MINUTES
Santa Barbara Community College District
Board of Trustees
Study Session
Wednesday, March 14, 2001
4:00 p.m., Room SS-240-E

1. Santa Barbara City College's Implementation of the Oracle Student Information System

Bill Hamre provided an overview of the status of development of the Oracle Student Information System. The timeline, progress being made, critical issues, and cost in relationship to the budget were reviewed. Board Members asked a number of questions related to the presentation. The outline of Mr. Hamre's presentation was made available to each Board Member.

The importance of this project to the College was emphasized. There is recognition of the extensive effort being made by the College to effect the transition to the new applications. The significant implications focused on how the new applications will enable the College to conduct its business in vastly different ways. How the changes could better serve students and faculty were emphasized.

Board Members recognized the importance of what is taking place and expressed appreciation for being updated on the status of events.

The Superintendent/President stated that he will continue to update the Board as we proceed through the critical points in the implementation process.

2. Santa Barbara City College Energy Costs

Mr. Ed Blaschke, Construction Project Manager, provided an overview of the anticipated cost increases for energy and outlined a series of steps being taken to best control the costs. Primary efforts involve lighting in the major buildings. Steps are being taken to install new systems in the Library, Learning Resource Center and Campus Center to reduce the use of energy for lighting in those large buildings. The College’s Energy Management System will be used to assess energy use in key areas. High use areas will be the likely places for installing new, low energy lighting. Discussions are taking place with energy audit firms to provide cost assessments and plans for major improvements with the understanding that the cost return on energy savings will pay for the investment made.

In addition to those steps, a project involving Venoco, which would enable the College to become more energy independent was outlined. A key component of this project involves an agreement that will provide stability of energy costs for a decade. The approach appears feasible at this time.

Board members understood the proposal being made and encouraged further exploration.
3. **Facilities**

   a. **Student Gathering Place:** This project, funded from the Estate of Ms. Louise Lowry Davis, will be developed in front of the Campus Center. Mr. George Girvin, Landscape Architect, was present and reviewed the plans for the facility. Concern were expressed regarding disabled access. It was agreed the plans would be reviewed with the Office of Disabled Students Programs and Services. It was also stated that the plans would be reviewed further by the Associated Student Body and the College Planning Council.

   The process by which Mr. Girvin would work with a contractor in developing a price for the project was also reviewed. An effort will be made to have the project completed by the fall semester 2001. Concern was expressed regarding the large number of utilities located in that area. Properly identifying where these utilities are and ensuring access after construction is completed were emphasized.

   Recognition was made of the positive effects that can take place through the development of this site.

   b. **The Studio Theater:** The conceptual plans were reviewed by the Board at the February 22, 2001, Board meeting. An additional $125,000 is needed. A meeting will take place during the coming week with the donors and a favorable outcome is expected.

   Efforts will be made to develop the facility by October of 2001. The facility has the full support of the Theater Arts Department, campus groups have also been notified of the intent to proceed with it.

   c. **Cosmetology ~ Review of Plans, Costs, Timeline and Progress:** Mr. Ed Blaschke reviewed the timeline regarding the Cosmetology Program, the cost of this effort and the resultant effects on the program. The capability of going ahead on this project was acknowledged.

   d. **LSG ~ Project Update:** Mr. Blaschke and Vice President Brian Fahnestock reported that the job is moving ahead on schedule. Some days were lost because of rain and a change order was forthcoming. Overall, the project appears to be progressing as expected.

   e. **La Playa Stadium Synthetic Grass Issue:** This project is being recommended by Athletic Director Ben Partee. The purpose of the project is to enable greater use of the limited field space available for athletics and physical education. By installing the turf, the fields would have multipurpose use without the consequent wear before the end of the season.

   The product has been tried in a number of different locations and has been viewed as successful.

   A discussion took place regarding the effects on track and field. A comment was made that if the javelin could not be thrown on the field, it could result in an inability to attract major track meets to the area. There was a desire to get
accurate information regarding the affects of artificial turf on the conducting of track meets.

The Superintendent/President was asked to look into the following:

♦ Costs: This is the biggest factor. How we will pay for it must be determined. The one-time cost to install, the annual operation costs and the amount that must be placed in an amortization account each year for replacement have to be considered.
♦ Financing: Check whether the City has ownership of La Playa or Santa Barbara City College.
♦ Check on the javelin to see it affect on hosting competitive track meets.
♦ Check drainage to ensure it does not present any problems.

The Committee supported looking into the artificial turf, but agreed that before moving ahead there would be a need for extensive review.

f. Facility Needs ~ Prop. 39 and the Option of a Local Bond: The Superintendent/President said he was not prepared with a recommendation at this time. Needs are still evident and require a response. However, a recommendation to go ahead on a bond issue has not been developed.

4. General Discussion

a. Faculty Recruitment/Faculty Housing: The Superintendent/President informed the Committee of problems related to recruitment. This is the first year in which applications are substantially down, candidates are canceling appointments once they understood the cost of housing. The faculty recruitment is a more challenging process this year.

b. Housing for Students: The issue of the College’s responsibility to provide for student housing was brought up in a discussion with the Citizens Planning Group. Also the City has mentioned this matter as well.

c. Transportation Demand Management: Issues here relate to the College’s continued expansion and the expectation that our compliance in fulfilling a TDM Plan has been included in the LRDP. Steps will be taken to deal more effectively with traffic coming to Santa Barbara City College.

Overall, the College community basically does not want changes effected. There is a desire to maintain current levels of access to parking and to not impose what are viewed as hardships on faculty and staff regarding access to parking spaces. A failure to implement the TDM Plan is not tenable if we are to proceed with Coastal Commission approval. Movement to implement the College’s TDM Plan is necessary if we want to eventually build the three buildings on campus.

Though it will create some problems, we need to move ahead to implement the TDM Plan.

The Superintendent/President stated that it will be his responsibility to recommend a plan of action from the alternatives available and proceed to
implement it. He will proceed when recommendations for an implementation plan are made by Vice President Fahnestock following a campus review. This action, though necessary, will not be without some controversy. Gaining Coastal Commission approval for the three buildings is deemed as necessary for the College to meet future enrollment demands.

5. **2001-2002 Budget**

Concerns regarding the 2001-02 budget were expressed because of energy cost increases. The significant increase expected in health plans, the demand for sizeable salary increases, technology funding requirements and the need to further develop facilities and to provide the basics, such as offices, supplies, faculty and staff development all represent areas of need. In short, there is no lack of demand on funds.

The availability of funds appears to be substantially jeopardized as a result of the energy crisis and the tremendous outlay of state funds made to meet present requirements. The direction from the State is still not clear. There appear to be a series of initiatives, but a lack of coordinated and agreed upon approach between the Legislature and Governor.

Clarity regarding the 2001-02 budget will not be present until the May revise.

It was also noted that this year we enter collective bargaining for contracts with the various employee groups.

6. **Miscellaneous**

a. **Proposed Reorganization of Physical Education and Athletics:** The proposal will be to provide for an Assistant Dean for Physical Education and Athletics. This position will enable coordination of both personnel and facilities to ensure the best response to both the Physical Education Program and the Athletic Program of the College.

b. **Refreshment Reimbursement Procedures and Guidelines:** Discussion on this issue focused on the amount of funding to be made available, the limitations to be placed on use of the funds, assurance that this would not replace categorical funding resources and other issues.

Committee members felt overall that the project makes sense, but there was a need to identify funding limits and clarity on areas of use.

c. **Proposed changes in the Fingerprinting Procedure:** Vice President Ehrlich noted that the District had a policy of fingerprinting for all Continuing Education instructors. Such blanket fingerprinting is not required by law and is seen as a significant hardship because, in many cases, faculty only work one or two days. The procedure will be changed and noncredit instructors will generally not be fingerprinted.

d. **Student Health Fee Increases:** The State has authorized an increase of one dollar. A case has been made to support such an increase. A proposal to increase the fee will be made at a subsequent Board meeting.
e. **Trustee Areas:** Full discussion was held on the Committee on School District Reorganization. The subcommittee of the Board stated they had an initial meeting and generally felt the advantages of the present system continued to outweigh the need for a change. However, it was agreed that further discussion on this issue would take place.

Clarity was sought regarding the next action by the Committee on School District Reorganization. It is possible that the April meeting presently scheduled will be cancelled and the Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees will be asked to develop their recommendation regarding any further action.

Trustee O'Neill indicated that he will be preparing a brief on this matter.

f. **Accreditation ~ Draft, Santa Barbara City College Vision Statement:** The work on accreditation and development of the Vision Statement was shared with the Committee. The draft Vision Statement was circulated, suggestions were made by Committee Members for change.

g. **Travel and Conference for Categorical Programs:** It was mentioned that in most cases, the travel and conferences are paid through the categorical allocations.

h. **Report ~ Meeting with the Citizens Planning Association:** The Superintendent/President presented a copy of the outline of the presentation made to the Citizens Planning Association. Discussion was held regarding areas of concern.

i. **Dorantes Lecture:** It was noted that on April 25, 2001, at 12:00 noon, Mr. James Luna, a Native American, will be making a presentation to the College community.

j. **Communication with the Board ~ Board Committee Agendas and Minutes via Email:** It was suggested that the agendas and minutes for the subcommittee meetings be circulated by email.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m.

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Date

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