva Ward – Educational Services District Office | Lezlee Ware – Cañada College
Clair Yeo-Sugajski – Skyline College | Cynthia Avalos – District Office HR
## Antiracist Growth Mindset Progression Chart

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I Have Been Working Toward Equity On Several Fronts and I Have Had Some Success!

“I’m Interested”
I Realize How Important My Role Is In This Work!

“I’m Starting To Get It”
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What is Ideal?

The Initiative in Diversity, Equity, Antiracism and Leadership (IDEAL) is a comprehensive district wide professional development program.

• IDEAL addresses a wide-range of topics related to equity and justice and walks us through three levels of learning.

• IDEAL supports all three campuses and the district office which are undergirded by a common goal to respectfully serve our students and be supportive colleagues.

• IDEAL advances the pursuit of justice as the connective tissue that binds us together with the mission of the district. IDEAL supports our desire to become more equity-advancing and better versed in applying an antiracist lens to our individual and collective work.
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EEOC Timeline & Next Steps
These are some common terms and language used in the discussion and dialogues around equity, racial equity, and antiracism. This is not a static list but a dynamic list, as the scholarship changes terminology. We also have provided resource links to other glossaries for a deeper understanding of language and terminology.

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<td>Ibram X Kendi, <em>How to be an Antiracist</em>, Random House, 2019</td>
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<td>Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic, <em>Critical Race Theory: An Introduction</em>, NYU Press, 2001 (2nd ed. 2012, 3rd ed. 2017).</td>
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<td><strong>adaptation and survival. These groups are distinguished by a set of unspoken rules that shape values, beliefs, habits, patterns of thinking, behaviors and styles of communication.</strong></td>
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identities). It is also not equality, or “same treatment,” which doesn’t take differing needs or disparate outcomes into account. Systemic equity involves a robust system and dynamic process consciously designed to create, support and sustain social justice.

| EDUCATIONAL EQUITY | Intentional work towards the creation of positive, nutritive educational spaces that actively combat structural and institutionalized inequity so that all students are empowered, encouraged, and equipped to succeed academically precisely because they have been afforded rigorous and rich educational opportunities that allow them work towards the realization of their full academic and human potential. | Jeremiah Sims (2018) |

<p>| ETHNIC STUDIES | Ethnic studies is a multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary field focused on the analysis of socially-constructed categories such as race, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, nationality and (non)citizenship. Using a range of materials, from literary and musical works to sociological studies and historical texts, we deeply examine the processes whereby social categories of identity and difference are produced, resisted, inhabited, embraced, and transformed across historical time and geographic space. We trace the ways in which these racialized categories shape and are shaped by a variety of other complex issues, | College of San Mateo Ethnic Studies |</p>
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<th><strong>HETERONORMATIVITY OR HETERONORMATIVE</strong></th>
<th>Describes the commonly held perspective that heterosexuality is the normal, preferred, and default sexuality of individuals within a society.</th>
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<td><strong>INTERSECTIONALITY</strong></td>
<td>A frame of analysis that acknowledges that multiple power dynamics/“isms” are operating simultaneously—often in complex and compounding ways—and must be considered together in order to have a more complete understanding of oppression and ways to transform it.</td>
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<td><strong>RACIALIZED CAPITALISM</strong></td>
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<td><strong>MICROAGGRESSIONS</strong></td>
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A product of heterosexism, the ideological system that denies, denigrates, and stigmatizes any nonheterosexual form of behavior, identity, relationship, or community (Herek, 1990).

"Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex Kimberle Crenshaw 1989

“Racial Capitalism”
Nancy Leong,
Harvard Law Review 2013

| **PRIVILEGE** | Unearned social power accorded by the formal and informal institutions of society to ALL members of a dominant group (e.g. white privilege, male privilege, etc.). | Privilege is usually invisible to those who have it because we’re taught not to see it, but nevertheless it puts them at an advantage over those who do not have it. | http://www.coloursofresistance.org/definitions/privilege/ |
| **POWER** | Power is unequally distributed globally and in U.S. society; some individuals or groups wield greater power than others, thereby allowing them greater access and control over resources. Wealth, whiteness, citizenship, patriarchy, heterosexism, and education are a few key social mechanisms through which power operates. Although power is often conceptualized as power over other individuals or groups, other variations are power with (used in the context of building collective strength) and power within (which references an individual’s internal strength). Learning to “see” and understand relations of power is vital to organizing for progressive social change. Power may also be understood as the ability to influence others and impose one’s beliefs. All | | Intergroup Resources, 2012 | Alberta Civil Liberties Research Center | http://www.aclrc.com/racism-and-power |
Power is relational, and the different relationships either reinforce or disrupt one another. The importance of the concept of power to anti-racism is clear: racism cannot be understood without understanding that power is not only an individual relationship but a cultural one, and that power relationships are shifting constantly. Power can be used malignantly and intentionally, but need not be, and individuals within a culture may benefit from power of which they are unaware.

| RACISM | Racism = race prejudice + social and institutional power  
Racism = a system of advantage based on race  
Racism = a system of oppression based on race  
Racism = a white supremacy system Racism is different from racial prejudice, hatred, or discrimination. | Racism involves one group having the power to carry out systematic discrimination through the institutional policies and practices of the society and by shaping the cultural beliefs and values that support those racist policies and practices. | [https://www.dismantlingracism.org/racism-defined.html](https://www.dismantlingracism.org/racism-defined.html) |
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<td>SETTELER COLONIALISM</td>
<td>Settler colonialism refers to colonization in which colonizing powers create permanent or long-term settlement on land owned and/or occupied by other peoples, often by</td>
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<td><a href="#">Settler Fragility: Why Settler Privilege Is So Hard to Talk About, Dina</a></td>
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force. This contrasts with colonialism where colonizer’s focus only on extracting resources back to their countries of origin, for example. Settler Colonialism typically includes oppressive governance, dismantling of indigenous cultural forms, and enforcement of codes of superiority (such as white supremacy). Examples include white European occupations of land in what is now the United States, Spain’s settlements throughout Latin America, and the Apartheid government established by White Europeans in South Africa.

Per Dino Gillio-Whitaker, “Settler Colonialism may be said to be a structure, not an historic event, whose endgame is always the elimination of the Natives in order to acquire their land, which it does in countless seen and unseen ways. These techniques are woven throughout the US’s national discourse at all levels of society. Manifest Destiny—that is, the US’s divinely sanctioned inevitability—is like a computer program always operating unnoticeably in the background. In this program, genocide and land dispossession are continually both justified and denied.”
| WHITENESS | Whiteness itself refers to the specific dimensions of racism that serve to elevate white people over people of color. This definition counters the dominant representation of racism in mainstream education as isolated in discrete behaviors that some individuals may or may not demonstrate, and goes beyond naming specific privileges (McIntosh, 1988). Whites are theorized as actively shaped, affected, defined, and elevated through their racialization and the individual and collective consciousness’ formed with it (Whiteness is thus conceptualized as a constellation of processes and practices rather than as a discrete entity (i.e. skin color alone). Whiteness is dynamic, relational, and operating at all times and my myriad levels. These processes and practices include basic rights, values, beliefs, perspectives and experiences purported to be commonly shared by all, but which are actually only consistently afforded to white people | White Fragility, Robin DiAngelo |
| WHITE SUPREMACY | White supremacy is a historically based, institutionally perpetuated system of exploitation and oppression of continents, nations and peoples of color by white peoples and nations of the European continent; for the purpose of maintaining and defending a system of wealth, power and privilege. | Challenging White Supremacy Workshop, Sharon Martins Fourth Revision. 1995. |
ADDITIONAL TOOLS & RESOURCES:

- NYU Press [Keywords for American Cultural Studies](#)
- SDSU Cora Learning [Professional Development Courses](#)
- USC Center for Urban Education [Core Concepts of Racial Equity](#)
- Achieving the Dream [2013 article](#) for mission and vision statements
- Chancellor’s Office DEI Glossa