MINUTES


COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Erika Lacro

STAFF PRESENT: Richard Winn, Stephanie Droker, Gohar Momjian, Cheri Sixbey, Jared Spring, Elizabeth Dutton

GUESTS: Ángel Reyna, President, Madera Community College Center; Karen Kershenstein, CHEA; Daniel Miramontez, ALO, San Diego Miramar College;

CALL TO ORDER at 8:31 a.m., Ian Walton, Commission Chair

ADJOURNED: 9:43 a.m., Ian Walton, Commission Chair

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Chair’s Welcome and Overview
   Special Announcement: Stephanie Droker named President-Elect to replace Richard Winn upon his retirement

2. Review and approval of the Agenda
   MOTION: Okada/Sigler
   ACTION: Approved

3. Review and approval of the June 2019 Open Session Minutes
   MOTION: Pestana/Hanna
   ACTION: Approved
   ABSTAIN: Claire, Zimmerman, Burke

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. Comments – None

REPORTS

5. Current ACCJC Initiatives and Issues:
   Staff: President Richard Winn
   Update about US Department of Education and C-RAC actions in relation to suggested changes at the federal level to accreditation.

6. Substantive Change Committee:
   Committee Chair Sonya Christian;
   Staff: Senior Vice President Stephanie Droker
   Report on number of applications (12) approved and administrative approvals (150+). Expansion of scope has meant more Baccalaureate applications.
7. Evaluation and Planning Committee:
   Committee Chair Carmen Sigler;
   Staff: Vice President Gohar Momjian
   See provided document
   Overview of CDW.

8. Educational Programming Committee:
   Committee Chair Randy Beach;
   Staff: Senior Vice President Stephanie Droker
   Updates about initial planning for next conference (Orange County April 2021).
   Involvement with ASCCC. Formative/Summative model will require support.
   Webinars shifting more to this committee than from Evaluation and Planning.

9. Ad hoc Formative Summative Review Model Committee: Committee Chair Lori Gaskin;
   Staff: Senior Vice President Stephanie Droker
   Process to accelerate in early to mid-summer. Southwestern College, Citrus College, and Santa Barbara City College are the pilot institutions. Rancho Santiago Community College District schools to be second phase.

10. Budget Committee:
    Committee Chair Mary A.Y. Okada;
    Staff: Vice President of Operations Cheri M. Sixbey
    Fiscal year second quarter reviewed. Within the scope of expenditures, surplus projected. 2021 preliminary budget to be reviewed in the coming months. Fees and dues to be reviewed. Electronic vote on dues, presentation to Commission in June.

12. Commissioner Election:
    a. Nominating Committee Membership:
       Staff: President Richard Winn

    b. Announcement of Commission Vacancies:
       Staff: President Richard Winn
       Announcement made shortly with ballots distributed thereafter
13. Policy Committee Report:
   Committee Chair Kevin Bontenbal;
   Staff: Vice President Gohar Momjian
Committee has been busy. All second reads have gone to the field with no
comments returned and no changes between reads.

a. Items for Second Reading
   i. Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions
      Language clarifies actions about Candidacy, Initial
      Accreditation
      MOTION: Hanna/Zimmerman
      ACTION: Approved
   ii. Policy on Monitoring Institutional Performance
       Language changed to align with federal regulations.
       MOTION: Dunsheath/Jones
       ACTION: Approved
   iii. Policy on Public Disclosure and Confidentiality in the
        Accreditation Process
        Section regarding reporting of number of institutions with complaints
        MOTION: Gaskin/Russo
        ACTION: Approved
   iv. Policy on Rights and Responsibilities
       Language added to clarify timeline to notify public, handling and usage of comments in review
       MOTION: Dunsheath/Russo
       ACTION: Approved

b. Items for First Reading:
   i. Policy on Competency Based Education
      New policy. Other accreditors surveyed. C-RAC statement appended to policy. Covers high-level rather than procedural.
      MOTION: Jones/Burke
      ACTION: Approved
   ii. Policy on Institutional Degrees and Credits
      Existing policy, deleting section on direct assessment to remove duplications with CBE policy
      MOTION: Gaskin/Russo
      ACTION: Approved
iii. Policy on Direct Assessment of Learning
Proposal to rename “Policy on Credit for Prior Learning.”
Clarifications about title and terminology.

**MOTION: Burke/Hanna**
**ACTION: Approved**

c. Policies for Deletion
i. Policy on Award of Credit
Propose to delete policy as it is redundant and information is contained in other policies.

**MOTION: Doffoney/Reiss**
**ACTION: Approved**

**AGENCY RELATIONS**

14. Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC); Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA); Others – Staff: President Richard Winn
Representative from CHEA as observer at meeting as part of ACCJC application of renewal.

Reauthorization of Higher Education Act is contentious. College Affordability Act introduced by House of Representatives. Includes elements of importance to accreditors. C-RAC has posted statement about this. Bright line measurements/metrics addressed. Proposal has arisen to require 25% of accrediting board to be comprised of public members (those with no institutional affiliation). Intended to provide oversight, would seriously compromise nature of accreditation.

Jones: Issues at NACIQI, as well.

15. WASC Accrediting Commission for Schools:
Commissioner Matthew Russo
Refining the process, looking at specific prompt regarding criteria of each indicator and how each school meets those criteria.
2018-19 school year: 4,973 members. More than 4,000 members participated in visits. 173 initial visits. Almost 200 reviews.

16. WASC Senior College and University Commission:
Commissioner Carmen Sigler
Personnel changes. Many issues parallel those of ACCJC. Commission has appointed working groups to look at revision of the standards, board effectiveness. $750,000 grant from Lumina Foundation for data analysis. Looking at international accreditation again.

17. California Community College Chancellor’s Office:
Commissioner Daisy Gonzales
Governor released budget on Friday. Not many changes. Invested in faculty diversification. Doubled investment in apprenticeships. Peer review as part of Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) program (for shared
governance and Competency Based Education). 12 new colleges in program. Currently fiscally monitoring three institutions with two under fiscal review.

18. Hawai’i Community Colleges:
   Commissioner Erika Lacro
   (not present)

19. Pacific Postsecondary Education Council:
   Commissioner Mary A.Y. Okada
   See report for full information.

Minutes recorded by: Elizabeth Dutton