**Current and Formerly Incarcerated Youth and Adult Task Force**

**Background**

Four potential opportunities to direct services and programs to current and former youth and adult offenders were presented to the Board at its July 22, 2015, meeting in the report, Current and Former Youth and Adult Offenders (General Agenda Item A). This report included information on and programs offered by the University of California, Berkeley, and gave reference to the *Degrees of Freedom* report by Stanford Law and Berkeley Law. The four models included the following:

1. a restorative justice program whereby an individual may be provided an opportunity to fulfill a jail or prison sentence by participating in an educational program;
2. consideration of a program that offers currently incarcerated youth and adults with student support services as they transition back into the community;
3. an on-campus support program for formerly incarcerated students with the opportunity of providing formerly incarcerated students with additional support services through the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS), the Disabled Student and Program Services (DSPS) and other student programs and referrals; and
4. consideration of a prison-centered program whereby courses are taught by college faculty in the prison or through the distance education process.

**Charge**

The Task Force will explore the feasibility of the development of model student support services and instructional programs directed at current and formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The task force will assess the challenges and opportunities of collaborating with the judicial system, detention centers, and prisons to determine what types of support service and programs, if any, may be recommended to the Board for implementation.

Consideration of student support services to be extended to current and formerly incarcerated youth and adults may include, but not be limited to, pre-orientation services, assessment, enrollment services, and financial aid information. Course and program offerings will be explored and a memorandum of understanding will be coordinated by the District and participating detention and prison institutions provided there is agreement to enter into an equitably responsible partnership.

**Task Force Composition**

The task force will be chaired by Dr. Andrew Jones, interim executive vice chancellor, education and technology, and will comprise the following 16 members.

* 2 Governing Board appointees
* 2 judges (one juvenile and one criminal)
* 1 county sheriff appointee
* 1 county administrator appointee
* 2 employees from each college representing student services and instruction (6 total)
* 1 student representative from each college (3 total)
* 1 University of California, Berkeley, representative
* 1 California State University, East Bay, representative

**Task Force Function and Timing**

The Task Force will serve as the primary committee to review issues and opportunities related to offering student support services and instructional programs to current and formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The Task Force will initially convene in September 2015 and is expected to provide recommendations to the Board at its December 9, 2015, meeting.