



President's Report to the Board of Trustees



May 31, 2017

Following is a compendium of email reports to the Board for the month of May.

1. I thought you might appreciate a glowing example of the kind of leadership the Mt. SAC team provides within our system. The Mt. SAC Noncredit/Continuing Education Team hosted a technical assistance visit here on campus to about 40 members of the College of the Canyons management, staff, and faculty. A "Thank You" message from COC President Diane Van Hook is [attached](#). 5/30/17
2. Mike Taylor reached out to the *Tribune* for a story on the Mt. SAC Wildlife Sanctuary. We're glad to see it has finally run! The [attached story](#) has a headline of "Mt. SAC Wildlife Sanctuary reaches 50-year milestone, preserves habitat for rare birds" and prominently features Professor Craig Petersen. 5/30/17
3. It is my pleasure to announce that Lianne Maldonado-Greenlee will be recommended to the Board of Trustees as the permanent Director of Professional & Organizational Development. Lianne has been serving Mt. SAC as Special Projects Director for Professional & Organizational Development since January of 2016 and before that as Project Administrator in our School of Continuing Education for eight years. She was previously employed in the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District as a teacher and a vice principal. Lianne has an M.A. in Educational Administration from Azusa Pacific University and a B.A. in Psychology from U.C. Santa Barbara. Please congratulate Lianne when you see her running from event to event on campus. 5/26/17
4. Good news! Congresswoman Judy Chu has agreed to be our commencement speaker! 5/23/17
5. It is my pleasure to announce that Dr. Koji Uesugi will be recommended to the Board of Trustees as Dean of Student Services. Koji is currently Dean of Student Services at Norco College, part of the Riverside Community College District. Koji has been with Norco College since 2009. Dr. Uesugi was previously at Cal Poly Pomona from 1999 to 2009 in several positions including Executive Director of Student Support and Equity Programs. He began his professional career as an English teacher including two years at Baldwin Park High School. Dr. Uesugi has an Ed.D. in Education from UCLA, an M.A. in American Studies from Cal State Fullerton, an M.A. in Education from Claremont Graduate University, and a B.A. in English from U.C. Davis. Koji will be joining the Mt. SAC family in mid-July. Please give him a warm welcome as he comes to our campus. 5/17/17
6. I followed up with Sean Absher to confirm more specifics and the next steps in regard to the Stop Work Order. His report is available at your request. 5/16/17 5:25 pm

7. Sean Absher and our team have met and provided a report on issues relating to the Stop Work Order. The report is available to Board members upon request. We will be working with the City to clarify the grading review standards and process and seek to demonstrate that no grading oversight by the City is necessary. We will provide follow up information as these steps are taken. 5/16/17 5:01 pm
8. We just received a Stop Work Order ([attached](#)) on the Stadium grading work from the City of Walnut. See the attached document. We are in conversations with Sean Absher on a specific response. We believe we have a direction to take that will both satisfy the City and allow a necessary but not complete scope of grading on the site until we have cleared legal hurdles. I will follow up as the situation develops. 5/15/17
9. Sean Absher has provided comments relevant to many of the points discussed by the Board on Wednesday. Copies are available to Board members on request. 5/13/17
10. My response to issues raised by the Board on the court ruling on the Solar Project conveyed my understanding of the issues and is available to the Board on request. 5/10/17
11. Attached are both the [signed judgement](#) and the [Writ of Mandate](#) issued by the judge as a result of the court proceeding on the Solar Project. Sean Absher has provided comments which are available to the Board on request. 5/9/17
12. Upon advice of legal counsel, I recommend that we withdraw Action Item #5 from tomorrow's agenda. This recommendation is not based on the [attached challenge](#) from Mr. Sherman representing UWT but rather due to information regarding glare impact that just became evident as we have started the initial environmental review. A modification of this agenda item will be prepared for the June Board meeting. 5/9/17
13. We have a meeting of the Public/Private Partnership Committee (Trustees Bader, Chen, and Hall) scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday. There are two topics for discussion.
 - First, we are considering contracting out our bookstore management. A draft Request for Proposals is attached. Mike will discuss the issue and seek your direction.
 - Second, we are working with West Covina USD on a partnership that would include a lease of the Rio Verde school site on Hollenbeck which was formerly Cortez Elementary School—now closed. The lease would be for the purpose of establishing a joint venture early college high school on the site as well as the use of the remaining space for Mt. SAC noncredit classes. I will present the basics of the proposal and seek the committee's direction. 5/8/17
14. It was just announced in the *Tribune* ([link](#)) that Rio Hondo will have a Promise Program with 1 year tuition for their local schools. 5/5/17