

Riverside Community College District
ADVANCEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Goldware, Vice Chancellor (VC), Institutional Advancement & Economic Development (IA&ED)
Jacob Kevari, Vice President (VP), Planning and Development
Tenisha James, VP, Planning & Development
Kristi Woods, Interim VP, Planning & Development
Chris Clarke, Executive Director, External Relations & Strategic Communications
Jeff Kaatz, Executive Director, RCCD Foundation
Laurie McQuay-Peninger, Executive Director, Grants & Sponsored Programs
Debra Mustain, Dean, Community Partnerships & Workforce Development
Tracy Fisher, Director, Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties
Misty Griffin, Director, Business Services
Karina Giglotti, Director, Grants
Alice Musumba, Director, Grants
Aaron Agramon, Associate Faculty, Political Science
Marie Thermidor, Development Officer
Elena Santa Cruz, Administrative Coordinator

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Adishvar Kahlon, Student
Meghan Chandler, Associate Professor, Art History
Rachel Weiss, Dean, Grants Development & Administration
Sam Rufus, Accounting Technician

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Renee Vigil, Executive Administrative Assistant to VC, IA&ED

CALL TO ORDER

The Advancement and Partnership committee (APC) meeting called to order at 10:04am.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

VC Goldware welcomed the APC members and members introduced themselves to the group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 8, 2025

Member Kaatz motioned to approve the April 8, 2025 minutes and member Agramon seconded (14 ayes).

APPRENTICESHIP OPERATION TASKFORCE

VC Goldware discussed the Apprenticeship Operation Taskforce was discussed with the APC. Member James shared that it would make more sense for this to be sitting under the Teaching and Learning committee or move this back to the overall Governance committee.

APC UPDATES

VC Goldware shared that there are five smaller committees within the APC and all DSPC committees are listed on the RCCD website. The Alternative Resources Committee (ARC) met recently and member McQuay-Peninger shared about the state funds to support positions that may have lost money from the federal level.

Member Kaatz provided an update about the RCCD Foundation's 50th anniversary celebration and new logo that is being advertised. The Foundation is hoping to host a few more mixers and lunches with donors to focus on students.

Member Fisher shared that the Civic Engagement committee (CEC) met the week prior and discussed how students can be engaged, election communication with students and federal impacts on students. Local electeds and campus visits were discussed for personal vs. political visits at the colleges. Member Elena Santa Cruz joined the meeting and shared about inviting all electeds for campaigning equity. The Government Relations office within the IA&ED division should be informed when elected officials are onsite Districtwide (campaign season or not) to assist with thoughtful follow up.

Member Clarke provided an update about the District Marketing and Media committee (DMCC) and the various guidelines that have gone through the DMCC. The Social Media, Writing and Style, Acronym, Video, Photography, Marketing, Website, Local Creation, Crisis Communications and List-Serv guidelines have all been moving forward for the committee.

Member Kaatz shared an update about the Facilities Naming committee (FNC). There were three naming requests that moved through the FNC, the RCCD Foundation Board and the Board of Trustees. VC Goldware shared the BP/APs are going to the Board of Trustees and have been through the DSPC for final language improvements. The FNC had policy updates due to various gifting and namings that have surfaced like the Powell building name, Aerie name on the library, tree naming, etc.

Member Mustain shared an update about the Institutional Partnerships committee (IPC). The goal is to assist with avoiding duplication and how multiple contacts are reaching out in the community without knowing others are reaching out too. There is a membership workbook being created to assist with partnership contacts and engagement. Chamber memberships were discussed and how there is duplication of membership as well as representation across the region. Examples were shared on how relationships assist with crossing paths with partnerships.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

Member Clarke discussed charge language updates and proposed changing the first sentence to "The Advancement and Partnership Committee (APC) works to expand awareness of and advocacy for its colleges and engagement with the businesses, community organizations and government institutions representing the communities we serve." Multiple committee members agreed with the change.

NEW BUSINESS/TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No questions received from the committee.

ADJOURN

The APC meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.