



**Ventura County Community College District  
Student Success and Accreditation Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
February 26, 2015**

**Members present**

Student Success and Accreditation Committee Chair Stephen Blum, Trustee Arturo Hernandez

**In attendance**

Jamillah Moore, Chancellor  
Michael Shanahan, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources  
Brian Fahnestock Vice Chancellor, Business Services  
Luis Sanchez, Moorpark College President  
Greg Gillespie, Ventura College President  
Clare Geisen, Director  
Mary Rees, Moorpark College Academic Senate President  
Linda Kama'ila, Oxnard College Academic Senate President  
Alexander Kolesnik, Ventura College Academic Senate President  
Bernard Luskin, Special Assistant to the Chancellor  
Laurie Nelson-Nusser, Chancellor's Office/Administrative Relations  
Patti Blair, Recorder

**1. Call to Order**

Student Success and Accreditation Committee Chair Stephen Blum called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

**2. Public Comments**

Public comment was provided by Suresh Subramanian.

**3. Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**4. Review of Minutes**

The December 4, 2014 Planning, Accreditation, Communication, and Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Ms. Geisen indicated Board Policy 2220 Committees of the Board will be agendaized during the March 10, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting for Trustee review.

**5. Student Success**

**5.01 Student Success Update**

Ms. Rees provided an update on the Student Success Task Force and indicated the group will meet on Friday, February 27. Previous meeting discussions included Student Success Implementation, hiring, tutoring centers, online student assistance, progress reports in meeting matrixes, student orientation, education planning process, and extensions of student success funds through the State.

**6. Accreditation**

**6.01 Accreditation Update**

Dr. Gillespie provided an update from the District Council on Accreditation and Planning (DCAP) and commented on the Standard III and Standard IV meetings and alignment of work to the Accreditation Timeline. Campus Accreditation Teams and Standard Committees are working to identify the degree to which standards are being met, plans to address gaps, current work toward standards narrative, and a



planned Spring 2015 completion with revisions in Summer and Fall 2015. DCAP is currently reviewing the integrated planning documents and updates will be provided to Ms. Geisen. College Standard IV Meeting Co-Chairs, Dr. Moore, and Ms. Geisen, will coordinate the writing of sections to maintain consistency and understanding. Work on Standard III includes participation with Human Resources; the approved employee and student surveys will be distributed in Spring 2015.

Ms. Geisen indicated the Decision-Making Handbook will be reviewed with DCAP members, followed by Consultation Council review. The functional mapping document and table will be reviewed during the March meeting.

Trustee Hernandez requested clarification of the Board's role related to accreditation. DCAP will review with Board Members at a future study session the previous ACCJC recommendations and progress towards meeting current standards.

Dr. Moore, Ms. Geisen, and Academic Senate Presidents discussed the accreditation process and indicated updated ACCJC standards have been streamlined to reduce redundancy; action items have been reduced, and planned trends are highlighted with pathways outlined. Transition from old standards to new standards related to distance education will be reviewed thoroughly; student learning outcomes will drive integrated plans. The new standards focus on outcomes, continuous improvement, and consistent expectations and services for on-campus and online students.

#### **6.02 Accreditation Policy Hearing**

Dr. Moore commented on recent conversations in DCAP meetings and the Chancellor's Cabinet meetings about an accreditation policy hearing and the need to provide information to Trustees on previous ACCJC recommendations and current District work on accreditation. Trustees requested a study session on accreditation at a future Board of Trustees Meeting.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Student Success and Accreditation Committee Chair Stephen Blum adjourned the meeting and scheduled the following meetings:

- May 4, 2015
- June 1, 2015
- August 3, 2015