MINUTES
Santa Barbara Community College District
Board of Trustees
Study Session
Thursday, August 27, 1998

All Board Members were present.

1. SBCC Facilities Plan

The purpose of the discussion for this item was to review the need for Santa Barbara City College facilities development and to discuss a District bond issue as a means of financing construction of the needed facilities. Three items were presented to the Board Members to provide background for the discussion of this topic:

a. A draft of a “Check List and Timeline for an SBCCD Facilities Bond Issue.”
b. A handout entitled, “Bond Issue: SBCC…Preparing for the 21st Century”
c. A document in draft form prepared by Vice President Romo outlining program and facilities needs to accommodate such program expansion at the Wake Center.

Though the Board has not made a decision to request voter support for a bond issue, facilities planning is proceeding with a bond option being the most likely funding alternative.

In evaluating the timing for an election, a letter from County Clerk Ken Pettit was reviewed. Mr. Pettit outlined the costs for a special election early in 1999 (March or June) or being a participant in the November 1999 election. Due to lower election costs, it was agreed that if a bond issue was pursued in 1999, it would be at the November 1999 election.

A “task” check list was reviewed to determine if additional action items needed to be included. A few items were added; e.g., under facilities needed a parking structure was added. During that discussion, it was determined that the minimum amount of money needed for facilities and the amount the Board would consider supporting could not exceed $40 million. Timelines were identified for the action items. A key factor in the success of the bond issue will be the facilities needs statement and the rationale for local funding; i.e., bond issue for the new buildings. The tentative target date will be December for the Board’s decision to go before the voters with a bond, and the amount of money to be requested. The determination of facilities priorities should be acted on by the Board at its November meeting. A recommendation from the Academic Senate and the College Planning Council should be completed by early November, providing time for the Board action.

The need for focused bond election advisory committees and a steering committee was discussed. Mr. Luria agreed to serve in a coordinating role for a steering committee. The steering committee would coordinate the work of a series of specialized committees for faculty, continuing education, Foundation, etc. Also stressed was ensuring legal requirements in regard to not using the time of district employees or expenditure of public funds. The need for counsel to advise on that matter was emphasized. The need for a voter poll was emphasized. The poll will be sought sometime early in 1999. It will follow the $9.2 billion November education bond issue.
Board Members were asked to review the paper prepared by Vice President Romo and provide feedback regarding whether information is sufficient or if additional information is needed.

2. **Sculpture Plan**

The Superintendent/President reviewed previous actions taken by the Board and Facilities Committee in regard to the Sculpture Plan. At the Board’s direction, a Sculpture Plan had been developed by Mr. George Girvin. The Facilities Committee of the Board reviewed and approved the plan. The full Board has not acted on the Sculpture Plan.

In regard to action needed to consider proceeding with implementing the plan, it was determined that the item could be taken to the full Board. A determination will then be made as to whether or not to proceed with the plan as developed by Mr. Girvin and supported by the Facilities Committee.

The Superintendent/President will place this item on the September Board Agenda.

3. **Advisory Committees**

The Board of Trustees received information in regard to College advisory committees. This information was requested at recent Educational Policies Committee meeting. The material will be reviewed by Board Members and discussed at a subsequent Study Session.

4. **Closed Session**

The Board went into a Closed Session to discuss matters related to upcoming collective bargaining meetings with the Santa Barbara City College Instructors' Association and the California School Employees' Association (CSEA).

5. **Miscellaneous**

a. **Common Ground 2000 Participation**

Mr. Luis Villegas mentioned he had participated, on behalf of the Board, in a meeting of this group. The meeting was focused on issues regarding growth and controlling growth. Mr. Villegas stated that at the meeting he discussed his representation of the Santa Barbara Community College District and acting as a resource person on higher education issues and support Santa Barbara City College might provide; e.g., programs SBCC could develop, to assist in accomplishing the group's objectives.

Issues regarding withdrawal of funding and the presence of polarized positions were outlined. For the present, Mr. Villegas will continue to represent the District.

b. **California Virtual University**

Board members requested an update regarding the California Virtual University. The Superintendent/President responded that at this time, there are approximately 1,700 courses are in the database for the Virtual University—95 California institutions are involved including campuses of UC, CSU, community
colleges, and private institutions. Courses and higher education programs will be offered effective fall 1998.

Also reviewed with the Board was a grant opportunity for SBCC to develop a curriculum materials for the CVU. Such a resource center would be one of four serving the California Community Colleges. The Superintendent/President noted he would meet tomorrow (Friday, August 28) to determine if it was in Santa Barbara City College's best interest to apply and whether we had the capacity to take on that grant given the range of the grant activities now being pursued.

Discussions took place regarding whether SBCC should become one of the colleges to establish a linkage and offer on-line courses through the CVU. The response was that SBCC's involvement with the CVU was valuable and that it would probably be pursued in the near future.

There was Board interest in the development of the CVU and the Superintendent/President will endeavor to keep the Board Members apprised of key actions as they occur.


c. District's Software Packages

An explanation of District purchase of software was requested. It was noted that there are four major components of College software.

♦ Administrative Systems: These are the large and complex data systems which support the major areas of the College's operation and for which we are now engaged in the conversion process. The software packages include a fiscal, student, and human resource packages, and a software database package.

♦ Software to Support Desk Top Operations: The software includes Microsoft Word, Netscape, software to run the system, and other common packages needed to service individuals via the desktop environment.

♦ Software to Support Instructional Services: These software packages provide support for individual instructors and disciplines. They involve software programs for computer applications, computer information systems, software computer science and an array of individual software packages to serve the various disciplines (Biology, History, etc.).

♦ Specialized Commercial Packages: These are used to support operations run by the main administrative systems. For example, the Abratrac System used by Human Resources, the special Financial Aid package, etc.

Concern was expressed as to whether there is a centralized inventory to ensure we are not duplicating purchases except as required by copy right. The Superintendent/President stated he was confident that in the major areas (administrative and desktop systems) duplication is not a problem. However, he did not have knowledge regarding the array of packages in the instructional support area. A request was made to determine that such purchasing control is a sound expectation to have.
NOTE: Since the meeting, it has been confirmed that all District software purchases for use by instructors are signed off by Liz Auchincloss in Information Resources.

6. **ASB President's Compensation**

The Superintendent/President provided Board Members with a copy of a survey completed by the Student Activities Coordinator, Ann Fryslie, and Dean Bill Cordero. The survey was of 40 community colleges and identified the compensation provided for ASB Presidents. Six of the 40 colleges surveyed provide compensation. The action to provide compensation for the SBCC ASB President was taken at the May 19 meeting of the Associated Student Body. It was voted that the ASB President be provided with up to $2,000/semester or $4,000/year in compensation for work as the ASB President. Nine ASB representatives were present, six voted in favor, two abstained and one voted against.

Because the compensation for the ASB President represented a new direction of paying students for student government service and because of the amount of the proposed payment, this was considered a policy issue appropriate for Board consideration. The Board is responsible for oversight of the ASB funds expenditures.

Numerous points were discussed; e.g., the amount of payment, the form of payment, and whether requests for payment of other ASB positions—vice presidents, senators—would follow. Also emphasized were the few students involved in the decision—nine senators were present at the meeting. The Board concluded that additional time is needed on this matter to educate the Board in regard to the appropriateness of both the policy decision to pay the ASB President and the appropriate amount and form; e.g., cash, book scholarship, etc.

A request will be made to have the item presented to the Board's Educational Policies Committee and following that, if necessary, to the full Board of Trustees.

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

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Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees