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September 4th—September 17th

Hi All,

The second DAS meeting of the year was mostly notable for featuring outgoing VC of IT Jason Cole, whose attempts at providing DAS with recommendations seem to have hastened the departure (see below) of our 2nd longest serving VC—he almost made it 2 years...For a Peralta administrator that's like dog years though...

Again, this year I'll do my best to keep things relatively short so if you have questions or would like me to expand on anything just let me know. And I'm always happy to meet with anyone to talk about any issues or questions you'd like me to take up with the District Academic Senate.

9/4 DAS Meeting

The main focus of the 9/4 meeting became a discussion of what went wrong with ONEPeralta, where that leaves the District after the departure of the Director of the project, Chioma Ndubuisi, and Jason Cole, the VC of IT. The highlights of the discussion were that because of delays and dysfunction the project will not be completed in 2018 and will cost substantially more than was originally budgeted (which was unrealistically low). The major challenge facing the District now being how to ensure the upgrade can be completed in the spring of 2019 to avoid some potentially further costly, and scary, problems. It was agreed on at the end of this discussion that DAS would pass a resolution formally requesting recommendations from the outgoing VC that included not appointing an interim VC of IT—this would become moot as we'll see below—but this has now changed somewhat to become 2 resolutions; one resolution to assert DAS consultative prerogatives around this issue and another resolution to put forth a specific timeline and general process of collaboration.

The other items discussed at DAS included a brief review of proposed APs/BPs having to do with oversight of the parcel tax and bonds that have subsequently passed through the shared governance process and a quick and haphazard assigning of DAS Presidents to the District shared governance committees—basically 2 or more presidents to a committee with an occasional non-President thrown in as necessary.

Unfinished business remains officially approving DAS 2018-2019 goals. The proposed goals are the same as presented previously:

Proposed DAS Goals 2018-19

1. Direct more fiscal resources toward classroom activities
2. Coordinate AB 705 to ensure meetings between assessment coordinators, counseling, math and English faculty, and ESL to ensure adherence to legislation;

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3. Collaborate with Academic Affairs to coordinate fall 2019 scheduling to address proper enrollment management for student access and to achieve FTES targets;
4. Collaborate with IT and AA to complete update AP 4250 to address need to support on-line standards
5. OER: Determine what improvements and support are needed to further this effort across PCCD;
6. Ensure continued development of shared governance structure and processes;
7. Other
 - a. Guided Pathways
 - b. Non-Credit
 - c. Career Education: Workforce Development
 - d. Integrated Planning

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18th from 2:30-4:30 and we'll likely be voting on DAS goals for the year amongst other topics.

A few thoughts

1. As noted above, much of what was discussed involved the ONEPeralta issue and DAS was attempting to get recommendations from the outgoing VC of IT to enable it to effectively collaborate with the District to come together to ensure that full implementation of the upgrade could be completed this spring.
2. DAS President Moore and others communicated this to the Chancellor at the Friday, September 7th PGC meeting.
3. Less than 2 hours later the outgoing VC of IT was called into HR, placed on immediate administrative leave until his official resignation date, and escorted back to his office to pack his things and leave. Perhaps we can call this a "District Office Departure" now.
4. We can infer from this a) the Chancellor was disinclined for DAS to get recommendations from the VC of IT and b) the Chancellor remains disinterested in engaging in any form of meaningful shared governance.
5. Also worth noting since the last ...-DAS-...Report was that the District Budget for 18-19 was formally approved without going through a shared governance process and cutting Laney's general budget by \$1.5 million dollars from last year.

In summary Peralta remains broken from the top and it's going to be interesting to see how the ONEPeralta saga plays out in terms of whether faculty will have a meaningful role and to what extent faculty are willing to exert themselves to have a meaningful role. If the ongoing faculty disinterest in Peralta's budget is an indication of faculty willingness to asserts its 10+1 responsibilities and powers I'm not optimistic.

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