MINUTES
Santa Barbara Community College District

Board of Trustees
Study Session

Thursday, June 29, 2000

All Board Members were present except Mrs. Joyce Powell.

1. **Review of College’s Development Changes**

   Vice President Brian Fahnstock was present. He reviewed a number of items that were originally presented to the Board Fiscal Committee. Handouts included:

   - Overview of the 1998-99 General Fund Revenue Sources
   - General Revenues Related to P* for 1999-2000
   - 2000-01 Tentative Budget – Unrestricted and an Outline of 2000-01 Budget Assumptions

   Mr. Fahnstock also highlighted key budget points and he discussed policies and procedures of Purchasing. A general discussion was held on how best to meet the Board’s need for meeting financial oversight responsibility.

   Following the review, it was concluded that the District financial picture for 2000-01 is quite sound. Concern was expressed regarding the increase in employee benefit costs projected for the coming year (2000-01) and to be anticipated for the following few years.

   The state budget was discussed. Again, the budget looks positive for community colleges. Partnership for Excellence will be funded at $155 million and the COLA will be increased by 4.17 percent—both outcomes are quite favorable.

2. **Facilities**

   a. A listing of all summer facilities projects was provided. In addition, the Construction and Renovation Fund was reviewed. The fund status was noted as being capable of meeting the most pressing obligations for 2000-01.

   b. Statewide Initiative on the November State Ballot to Provide 55 Percent Voter Approval for School Bonds.

      A discussion was held regarding the specifics of the initiative and verified that it will be on the ballot this November. If the initiative is approved, Trustees will convene to discuss the feasibility of another District Facilities Construction Bond.

3. **Legislative Advocacy for California Community Colleges**

   A discussion was held on the overall effectiveness of the community colleges in achieving satisfactory outcomes for state funding. The positive gains of the last few years were noted, particularly, outcomes regarding Partnership for Excellence achieved through the leadership of Chancellor Nussbaum. The Superintendent/President stated that he felt significant improvements could take place in the advocacy for the state
budget. The CEOs have spent considerable time during the past year focusing on UC and CSU approaches to the state budget. There will be a greater effort made in working with the Chancellor for the California Community Colleges to adopt a similar approach as that used by UC and CSU.

Overall, the involvement of the Superintendent/President and District efforts at the state and local levels to increase community college effectiveness in achieving a more equitable portion of the state budget was strongly endorsed.

4. Foundation for SBCC

The Superintendent/President discussed the use of revenue from the Foundation's quasi-endowment. He supports use of the proceeds from the quasi-endowment to fund a second Major Gifts Officer (in addition to Pat Snyder) for the Foundation for SBCC. From his perspective, the investment would result in a more assertive program to enlarge the endowment during this period of economic prosperity. He views the use of quasi-endowment proceeds in this way as a very important action. Board members acknowledged the use of quasi-endowment fund proceeds for this purpose.

5. The Governing Board

There was a general discussion on the respective roles of Board Members and the College President. The CCCT publication regarding Board/CEO roles published in April 2000 was reviewed. Overall, this general evaluation of the SBCCD's Board effectiveness verified that the Board is performing its responsibilities in a conscientious and effective manner.

6. Campus Issues
   a. Renewal Energy Sources

   The issue of the College staff evaluating SBCC's participation in contracts for energy from renewable resources was viewed as appropriate. Vice President Fahnstock is reviewing this matter. The College will seek to identify an economical means to use energy from renewal energy sources.

Also discussed was the status of completing the contracts with the contractors who worked on the remodel of the Administration Building. At the next Board Meeting a closed session will be held to consult with legal counsel for the District.

7. Evaluation of the Superintendent/President (Closed Session)

The Board engaged in a discussion with the Superintendent/President regarding his performance during the 1999-2000 year.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.