

## SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2009 BOARD STUDY SESSION

### WEST VALLEY-MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The following materials were provided to board members in advance of the meeting and each item was reviewed at the November 6, 2009 Board study session:

- District Council Operating Principles
- DBAC Roles, Responsibilities, and Operating Procedures
- West Valley College Shared Decision-Making Plan
- Mission College Participatory Governance Structure
- Administrative Services Statement of Purpose

President Robles and President Gaskin reviewed the participatory governance structures at each college and Special Assistant to the Chancellor Moore reviewed the purpose and composition of District Administrative Services, which serves this purpose at District Services. Mission College Governance and Planning Council (GAP), West Valley College Council and District Administrative Services Council act as the highest level participatory governance body for each unit, advising the respective president and Vice Chancellor. Constituent groups as well as the three afore-mentioned units are also represented on governance bodies at the District level, which were described by Mr. Moore and Chancellor Hendrickson. The District Budget Advisory Committee (DBAC) makes recommendations to the Vice Chancellor and the District Council advises the Chancellor. Both organizations have provisions to allow for their recommendations to be communicated to the Board of Trustees when the Vice Chancellor or Chancellor does not affirm their recommendation on an issue of district-wide importance.

District Policy sections 3.2.6, "Classified Senate," 3.3.4, "Academic Senate," and 5.15.1, "Associated Student Body," describe the "Participation in Local Decision Making" structures established for West Valley College, Mission College and District Services. The Chancellor recommended that the Board adopt a brief policy statement or minute record at a future Board meeting to acknowledge the established participatory governance bodies at the District level.

At the conclusion of the staff presentations, Board members asked questions for clarification. Several Board members commented on their recognition and support of college and district level governance structures and thanked staff for the presentation.