MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

May 10, 1979

3:30 p.m. - Room A-160
Administration Building
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Barbara, California

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District was called to order by President Joe Dobbs on Thursday, May 10, 1979, at 3:40 p.m. in Room A-160 of the Administration Building, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, California.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members present:

Dr. Joe W. Dobbs, President
Mrs. Joyce H. Powell, Vice-President
Mrs. Kathryn O. Alexander
Mr. Sidney R. Frank
Mr. Benjamin P. J. Wells

Members absent:

Mrs. Ann Gutshall
Mr. Eli Luria
Mr. Tim Clarke, Student Member

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting:

Dr. David Mertes, Superintendent/President and Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees
Dr. Donald K. Sorsabal, Asst. Superintendent, Business Services, and Asst. Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees

Mr. M. L. Huglin, Administrative Dean, Instruction
Dr. Alfred Silvera, Administrative Dean, Student Services

Mr. Keith Dalton, Reporter, S. B. NEWS-PRESS
Mr. Dennis Walters, Reporter, THE CHANNELS
Mr. Jim Williams, College Information Officer

Mrs. Nancy Baird, Sr. Secretary, Health Education & Technology
Mrs. Betty Bartels, Principal Clerk, Facilities & Operations
Ms. Sara Carpenter, Professor, ADN
Miss Shirley Conklin, Asst. Dean, Health Education & Technology
Mrs. Lucille Dungan, Statistical Clerk, Research & Grants
Mr. Mel Elkins, Asst. Dean, Occupational & Career Education
Ms. Janice Fitzgibbons, Asst. Professor, ADN
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1.2 ROLL CALL - continued:

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting - continued:

- Ms. Geraldine Holton
- Mr. George Lewis, Assoc. Professor, Radiologic Technology
- Mr. Michel Masson, Assoc. Professor, Biology
- Mr. Burton P. Miller, Admin. Asst. to the Sup't/President
- Ms. Claudia Mitchell, Asst. Professor, ADN
- Ms. Jean Nation, RN, Cottage Hospital
- Mr. Daniel Oroz, Director, Personnel/Affirmative Action Officer
- Mrs. Lynda Rodrigues, Asst. Dean, Admissions & Records
- Dr. Richard M. Sanchez, Asst. Dean, Educational Planning and Development
- Mrs. Dorothy K. Taylor, Guest
- Mrs. Elsie Brandt, Secretary to Superintendent/Board of Trustees

1.3 WELCOME TO GUESTS

Dr. Dobbs extended a cordial welcome to all present.

1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Dobbs announced that there would be an executive session held at this point.

Upon motion of Mr. Frank, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, the five Board members present adjourned to the President's office at 3:41 p.m. They were not accompanied or joined by any other person(s).

At 3:44 p.m. the executive session ended upon motion of Mr. Wells, and seconded by Mrs. Powell. All Board members returned to Room A-160 and no announcement was made.

2. PERSONNEL

No items

3. STUDENT SERVICES

No items

4. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

4.1 GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE A. D. N. PROGRAM, Enclosure #1

Dr. Mertes stated that the main purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the proposed policy for selection procedures for the ADN Program.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Powell, Dr. Dobbs declared the meeting as a committee-of-the-whole for a general discussion.

Dr. Mertes indicated that this subject has been discussed publicly at various times in the past. It is a policy that is difficult to
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establish as the ADN Program is an impacted program. There are more qualified students who wish to enroll than there are spaces available in the program. Staff is attempting to find a policy that will best serve the interests of the students applying. No matter what system is used, there will be some who will not get into the program.

Dr. Mertes stated that everyone has been very professionally concerned and spent a lot of time. This subject has received more attention than any other issue. That speaks very well for the District, Board members, and staff who are concerned about a policy that affects students.

Then Dr. Mertes gave a brief summary of the past history of this issue. At one time, more than two years ago, students were ranked on a point system and their eligibility was in a ranking order. The major component was grade point average. Some concerns were expressed about the use of grade point average in determining this ranking by points at a meeting in November of 1977. That was the last time this entire Board looked at the concepts behind the policy. It was agreed that staff should look at a procedure of ranking on the basis of achievement scores. Because that would take some time, the Board agreed to a random selection process for one year. For some members of the Board, that was the last point of discussion on the overall policy. From then on, it was understood staff would be looking at this approach. There was a random selection process during the Spring and early Summer of last year. This was followed by a great deal of time spent in implementing Proposition #13, and the change of Superintendents in the same period. Consequently, there was a need for more time to prepare a proposal. Administratively, Dr. Mertes requested in October an extension of the random selection process for one year so staff could develop a proposal for a long-term solution. From the point of view of Board members, it was assumed that what was being looked at was a mechanism using achievement scores to develop a point system.

In the Fall of 1979, Dr. Mertes formed a committee consisting of ADN staff and individuals from other areas with some kind of expertise on admission procedures. (Dr. Mertes named the committee members and the areas of their expertise.) That committee was asked to do two things: 1) to examine the background assumptions and concepts that go into an admission procedure for an impacted program. The committee did essentially that and have come together in a unanimous decision as to one approach. The purpose today is to come back as staff and the entire Board for a discussion and see if all are together and have a consensus on the assumptions and concepts. Staff is prepared to discuss the pros and cons, and Board members will have comments and opinions to express. There will be no attempt made today to arrive at a procedure for selection; only trying to get some kind of consensus on the approach to take for staff to go back and put together the specifics.
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In the past, there have been some problems relating to mechanical processes of handling the students; notarization of residency, long waiting lines, time limits to return applications, etc. As Dr. Mertes interpreted the committee's report, these problems were addressed very well, and those mechanical problems will be resolved. There are, however, a couple of basic assumptions inherent in their report and inherent in past discussions of the Board. One of the approaches that can be taken is to rank the students by points in linear order and let the students go into the vacant spaces based on the ranking by points. One approach that is available is to base the primary ranking on performance on achievement tests. Staff in their report suggest that the available achievement tests and a ranking of that type does not assure that the student will perform well in the program or be a successful nurse, in any fashion that is superior to a random selection of a qualified group of applicants. Staff feels it would tend to move into the program those students who have in their background performed in a superior manner in the academic areas. Such an individual, particularly with college background, might have an advantage over one coming from high school. One broad approach of some kind of ranking based on performance of achievement is at this time under discussion and that would move the students into the program.

The second approach in the report is a process that involves determining a threshold of eligibility, so that a student must reach that threshold by measurement upon achievement tests and performance. Then you would have a pool of qualified students and from that group of students a random selection process would be used. From a survey conducted by staff, those are the two most widely used approaches around the State.

Thereupon, the discussion was opened to Board members, committee members, and staff to address the pros and cons and determine the direction the District should take for a policy that staff will develop into specifics.

After a considerable period of time, Dr. Dobbs requested the Superintendent to summarize what the discussion period had accomplished. Dr. Mertes stated that he understood that the Board is giving staff direction to proceed with procedures that has in it the consensus of random selection but also directing that the staff give great care to the threshold. He thought that the Board was less concerned about the specific number of courses or grades than that the total reflects ability in demonstrated achievement by some kind of measurement that is equivalent to students going through high school and performing well going into the program.

Dr. Mertes stated that the committee had spent a great deal of time in determining who will be a successful nurse on the floor. Purpose of the committee had really been two-fold: to develop a selection procedure for the ADN Program, and to develop a possible college-wide policy for
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all impacted programs. It is a foregone conclusion, that no matter what
policy is established, some students will not get into the program.

Upon motion of Mrs. Powell, seconded by Mr. Wells, Dr. Dobbs returned
the meeting to a regular Board status at 5:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Powell that the principle of random selec-
tion be used to determine admission to the ADN Program from a pool of
well-qualified candidates; well-qualified to be determined by the com-
mittee and brought to the Board in June. The motion was seconded by
Mr. Wells, and passed by all Board members present.

Dr. Dobbs on behalf of the Board thanked the committee members for
the time and effort put into this assignment. Their dedication is truly
appreciated by the Board.

5. BUSINESS SERVICES

No items

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

REPORT ON COMING EVENTS

Mr. Jim Williams, College Information Officer, presented items of interest
which had been scheduled by Santa Barbara City College and its Continuing Edu-
cation Division and on-campus activities for the period May 11 to June 14, 1979,
inclusive.

In particular, he noted the Student Art Show (May 11-25); SBCC Hearing Day
(May 17); Open House for the Marine Technology Building (May 20); and Commence-
ment on May 31.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mrs. Powell, the members of the
Board of Trustees adjourned their regular meeting at 5:36 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a special meeting on
May 17, 1979, at which time regular agenda items will be considered.

Attest:

JOE W. DOBBS
President, Board of Trustees
Santa Barbara Community College District

DAVID MERTES
Superintendent/President and Secretary/
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees
on June 14, 1979.