MINUTES
Santa Barbara Community College District
Board of Trustees
Study Session
Thursday, June 17, 1999

Board Members Present: Dr. Kathryn Alexander, Dr. Joe Dobbs, Mr. Eli Luria, Mr. Desmond O'Neill, Mrs. Joyce Powell, and Mr. Luis Villegas

Absent: Ms. Joan Livingston and Student Trustee

Guests: Vice President Jack Friedlander, Vice President Charles Hanson, Associate Vice President William Hamre, Consultant Barry Barnes

The meeting began at approximately 3:00 p.m.

I. Bond Issue

The purpose of this item was to conduct a final review of the factors involved in the Board of Trustees' decisions regarding developing campus facilities and the possibility of a bond issue to fund those facilities. This matter will be presented for action at the June 24, 1999, Board of Trustees meeting.

A. Final Project Listing

The final project listing was reviewed. Questions arose as to the financial support available to provide access for the classrooms projected for the Gymnasium area. $200,000 to $240,000 for disabled access has been received from the State and would be designated for use in that project. Should the bond issue pass, the District would have to match the State funds with another $240,000 in District funds. Additional money would be sought from the State to help fund more of the cost of the elevator required to provide access. Though an effort will be made, there is no guarantee that additional funding beyond the $240,000 from the State will be provided.

The projects including the Schott and Wake Centers, the two campus buildings, an augmentation to the LSG remodel and $3 million for the parking structure were reviewed as the projects proposed for bond funding.

B. Resolution and Proposed Ballot Measure

It was noted that the resolution has been developed by the Board's bond counsel, David Casnocha, to comply with various legal requirements. The ballot measure has been crafted to reflect the projects and the results of the voter survey. Suggestions were made for improving the working of the ballot measure.

C. Presentation by Associate Vice President Bill Hamre

Associate Vice President Bill Hamre gave a presentation outlining the extensive technology and technology support requirements anticipated with present planning for the new facilities. It was also affirmed that other than built-in furniture, the bond does not provide funding for equipment for the new buildings. The discussion that took place at the Fiscal Committee meeting on this topic was referred to by Board Members O'Neill and Powell.
Individuals understood the materials presented by Mr. Hamre. Again, it was emphasized that decision making will ensure that there is a high probability of funding to sustain any equipment and staffing investment made in support of programs in the new facilities.

D. **Actions to Develop an Understanding of the District’s Proposal**

Consultant Barry Barnes discussed the meeting that was held with the Campaign Committee. The focus was on organization. Also reviewed were the letters sent to College faculty as well as political leaders. The conclusion was that the meeting had been successful. Also discussed were honorary leadership positions for the drive and co-chairs for the committee.

E. **Campaign Cabinet and Steering Committee Meetings**

The next meetings scheduled were identified.

After the review of the above items, it was concluded that at present, Board Members had no additional questions.

II. **Santa Barbara City College Staff Members**

The Superintendent/President reviewed the changes that had been made in senior leadership positions. Specifically, the forthcoming retirement of Vice President Dan Oroz, proposed one-year leave of absence for Vice President John Romo, resignation of Dean Bruce Smith to accept a position at City College of San Francisco, and Vice President Charles Hanson’s decision to retire but delay that retirement until the end of October 1999.

The Superintendent/President emphasized that after nearly two decades of highly stable leadership on the part of the senior staff, significant changes were occurring. The interim plans being taken to respond to Vice President Romo’s departure and the approach to leadership for Academic and Student Affairs were outlined.

It was observed that the coming year would be a demanding period given the efforts required for the bond issue and the adjustment to so many significant leadership changes.

III. **State Budget**

It was noted that the State budget has passed the Legislature and has been sent to the Governor for action. The implications for community colleges include a very small COLA (1.41 percent), a substantial allocation for growth (3.5 percent for the system), Partnership for Excellence funding ($45 million for the system – approximately $400,000 to $450,000 for SBCC), the recommendation for $10 million in funding for new faculty positions, which could result in approximately 1.5 to 2 positions for SBCC, and other minor matters.

Overall, with Partnership for Excellence, it is a positive budget for the community colleges.

IV. **Infant/Toddler Center**

It was announced that an agreement had been reached with the City of Santa Barbara for the College to rent a facility as part of the Westside Community Center. It will be necessary to obtain approximately $20,000 per year in support through the Foundation to support the Center’s operation. This opportunity is seen as an excellent one to strengthen the curriculum for Early Childhood Education, provide additional childcare for low-income, single parents and work cooperatively with the westside community.
The details of the contract are being developed and will be presented to the Board at the June 24, 1999 meeting. There is a high probability that a donor will provide the level of support needed. The request is for that support to be provided over a five-year period.

V. Benefit Cost Increases

This item had also been reviewed with the Board’s Fiscal Committee. The medical plans for active employees have increased in a range of seven to eight percent. The amount of the increase is much greater than the cost-of-living being provided, however, because the expenditure ceilings for employee benefits had not yet been reached, no employee will have to pay out of pocket for the basic plans.

An area of substantial concern is the area of benefits for retirees. The cost increases for one plan is 80 percent, the cost increases for the other retiree plan is 400 percent. Reviewed with the Board were the circumstances related to these increases.

A discussion took place regarding the recent Benefits Committee meeting and the request that a lower-cost, street plan be reviewed. The Superintendent/President noted that there is concern about not having a plan through one of our entities, either SISC or Keenan and Associates. Dr. Hanson will review this matter.

The significant increase in retiree health care benefit plans is indeed unfortunate. However, driving these costs are factors beyond the College’s control. The good work of the staff to maintain a good plan for retirees at a highly competitive price (even with the proposed increase) was emphasized.

VI. California Community Colleges Governance Paper ~ Board of Governors and Local Districts

This item had been discussed at a previous Study Session. There was a desire to review it again when the revised proposal was presented. The most up-to-date proposal was provided to the Board Members. Board Members who read the proposal expressed the conclusion that positive changes had resulted from changes in the paper that had been proposed by other districts. Many of the changes addressed issues that were of concern to individual Santa Barbara Community College District Board members.

The issue of the meaning of the term “bilateral” was discussed. A proposal was made that the word “bilateral” be deleted or be defined as “locally governed and statewide coordinated.” Further action by the Santa Barbara Community College District will be determined after Board members review the paper more thoroughly.

VII. College Plan

The opportunity was presented for the Board to have an initial review of the College Plan that will be presented at the June 24, 1999, Board of Trustees meeting. Board Members were very complimentary in regard to the Plan and felt it addressed key areas of concern for the District.

VII. Other Items Discussed

A. SBCC/UCSB Cooperative Math Venture

Vice President Friedlander informed the Board that a Memorandum of Understanding was in the process of being finalized and would be presented at a subsequent Board Meeting. At present, it is anticipated that four sections of the SBCC math class will be taught on the UCSB campus this fall term. Approximately 12 classes will be taught for the winter and spring sessions. There remains only one final hurdle. We should know by the next Board Meeting whether that will be an issue.
B. UCSB Extension/SBCC Cooperative Effort

Vice President Friedlander presented a proposal from the UCSB Extension Division which would articulate Santa Barbara City College accounting and also accept SBCC general education units. This was an information item for the Board; however, because the agreement represents a somewhat nontraditional articulation agreement; i.e., with an extension division, it was felt the Board should be informed. Articulation agreements are not generally brought to the Board, but this was brought for information.

C. Issue of Personal Attendants Accompanying Students with Disabilities in SBCC Classes

Dr. Friedlander presented the issue and reported that there have been some problems in this area and that there was a need for clarifying when and how such support could be provided and the appropriate processes for doing so. The recommendations will be placed into administrative procedures. Attendants will no longer be hired by Santa Barbara City College. It will be the attendants' responsibility to demonstrate they have been retained to provide services for a student with a verifiable disability and, further, that the attendants will be required to go through an orientation program with DSPS, and identify themselves as the certified student representative to the faculty member in the individual classes. This approach will be reviewed with counsel prior to implementation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

July 1, 1999
Date

[Signature]
Peter R. MacDougall
Superintendent/President
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees