

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Douglas Treadway

DATE: September 16, 2006

SUBJECT: Discussion on Board Self Evaluation

Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation Follow-up:

1. WASC accreditation guidelines were provided in the packet but not discussed. The college will prepare its self-study this year and the Board should hold a workshop in preparation and the board should appoint some of its members to assist with the self-study process.
2. Other Items for accreditation for the board to follow-up on include:
 - a) Speaking with one voice or “getting on the same page” was discussed at length during the board self-evaluation. The accreditation standard says: “Once the board reaches a decision, it acts as a whole.” Individual board members have a habit of stating for the record in public session as well as in the press their disagreements with prior board decisions. Such a past practice is not in keeping with the accreditation standard of best practice nor the guidelines of the CCCLC manual for boards of trustees. How Ohlone’s Board will deal with this issue needs further deliberation.
 - b) A new accreditation requirement states: “The governing board has a code of ethics that includes a clearly defined policy for dealing with the behavior that violates its code.” The code of ethics we brought to the board earlier this year was tabled. We need to have such a code to be in compliance with WASC standards. I asked that a subcommittee of the board work with me on this, but that has not happened to date. I recommend that this be handled by the board chair.
3. Three items that were stated at the conclusion of the Board Retreat around which the Board desired to have “all members on the same page” were the following:
 - a) The Board needs agreement on the frontage lease as to how the funds generated will be utilized. The administration has presented to the Board a proposed list of projects that has also been reviewed by College Council. It would be appropriate to have a board action item to either approve the specific list or a more general statement on the use of the funds. We can assist with drafting the board item for the next Board meeting.

- b) It was clarified that the Board has approved the allocation of all of Bond Measure A projects and funds. Construction costs have greatly escalated, causing the Board to have to take some of the projects off the list and modify others. Additional cost escalation may cause further changes in the approved list. The Board understands and agrees that this is the case.

- c) Contrary to a recent statement in the newspapers, the Board understands and agrees that the Ohlone Community College District is in sound fiscal condition and operates under effective financial management and leadership.

This is a check list for the Board to follow, not all of which needs official action.

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