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Santa Barbara Community College District
Board of Trustees

Study Session
Thursday, October 24, 1996

All Board Members were present.

1. Facilities Issues

Reviewed with Dr. Hanson were three facilities issues.

a. **Schott Center - Property Easement Proposal**

A relatively straightforward proposal to provide an easement that would enable apartments to be built adjacent to the Schott Center. There was no negative impact on the District. An issue of drainage was appropriately addressed and an easement to the Schott Center was maintained to be used if needed. There was an understanding of the project and how the District would proceed.

b. **West Campus Bluffs Walkway**

A review was conducted regarding the preparation of the walkway area. Two major considerations were reviewed. One was that in a subsequent review of the West Campus Walkway with Mr. Girvin, a decision was made to move it back slightly in order to ensure its ability to continue in place over the years and not be affected by erosion or to have it in any way impede what was taking place through the restoration project. The second issue was to actually dig out the walkway area and have it covered with chips on top. (This was subsequently changed to a decomposed granite surface.) By doing this we would be able to use approximately $20,000 that had been obtained through a grant. By having the footprint for the walkway developed, it would be more attractive to a donor by enabling them to see the footprint. The project was understood.

c. **LSG Building**

The focus of the discussion was on the unanticipated costs of seismic strengthening of the building (approximately $700,000), and asbestos removal requiring $600,000. This $1.3 million additional cost was of such a magnitude that unless other means were found to fund it, the project could be disqualified. The District will seek $600,000 through the asbestos removal project of the State and coverage of some of the seismic costs; however, it is anticipated that at least $500,000 of District funds will have to be obtained.

The Board understood the situation. District staff will proceed to try and ensure the project is successful.
2. **HRC Support for Scholarships**

A thorough review took place on this matter. Essentially, funds from the HRC Trust would be used to make a donation to the San Francisco Hotel/Restaurant Foundation. The expectation was that a greater return would occur in scholarships to Santa Barbara City College students.

There was general endorsement of the concept with the understanding that there would be a close monitoring to see what would take place in regard to the actual scholarships received versus the amount provided.

3. **Database Conversion Project**

Mr. Bill Hamre, Associate Vice President for Information Resources, presented the Board with an overview of the project that would result in the current database structure being revised to develop a new database structure. The following points were highlighted:

a. Why the conversion is necessary.
b. Understanding of the scope of the activity involved.
c. Options to affect the transition.
d. Costs
e. Role of the CEO/Board in the transition.

It was felt that the Board, following the review, had a thorough understanding of the importance of the decisions involved regarding the conversion of the data processing system, the complexity of the process, and the financial and operational implications of what is taking place.

Board member questions were answered. Generally, the Board members have confidence that the process being followed is sound.

4. **Welding Program**

A discussion took place regarding the development of new facilities and the implications of that upon the Welding Program. A memorandum from Dr. Jack Friedlander was circulated outlining the development of facilities that would take place and the recommendation that the Welding Program be discontinued. Also, shared with the Board were reports from the 1989-90 year in which lack of jobs and moderate enrollments in both the Machine Shop and Welding Program resulted in the consideration of dropping both programs. Program review information and the recommendation that classes be discontinued were outlined. The Superintendent/President noted that since that time (1989) the Machine Shop Program was discontinued and we are now at the point at which similar action is recommended for Welding. Efforts to strengthen the Welding Program have had minimal, if any, effect. Employment opportunities are not seen as viable. In the discussion, it was recognized that welding skills do provide additional employment opportunities for selected professions.

The Board's primary concern was in regard to having information available that was more up to date and valid regarding job opportunities and that a plan existed to meet the welding requirement for the Marine Diving Technology Program. There was also concern about whether we are shifting away from "hands on" programs and to technology-based programs only. The response was that we were shifting from programs where there are limited job opportunities to those where the resources of the College can best be utilized to provide avenues of employment for students.

The conclusion of the discussion was that this was a matter to be discussed fully within the Educational Policies Committee with a recommendation to be returned to the full Board.
5. **Accreditation Visit**

The Self-Study was reviewed, the schedule for the accreditation team, and general discussion on issues pertaining to accreditation took place. The Superintendent/President noted that the College is well prepared for the Accreditation Visit.

6. **Proposition 209**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding whether the Board of Trustees should take a position on Proposition 209. Many points of view were advanced. The Superintendent/President outlined his conclusions that he felt minimum, if any, direct impact would occur on college practices or programs. His major concern was a "chilling effect" that might take place given the passage of the law resulting in a diminution of efforts in affirmative action or ensuring our student body represented our community; however, he felt these were issues of leadership and we should be able to deal with them effectively.

Conclusions reached were that individual Board members would be free to voice their opinions on the Proposition; however, it was unlikely that a motion would be presented to the full Board.

It was agreed a statement would be made following the election if Proposition 209 passed, and that the District was committed to maintaining its emphasis on affirmative action and other programs.

7. **Review and Follow Up to the Association of Community College Trustees Conference**

Ms. Livingston and Mr. Villegas presented background information from conferences attended sponsored by ACCT. Items included a statement of Board member duties, responsibilities, and ethical standards. The Board’s role in reviewing mission and programs and the Board self-evaluation were also discussed. It was agreed that options would be explored regarding mechanisms for the Board conducting its self-evaluation.

8. **Board of Trustee Travel**

It was noted that the forthcoming conferences were of importance to Board Members and that the travel budget was somewhat limited. Newer Board Members would be given priority in supporting participation at the conferences.

9. **Personnel/Legal Issues**

Some personnel and legal issues currently before the Board were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.


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