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Santa Clara**
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City of Santa Clara | Mission College Liaison Committee

Mission College, Conference Room SEC 339
3000 Mission College Blvd. Santa Clara

MEETING AGENDA

November 2, 2023

2:30 p.m.

City Committee Members:

Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor, Member
Councilmember Karen Hardy, Chair
Councilmember Anthony Becker, Member

Mission College Members:

Bradley Davis, Chancellor
Seher Awan, Mission College President
Adrienne Grey, Board President
Anne Kepner, Board Vice President
Robert Owens, Board Member

City Staff:

Cynthia Bojorquez, Assistant City Manager
Maria Le, Assistant to the City Manager
Michael Liw, Assistant Director Public Works

Mission College Staff:

Rebecca Alvarez, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Karen Hardy called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public comments.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes

a. April 21, 2021

Motion made by Board Vice President Anne Kepner, seconded by Mayor Lisa Gillmor, to approve the minutes of April 21, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Report from West Valley-Mission Community College District

a. West Valley-Mission Community College District Updates

Mission College Chancellor Bradley Davis presented information on free tuition and childcare options for students. Chancellor Davis also discussed student housing and efforts to remove barriers to access. Chancellor Davis closed by encouraging all to enjoy the tour of Mission College following the meeting. Chancellor Davis answered questions from the Committee.

b. Mission College Updates

Mission College President Seher Awan provided updates on Mission College's rebranding efforts, discussed school innovation and future community needs. President Awan reviewed the school's role as a responsive community partner and provided an overview of workforce development, economic mobility, and equity at Mission College.

President Awan provided information on past and future community engagement events, reviewed enrollment numbers, program highlights, and new grant funding. Mission College has been recognized with multiple awards and accolades. President Awan discussed Mission College's holistic mindset regarding students and its commitment to making education accessible. President Awan answered questions from the Committee.

3. Discussion of Safe Routes on Campus

Committee Chair Karen Hardy discussed the lack of interconnected bicycle routes to campus, and asked about future plans to enhance interconnectivity both on-campus and leading into Mission College. Michael Liw, Assistant Director Public Works for the City of Santa Clara, spoke to current City initiatives focused on enhancing trail use. The Committee discussed bike lane options on campus and in the nearby neighborhood.

4. Feasibility of a Joint Internship Program

Mayor Gillmor discussed the need for joint internship opportunities and inquired about available state funding. President Awan identified several funding sources available for internships. Councilmember Anthony Becker noted paid internships should be a priority.

5. Collaboration between City and Mission College on Future Workforce Development

Chair Hardy discussed the need for a collaborative, multi-jurisdictional approach to security issues adjacent to the creeks running near Mission College and in Santa Clara.

Mayor Gillmor discussed enhancing collaboration possibilities between specific industries and Mission College. She noted the importance of creating programs and tailoring classes targeted specifically to the City of Santa Clara, as well as the associated benefits in partnering with specific industries.

6. Future Meeting Schedule

a. Discussion on Schedule Options: Twice a year or Quarterly (January, March, June, September)

The committee agreed to meet twice per year going forward.

b. Agenda building for next meeting

No discussion on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.