

Exhibit 26

Information/Action Item

Consideration of Commission Committees

Background Information

During the strategic planning discussion at the June Commission meeting, Commissioners deferred discussion of Commission governance and organizational matters relating to Commission committees to this September meeting.

The current standing committees include:

- Audit Committee – 3 members
- Strategic Policy and Planning Committee – 7 members
- Student Impact Committee – 5 members
- Personnel, Evaluation and Nomination Committee – 5 members

The Chair appoints committee chairs, vice chairs, and members, as provided in Commission Governance Policy 3, which provides in relevant part on pp. 7-8 of the Governance Policies. Vice chairs of committees have not been appointed recently, because committee chairs have been able to fulfill their responsibilities.

Commission Governance Policy 3: Officers of the Commission

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E. Officers: Elections will determine the three officers of the Commission:

1. Chair

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Specifically, the role of the Chair is to:

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- d. Organize the Commission's Committees as established per the Committees policy below, and maintain contact with the Committee Chairs to ensure that Committees are operating effectively.

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- h. Appoint the Chairs, Vice Chairs and members of the Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees as needed; and appoint interim officers of the Commission in the event of a vacancy.

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Commission Governance Policy 5 covers committees at page 10 of the Governance Policies:

Commission Governance Policy 5: Committees

Commission committees are established to help the Commission fulfill its responsibilities by assessing policy issues, alternatives, and implications to support Commission deliberation. Committees have evolved. As of the 2014 revision to this Governance Policies and Procedures document, the Commission had four standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Strategic Policy and Planning Committee, the Student Impact Committee, and the Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee. Responsibilities for each committee are detailed in the Commission's Orientation Manual. The Committees will also carry out other tasks as assigned by the Commission. This policy applies to any group that is formed by Commission action, whether or not it is called a committee and regardless of whether the group includes Commission members.

- A. Committees may not speak or act for the Commission except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes.
- B. Committees may not exercise authority over staff, except where specifically authorized by the Commission. Committees are to avoid over-identification with organizational parts rather than the whole, and will at all times act in accordance with the policies herein.
- C. Ad Hoc committees can be created to collect ideas and information, and recommend how the Commission may address specific issues or situations.

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