MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

July 24, 1997

STUDY SESSION
Gourmet Dining Room/Catering Room HRC-102

All Board Members were present.

Items Carried Over from the May 27, 1997 Study Session

1. Priority Registration

A review was held of the history of priority registration at Santa Barbara City College and the point made that since the last time the Board acted on this policy matter, three new Trustees have joined the Board. Thus it was appropriate to review the principles supporting the priority registration policy and determine whether a change in the present policy was needed.

A primary reason for establishing priority registration for DSPS and EOPS students was to efficiently and effectively provide support for students with special needs during the registration period. The early registration was seen as significant in helping these students to be well prepared for the beginning of classes. A question was raised as to whether a specific time had to be identified at the beginning of registration or whether such services could be effectively provided during other periods of the registration cycle.

Points were made regarding the elimination of any priority except for the fundamental priority of units completed and being a matriculated student. Views were also advanced regarding the advisability of maintaining the present system.

The conclusion from the discussion was that the matter needed to be reviewed by the Board; first by the Educational Policies Committee, and then by the full Board of Trustees. The Superintendent/President will ensure that this matter is scheduled for Board review. An Educational Policies Committee is planned for September.

2. College Alcoholic Beverage Policy

This policy, which is an administrative policy, was discussed by the Board. It was stated that generally on a community college campus there is no provision for serving alcoholic beverages. The only exception in the Education Code is when the serving of alcoholic beverages is a part of an instructional program. Because SBCC has an HRC program, we are allowed to serve alcoholic beverages when it is consistent with meeting educational objectives of the HRC program.

The current policy recognizes the desire of serving wine at some campus events; however, the law and the educational necessity are the dominant factors in defining Santa Barbara City College practices.
The discussion was such that an increase of one event per year could be considered as being consistent with the legal and educational requirements. The Superintendent/President will take responsibility for reviewing and adjusting the policy.

3. Continuing Education - Coordination with the UCSB on Issues Regarding the Religion and Society Program

A thorough discussion focused primarily on issues of SBCC maintaining the Board's responsibility for approving educational programs sponsored by Santa Barbara City College and ensuring that when programs are co-sponsored the groups involved in such co-sponsorship consider a diversity of views on the topic area.

In the area of religion and society, it is particularly important that the program not be seen as promulgating a particular denominational view or supporting only a limited span on the spectrum of religious ideas.

In following up on this item, the College will continue to be involved in this collaborative programming effort. However, it was viewed as being important that all district adult or higher education entities have the opportunity to be fully represented in program development. Further, that the program be listed in the Adult Education Schedule of Classes as a program that is jointly sponsored by the array of groups involved in such planning.

If at all possible, fundraising should be shared among the entities involved in the co-sponsorship. It is recognized that if at any time the programming becomes too narrowly focused, the College would not continue to be a participant.

New Issues

4. Welfare Reform

The Superintendent/President reviewed the current status of the Welfare Bill. The Joint Committee recommendation has not yet been passed by the Legislature. There is not as yet a definition as to the community college's role or on critical elements such as: whether education will be counted for work, how long individuals on welfare will be supported to participate in educational programs, and other core areas.

Thus, the College must proceed to develop its plans without a definition as to state policies. The College's primary emphasis will be on its role in providing education and training programs. The effort will be made to develop literacy programs and short-term training programs that can provide skill development to enable individuals to be employed. In addition, these programs will enable individuals to pursue additional levels of education and training to earn higher wages and be competitive in the job market.

Santa Barbara City College's programs will probably be concentrated within our Continuing Education Division. However, such programs need to fully coordinate with the credit area of the College.

Marsha Wright has been given administrative responsibilities to coordinate efforts in this area. We are attempting to coordinate with the County Department of Social Services. They represent the critical link to the welfare clients. A major consideration in determining our success will be adequate funding and the flexibility to utilize the funding resources to develop short-term vocational programs.
5. Facility Matters

a. Schott Center Landscape Plan. Mr. Luria described the work he has been doing with Vice President Romo and Kris Power of the Continuing Education Division and Mrs. Helen Pedotti to improve the Schott Center facilities. There is a need to significantly enhance the landscape area, and Vice President Romo is very interested in improving the conditions of the interior space, particularly classrooms.

A plan was developed by landscape architect Katie Rogers. Full implementation of the plan is very expensive. Vice President Romo will be identifying priorities that will be considered for implementation as funding becomes available.

The landscape plan for the Schott Center and the priorities for plan implementation will be reviewed with the Facilities Committee on August 21st.

b. Wake Center Improvements. It was also noted that the Wake Center is in significant need of landscape work, and buildings need to be reviewed to identify how the Wake Center can become both more functional and attractive.

c. Technology Building and International Program Building. College staff is working to prepare site plans for Board review at its August 21st Facilities Committee meeting. A site plan for the Technology Building will be prepared to demonstrate how the building will look on the site adjacent to the Garvin Theatre. In addition, we will review the elements desired within the facility.

d. The International Education Building. Plans are at the initial stage. Efforts are being made to have a site plan developed for the August meeting. The architect Steve Metsch has been requested to develop a sketch to show how the building will look on the site.

e. Status of Administration and LSG Remodel Projects and Project Implementation

The Superintendent/President presented Board members with an outline of the steps that must be taken to accommodate the educational programs during the remodel phase of the Administration Building. There is a need for additional funding to obtain the temporary buildings needed to accommodate the displaced programs.

A sketch plan for the location of the temporary buildings, during both the Administration and LSG remodels, was reviewed by the Board.

There was less than great enthusiasm for the number of temporaries that would be required, their placement, and the length of time they would be on campus. A request was made to consider Cabrillo Point and the tentative site for the Technology Building as possible alternatives to the plot plan outlined. The decision will be made by the Facilities Committee.
6. Fiscal Matters
   a. State Budget; Update and Discussion
      
      The Superintendent/President reviewed with the Board the current state of the state budget; i.e., a stalemate between the Democratic and Republican leaders, resulting in budget approval being over a month beyond the constitutional deadline. No budget is anticipated until the end of the month at the earliest. In addition to welfare reform, another issue in dispute is the proposed tax cut. Indications are the community college budget will be positive.

7. Naming Policy
   a. Proposal for Athletics
      
      The policy regarding naming of buildings was reviewed and affirmed. An alternative naming opportunity to recognize excellence and long-term service of a retired faculty member was presented; specifically improving and naming the trophy facility in the Sports Pavilion. The Board members felt criteria should be developed for such recognition. General support was provided for the idea.

8. ISAP/ELSP Reorganization
   
   This proposed reorganization is designed to increase the effectiveness and overall professionalism of the International Student Program. The proposal calls for a twelve-month, full-time Director and two Student Personnel Program Assistants to provide program support. In order to make the plan financially possible, 25 additional foreign students will need to be added. This will bring the total to 525. This number will allow payment for the additional staff and provide the additional classes.

   A question was raised as to how many additional classes we can add on campus until we have exhausted our facilities. An effort will be made to get a greater understanding of that.

9. Guidelines for Legislative Relations
   
   The guidelines were reviewed; generally there was support for what was stated in the guidelines. However, it was noted that these regulations should not be viewed as a means to curtail proactive actions by local districts in working with their legislators.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.

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