



President's Cabinet Action Notes

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There was no Cabinet meeting on January 17th, but Information Items were distributed

1. The Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges (ACCJC) has reaffirmed the accreditation of City College of San Francisco for the full seven year period. ([See the attached letter.](#)) This concludes a contentious, multi-year struggle that saw ACCJC slate CCSF for withdrawal of accreditation, an action that drew several law suits.
2. Mt. SAC's Administrative Services units have published their quarterly newsletter ([attached](#)). Included are reports from Information Technology, Public Safety, Fiscal Services, SAC Book Rac, and Facilities Planning and Management.
3. As one of his first actions, new state Chancellor Eloy Oakley surveyed community college constituents around the state. The results of that survey are [attached](#). Questions and highest responses are:
 - 1) Statewide Chancellor's Office policy changes implemented over the past five years are having a positive impact on student outcomes at your college: 35.54% Somewhat Agree
 - 2) Community colleges are helping improve social mobility of low-income and disadvantaged students in our state: 35.19% Mostly Agree
 - 3) The level of regulatory oversight of colleges by the state Chancellor's Office is reasonable given its responsibility to account to the legislature, governor and taxpayers: 35.33% Mostly Agree
 - 4) The level of alignment that the community colleges system has with K-12 is adequate at this time: 33.98% Somewhat Agree
 - 5) The level of alignment that the community colleges system has with UC and CSU with regard to transfer is adequate at this time: 31.94% Somewhat Agree
 - 6) Improving staffing and resources at the state Chancellor's Office can lead to better support for colleges: 30.16% Strongly Agree
 - 7) The state Chancellor's Office effectively carries out its mission, which is to "support, empower and advocate for community colleges": 42.08% Mostly Agree
 - 8) All voices within the community colleges system are heard and respected with the goal of improving opportunities and success for students of diverse backgrounds: 33.12% Somewhat Agree
4. In 2015 President Obama proposed that community colleges should be free, an initiative known as America's College Promise ([link](#)). Although never enacted by Congress, many communities in California have taken steps toward this goal as reported in the California Promise newsletter ([attached](#)). This Legislature has funded \$15 million for community college promise competitive grants in the 2016-17 budget and has enacted enabling legislation in Assembly Bill 1741 ([link](#)).
5. This year's Mt. SAC Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 11th, at Pacific Palms. Details are [attached](#).

6. Mt. SAC has been notified ([attached](#)) that, at its meeting held December 20, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the Mt. SAC's request to change our Board of Trustee elections from November of odd years to November of even years, and consolidate these elections with the Statewide General Elections conducted by the County, effective November 2018.
7. Congratulations to Yen Mai and the Marketing and Communication staff for winning ([see attached](#)) TWO Paragon awards this year: one for the Academic Catalog and the other for the Student Handbook. The award recognition comes from the National Council on Public Relations ([link](#)).
8. The City of Pomona has begun a community improvement initiative called Pomona Collective Impact ([see attached brochure](#)). The project has five task groups that together are called Pomona's Promise: Community Engagement, Education & Career Readiness, Crime Prevention & Community Safety, Healthy Pomona, and Economic Development. Several Mt. SAC folks participate in this work.
9. One of the community groups that initiated Pomona Collective Impact is known as the Pomona Breakfast Group of which I am a member. The group consists of the leaders of businesses, non-profits, educational institutions, service clubs and the city manager of Pomona ([member list attached](#)). This advocacy and information sharing group keeps tabs on the pulse of Pomona. Also deserving mention as a member is the Pomona Chamber of Commerce for which our own Jill Dolan, Director of Public Affairs, has served as chair of the board.
10. Each year, our honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, asks me for a project. This year, the task was "To find the desired location for a new parking structure based on student feedback." Their report ([attached](#)) and presentation ([attached](#)) tells an enlightening story. Just two of the findings:
 - 32.7% of student surveyed spend 30 minutes or more to find a parking spot.
 - Regarding level of difficulty of finding parking on a scale of 1 (easy) to 5 (difficult) the most common response was 5 (30.6%).
11. The Chronicle of Higher Education has published "What's In and What's Out for Colleges as Trump Takes Office ([attached](#)).

OUT

- Title IX enforcement on sexual assault
- Free college
- Graduate PLUS Loans
- Loan forgiveness
- Heightened federal enforcement of for-profit colleges
- "State authorization" rules for distance education
- The "gainful employment" rule

IN

- Income-share agreements in which investors help finance students' educations in return for a percentage of their earnings
- Some form of new federally sanctioned private lending option for student loans
- Competency-based education
- Federal student aid for education providers that bypass traditional accreditation
- Skills training