MINUTES
Santa Barbara Community College District
Board of Trustees
Study Session
Tuesday, May 27, 1997

All Board Members were present.

1. Financial Overview - 1997-98
   a. Process for Requesting One-Time and Ongoing Financial Resources

The Superintendent/President reviewed with the Board the paper developed for the College Planning Council. The paper dealt with the process for requesting one-time and ongoing resources. It outlined the way the cost-of-living adjustment and growth funds can be used by the District within the limitations of State regulations and SBCCD contract provisions. The conclusion reached was that with the state regulations and current contracts there is little, if any, money available to meet ongoing expenses. Some one-time money is available to meet non-recurring expenses. Funds needed to support new needs of the College that are ongoing expenses must be obtained through the shifting of existing funds from their present allocations. That process requires setting priorities, ceasing to do some of what we are doing now and funding the new needs. That is difficult.

This conclusion of how funding must be obtained to support new activities has to be a fundamental reference for College planning activities and for developing the budget. It also highlighted why Project Redesign is so important to the College. Project Redesign enables the College to gain efficiencies in current operations and, thus, enables us to redirect funds to meet some of the pressing needs of the institution. Prominent among these needs are the necessity of developing technological infrastructure to support the alternative delivery of both Student Services and College instructional programs.

Board members discussed issues related to this paper and understood the limitations proposed by current state funding and the District agreements.

b. Proposed 1997-98 State Budget Augmentations - Implications for SBCC

A paper from the Community College League of California updating the budget since the May revision was the chief reference source for the discussion of this topic. Outlined was the fact that almost all the augmentations were of one-time funds. The focus on areas such as support for technology, welfare reform, economic development, instructional equipment and maintenance.

Also discussed was the activity regarding the status of funding for welfare. Overall, it is a positive budget picture for the California Community Colleges.
2. **Data Base Conversion Project, Project Redesign**

   a. Mr. Bill Hamre was present and reviewed with the Board the decision made to proceed with the Oracle, Human Resources, and Financial packages and the Oracle toolset as being foundational for database operation. In addition, Mr. Hamre explained the decision not to go with the Exeter program and to proceed with Delta's System 2000. The feasibility study was valuable in identifying the limitations of the Exeter Software and verifying the appropriateness of the Oracle tools. Bill was enthusiastic in regard to the potential of working with Delta College on the System 2000. In response to a question from a Board Member regarding potential for income from royalties, Bill responded positively regarding this possibility in our working with Delta.

   The excellence of Bill's work in overseeing the evaluation and in recommending a sound course of action was acknowledged.

   b. **Project Redesign - An Update**

   The Superintendent/President reviewed with the Board an update on Project Redesign. The update was recently presented to the College Planning Council. Also, reviewed was an article from an Association of Community College publication dealing with institutional change and the policy implications for such change. Areas such as faculty compensation, work hours and other considerations were highlighted.

3. **Miscellaneous**

   a. **CCCT Conference**

   Trustees Dobbs, Livingston, O'Neil, and Villegas reported on the CCCT Conference held in Monterey, California. Comments included discussion on the presentation by the Trustees and the Superintendent/President, and presentations on welfare and other key areas.

   b. **Center for Philosophical Education**

   A proposal from the Philosophy Department to establish at SBCC a Center of Philosophical Education was reviewed. The Center is intended to provide an in-depth focus on discussion of issues in the field of philosophy. The proposal included sponsoring an annual philosophy conference, publishing the proceedings, and the possibility of publishing an undergraduate international journal of philosophy. The benefits in terms of professional development for members of the Philosophy Department, intellectual opportunities for students, and the possibility of scholarships were delineated.

   It is anticipated that the Center would be self-supporting with funds raised through the Foundation for Santa Barbara City College.

   Issues regarding the Center were discussed. Overall, the Center was seen as a positive activity for Santa Barbara City College. Further review will take place by the Administration and a presentation will be made to the Educational Policies Committee.
c. **Proposal to Name the Football Field**

The possibility of a gift to improve the football field, provide new scoreboards, and enhance the running track was reviewed. Included with the gift was appropriate acknowledgment of the gift by the naming of the field in La Playa Stadium. The stadium would continue to be called La Playa Stadium, the track would be the Nick Carter Track. If the gift was made, the field will be named in honor of the donor's deceased wife.

With the assurance that all high schools would have equal access to the field, it was affirmed we were proceeding in accord with appropriate Board policy.

d. **Welfare Reform - SBCC's Plan**

The Superintendent/President reviewed with the Board the initial College planning taking place regarding welfare reform. The changes in welfare represent one of the most significant alterations in public policy in the last few decades. The role of the College in supporting the needs of individuals currently on welfare was highlighted. The issues of state support and how we would work with the County were explored.

The Superintendent/President acknowledged more work needs to be done to effectively prepare the College.

e. **Continuing Education - Coordination with UCSB on Issues regarding Religion and Society**

This item was postponed until the July Study Session.

f. **College Alcoholic Beverage Policy (Ed Code Section and SBCC Policy)**

This item was postponed until the July Study Session.

g. **Student Workers**

A draft on how student workers are oriented toward their job responsibilities and the role of the supervisor was reviewed with the Board. This item followed up on a situation that occurred earlier this year. The District became liable for wages when the level of supervision and the systematic accounting of hours were proven to be less than desirable.

The methods outlined appeared to contain the fundamentals required for appropriate orientation to students and assurance that adequate levels of supervision and direction are being provided.

h. **Staff Survey**

The results of the classified survey conducted by the Human Resources Department were distributed. A discussion of them took place. There will be follow up by the College's administration.
i. Priority Registration

This item was postponed until the July Study Session.

j. Camarata Pacifica

The Superintendent/President reviewed a situation in which the Camarata Pacifica group requested space for the entire year. College policy precludes providing space for non-college groups beyond six months. The reason for the policy was explained. The group requested an exception based upon the potential for a relationship with the SBCC Music Department that would yield positive results for students and the faculty.

A discussion followed with Dr. Jack Ullom, Music Department Chair. Dr. Ullom was very positive in regard to the benefits and proposed the concept of an “ensemble in residence.”

Because of the linkage that would occur making the Orchestra an “ensemble in residence” and because of the benefits verified by Dr. Ullom to faculty and students in the Music Department, the Superintendent/President concluded an exception could be made and that dates for the entire year granted.

The expectation is that an agreement will be reached by June 16 outlining the activities and the benefits expected from those activities delineated. This will be a one-year commitment.

k. 1997-98 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

The 1997-98 proposed Board of Trustees meeting schedule was distributed and discussed. It was agreed that an additional Study Session prior to the beginning of the academic year was in order.

4. Other

a. Superintendent/President’s Evaluation

The Board of Trustees convened to an executive closed session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent/President.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:22 p.m.