



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

- Demosthenes

Chancellor's Board of Trustees Report

Dr. Carla Walter, Interim Chancellor



COVID - 19 Update

State Chancellor Eloy Oakley provided a recent update on October 7, 2020. In it, he indicated that [new guidance](#) for Alameda County higher education institutions is available. It provides “capacity for indoor lectures and student gatherings must be limited to 25% or 100 people, whichever is less. Some courses conducted in certain indoor settings, like labs and studio arts, may be open at regular capacity. Conduct student activities virtually when possible.” Further, he stated

“... there’s updated higher education guidance as of this morning. You can find the guidance [here](#). While there are some minor changes in the front section to bring the guidance in alignment with the updated Blueprint for a Safer Economy, the majority of the changes pertain to college athletics. The modifications to college athletics reflect newer and reliable testing technologies as well as expanded access to testing. More frequent testing combined with other rigorous public health requirements allow for bigger cohorts for practice. The key changes in the document include:

- Updates to new tiering system in IHE guidance
- Updates to testing guidelines to include antigen testing in athletics guidance
- Updates to practice cohort size for athletics guidance
- New guidelines for Isolation & Quarantine, and Communications & Outreach in athletics guidance”

Our district continues to comply with regulatory rules and official guidance in offering courses and athletics while we remain in the COVID 19 pandemic.



Accreditation

The November Special Reports and the Independent Self Evaluation Reports (ISERs) as required by ACCJC (Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges) are underway. The Board of Trustees has the special reports available for first reading on the October 13, 2020 board agenda, with a second reading

scheduled for October 27, 2020. The final special reports will be sent to ACCJC ahead of the November 1, 2020 deadline. With them, and with the focus on the ISERs, the language of accreditation standards and evidence is being driven into institutional behaviors, goals, and directions. The ISERs are being completed and the campus participatory governance groups are engaged in the process. The draft ISERs will be presented for a first reading on October 27, 2020.

Fiscal Matters

The college leaders have prepared their college-specific Parcel Tax Plans and those will be forthcoming for the Board of Trustees' review on October 27, 2020. This has been done by adhering to the requirements of [Administrative Procedure 6741](#) supported by [Board Policy 6741](#) regarding Parcel Tax allocations. As per AP 6741, "At least thirty (30) days prior to approval by the Board of Trustees, the proposed expenditure plans will be provided to the district Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) and the district Participatory Governance Council (PGC) for review. These two shared governance committees shall provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed expenditure plan. The plans shall be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at a regular meeting and the Board of Trustees will rely on the recommendations of the two shared governance committees (PBC and PGC) before approving any expenditure plans." It gratifying to see the wonderful collaborations that took place to ensure these.

The Draft 2020/21 Adoption Budget was approved by PBC and recommended to the PGC, and then recommended to the Chancellor in accordance with participatory governance processes. It is presented for second reading at this meeting. A public hearing will be held during the October 27, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. The budget is balanced, and there is more than a districtwide 10% reserve. As mentioned before, we are monitoring cash flow, being mindful of any changes that may materialize due to additional state and federal budgetary challenges.

