After the Closed Session, Board President, Dr. Kathryn Alexander, announced that the Board had met and discussed issues regarding negotiations and College disciplinary case. The Superintendent/President was provided with direction on those matters.

At approximately 6:10 p.m. the Board re-adjourned into a committee of the whole for the purpose of a study session to provide for general discussion on a range of topics.

A. California's Workforce Preparation Plan and Affect Upon the California Community Colleges

The Superintendent/President provided the Board with background materials on pending federal legislation that will change the present mode of funding local job training programs and support to educational entities for vocational technical education. The legislation calls for a block grant approach, providing states with "x-amount" of dollars to carry out responsibilities relating to both job training and educational support. The State of California will then be responsible for administering these funds and distributing them to entities throughout the State.

A primary consideration is in regard to the governance structure for administering those funds. At present there is a proposal for a governance group for Santa Barbara County that would consist of private business leaders, community college and school district trustees, and municipal and county elected officials. This group would be responsible for receiving and allocating the State funds. The background material provided for the discussion of this item was from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

The Superintendent/President noted that he has been working with educational representatives from Allan Hancock College and County Schools to take the initiative and seek to define the governance approach that could be used in Santa Barbara County. The implications for the College are quite significant in that approximately $400,000 per year is received in the VATEA Funding. This provides specialized programs in the Student Services area (re-entry programs) as well as significant technical support for the various technical vocational programs at SBCC. In addition, the Board of Trustees has always had control over these funds. With the legislation now pending, there would be an intermediary group that would have the authority to
respond to College proposals regarding fund allocations. Thus, in terms of financing and governance, the implications are significant.

Board members felt that this item might be a good topic for discussion with other Boards in California.

B. Student Registration Priorities

Reference was made to the paper presented by Tom Nussbaum that updates the affirmative action policies for the California Community Colleges as a result of recent court cases. This 66-page document deals with many areas of College policy and programs. It was agreed that all Board members would receive a Summary and Conclusions from that report and any Board member desiring the full report would be provided with it.

The Board reviewed a letter sent to Tom Nussbaum from Vice President Fairly seeking clarification on our registration priority system; specifically, our present system that enables DSPS and EOPS students to have access to registration before other students. Purpose of the correspondence was to provide clarification that these policies were in accord with the new interpretation.

C. Trust Accounts

Continuing discussion of this item results from the incident that occurred last Spring when trust funds were used illegally by an SBCC staff member.

Draft guidelines presented to the Board were discussed. General consensus was that these guidelines move in the right direction. The guidelines will be discussed further with campus groups, taken to the appropriate sub-committee, then to the Board of Trustees for adoption.

Discussion occurred regarding various trust funds now in operation. General discussion yielded a conclusion that a trust fund should be focused, purposeful, and active. Trust funds with utilization criteria too general could result in inappropriate use of funds. Also reviewed were the President's Hospitality Fund; Continuing Education Student Body Fund; and Student Services Trust Account.

The general discussion provided direction concerning the Student Services Account. Specifically, consideration should be given to having specific functions of that account fulfilled through specified and existing trust accounts; e.g. graduation and President's Honor Roll Reception. The general use of the fund, such as entertainment of campus visitors, etc., should be curtailed and coordinated under the President's Hospitality Account. The Continuing Education Student Body Fund, with the oversight of the Continuing Education Advisory Financial Committee and supporting the Continuing
Education Operation, will continue and implement changes as may be considered for college trust accounts.

Following discussion on these matters, the Superintendent/President stated that he would be following up and preparing matters for formal Board action.

D. Naming Opportunities for Santa Barbara City College

The Superintendent/President stated that the College had been the recipient of a gift commitment of $1,000,000 to be paid in equal installments of $100,000 per year over a ten-year period. Three payments had already been made on this gift and a fourth payment is anticipated prior to December. The Superintendent/President stated that in light of this generous donation, he was recommending naming of the forum in the Business Communication complex. This actually would be in compliance with the existing Board policy regarding naming. A suggestion was made to coordinate this with Mr. & Mrs. Ridley-Tree.

Also provided for information was the possibility of a gift to provide support of the development of the scenic overlook on the West Campus. The project would involve the placement of approximately five overlook points along the West Campus area as well as a concrete path connecting all of those points. The estimated cost is in the range of $300,000 to $350,000. If the donation is received, the scenic walkway would be named in honor of the donor.

E. Allan Hancock/Cuesta/Santa Barbara City College Joint Board Meeting

If an agenda could be developed on specific items to be profitably discussed by the three Boards, then a meeting would be worthwhile. Items identified included the change in Vocational Education Act; specifically, funding and governance issues and the State budget. Board members felt that an invitation should be provided to have the meeting hosted in Santa Barbara. It was noted the Cuesta Board was supportive of a meeting and would be interested in having one sometime in the Spring.

F. Miscellaneous Items

1. Method for Improving the Recreational Facilities at La Playa, Gymnasium and Pershing Park

The Superintendent/President presented a memo from Dr. Hanson outlining approximately $15,000,000 in needs for facilities such as the addition to the gymnasium, the improvements to La Playa Stadium, Pershing Park Complex, etc. The method under consideration would be the establishment of an assessment district by the Trustees and action to impose a fee to carry out the projects. Board members felt this item should be reviewed. It will be sent to both the Fiscal and Facilities Committees of the Board.
2. Coordination with Community Group Regarding Economic Development

The Superintendent/President discussed the College’s role in economic development and recent meetings held with community leaders. A strong commitment of the College to assist was made. Board members concurred in supporting the role of the College in this regard.

3. Length of Board Meetings and Speakers at the Board Meetings

Board members discussed the consequences when closed sessions must be held and Board members must spend time deliberating in the closed sessions. In some cases this has resulted in a curtailment of full discussion on Board agenda matters. Though these matters are considered in the Committees, further exploration by Board members is needed and appropriate. It was agreed that during the time of negotiations when closed sessions may be necessary, the number of speakers invited to appear before the Board would be limited.

Board members confirmed their desire to continue to have both program review and sabbatical leave presentations at Board Meetings. The presentations should be succinct. The Superintendent/President will follow up on these matters.

4. Saturday Library Hours

It was noted that the funding to keep the Library open on Saturdays would again be funded by external sources, but only for the fall semester. Keeping the Library open for at least one weekend day throughout the semester was felt to be a necessity. The Superintendent/President will follow up.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

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