MINUTES
Santa Barbara Community College District
Board of Trustees
Study Session
Thursday, May 10, 2001
4:00 p.m., Room A-218-C

Present: All Board Members were present.

1. Accreditation - Self-Study 2001-02 and Campus Visit 2002-03

The Superintendent/President introduced this item by discussing the special accreditation visit that will take place at Santa Barbara City College. Permission has been received from ACCJC to conduct an accreditation self-study that builds on the accreditation study six years ago when the emphasis was on Project Redesign. The Commission will allow the College to focus at how it will achieve its goal of becoming a model community college for the 21st century. The focus of the study will be on developing a College Plan that enables us to move toward achieving a model community college and measures of institutional effectiveness to help determine how well the College is achieving the outcomes it has established.

The first step in the development of the plan has been the College’s Vision Statement. The vision statement has been reviewed by all groups on the campus and it is ready for consideration by the Board. Board Members, were asked to submit any recommended changes to the Superintendent/President.

The pre-planning that is occurring has involved presentations by the Santa Barbara School District, the City and County of Santa Barbara, UCSB Office of Institutional Research and the Economic Forecast Project. These five areas have provided their views regarding the change occurring in the District. Such information will help to ensure College programs will be responsive to the needs of the District.

Each Vice President is developing a set of assumptions that will affect planning in their areas. These assumptions will be reviewed with the College Planning Council. Thus far, Vice Presidents Fairly, Ehrlich and Friedlander have conducted their review. Vice Presidents Fahnestock and Hamre will do so on Tuesday, May 15, 2001.

Board Members will be provided with a summary of the presentations made by external presenters as well as the summary statements from the respective Vice Presidents.

Following these presentations, there will be three one-half day sessions in June in which CPC will identify the goals and objectives for the plan. The draft document from the CPC session will be refined over the summer and presented to the various governance groups in the fall. Throughout the fall semester, the Academic Senate, the Classified Council and Associated Students will have the opportunity to review and make suggestions on the College Plan. The completed plan should be presented to the Board of Trustees at either the December 2001 or January 2002 meeting. The plan will be incorporated into the Self-Study which will be completed during the spring 2002.

In the discussion that followed, Board Members felt this was a thorough process.
2. **Campus Construction**

   a. **Cosmetology**

   Vice President Fahnestock gave an update on this item. In response to Board Members questions, it is expected that Phase I will be completed by September, Phase II by early November. It is not anticipated that there will be an enrollment drop during construction. However, until both phases are completed additional FTEs will probably not materialize.

   b. **Studio Theatre**

   It was announced that the donors, Mr. & Mrs. Morrie Jurkowitz, have expressed a desire to fund Phase II of the project; i.e., to include the glass entry as part of the project. This addition is expected to be approximately $350,000. Additional work will take place with Mr. & Mrs. Jurkowitz to confirm their intent in this regard.

   Vice President Fahnestock reported that he had met with the architect, Don Ziemen, and Mr. Frank Schipper of Schipper Construction regarding the submission of a bid for the Studio Theatre Project.

   c. **Louise Lowry Davis Plaza**

   Vice President Fahnestock reviewed the plans for the Plaza indicating that the gift from Louise Lowry Davis is expected to cover costs for all phases of construction with the exception of disabled access. The access portion will provide students with wheelchair access from the upper part of the Student Services Building area to the lower landing by the Bookstore. This part of the project will be approximately $50,000 and will be placed out for bid.

   The work for this project will be completed prior to the opening of the fall semester 2001. It was agreed that the completion of this project should have a positive impact on that aspect of the campus.

3. **Energy Conservation – Co-Generation**

   a. **Campus Co-Generation Project ~ Review of Main Points**

   Vice President Fahnestock reviewed the efforts underway regarding campus co-generation. The variable that makes this project feasible is a Venoco Corporation proposal to sell Santa Barbara City College natural gas for a ten-year period fixed rate of $3.00 per million BTUs. This is well below the current market rate. An increase in the present rate is expected to take place.

   The feasibility study for co-generation should be completed by mid June. Assuming the study confirms the feasibility of proceeding, funding for the project will be sought. As of this time, no word has been received regarding the proposal for funding sent to Mr. Gage in Sacramento. Follow up on that will take place.

   b. **Conservation Projects**

   Vice President Fahnestock stated that actions taken at the last Board Meeting resulted in retrofit of lights in the LRC, Library and Bookstore. This is a cost of approximately $125,000. Payback for this expense is expected in two to three
years. In addition, the energy audit is taking place throughout the campus. A report will be received and a decision made as to how to proceed.

4. **Housing Issues**

   a. **Student Housing**

      The Superintendent/President reviewed two options that are being considered. One is discussions with the City, which are very much at the conceptual stage, regarding a proposal to consider a joint project with the City for housing in the Pershing Park. In addition, there is also a discussion about student housing on the MTD property on Calle Real.

   b. **Faculty Housing**

      A discussion had taken place with a developer regarding low-cost, family housing. It is possible that approximately 15 units will be put aside for the Santa Barbara City College faculty at a development in Goleta.

5. **La Playa Stadium - Process to Review the Options for Identifying Space for Athletics and Physical Education**

   The Superintendent/President reviewed the proposal prepared by the Athletic Director. The criteria were viewed as appropriate. Three options are being explored and this should be sufficient to provide a thorough analysis for this issue. The Superintendent/President stated he was desirous of ensuring the Board felt approach to this issue was comprehensive and focused enough to ensure that when the results were received there would be adequate information upon which to base a decision. He was trying to avoid an outcome in which a lot of work on the study would be done and then there would be a desire to look at an item that had not been contemplated. He is desirous of comprehensively structuring the analysis at the beginning and, thus, having sufficient information upon which to make a decision.

   The Board Members suggested that safety be well researched as well as issues relating to long-term viability and costs of the various options.

6. **2001-02 State Budget Picture and Issues Regarding Compensation**

   The Superintendent/President reviewed the status of the community college budget. The May revise resulted in a slight drop in the cost-of-living adjustment and some special funds. Overall, it was felt that the community colleges did well. The hope is that the budget will be retained until final action is taken.

   a. **Review of Special Funds**

      The review for special funds was not conducted except to verify that sufficient funds are present in technology equipment replacement to meet obligations for the next two years. The Construction Fund has been heavily impacted due to construction of the temporary office buildings and a number of campus projects that have either been completed or are in the process of being completed. Other funds, cafeteria, bookstore, self insurance, etc., are all in sound condition.

   b. **50 Percent Law**

      It was stated that the 50 Percent Law continues to present challenges to the California Community Colleges. The recent assertion that the 50 Percent Law is
not being administered properly is resulting in a more thorough accountability for this area.

The 50 Percent Law is designed to apply to K-12. It is not an activity that applies to any system of higher education in America other than the California Community Colleges. It requires at least 50 percent of funds to be spent directly on classroom activities. Such expenditures do not include counselors, librarians, or any institutional support activities.

Though Santa Barbara City College has one of the best expenditure records in the state, this will increasingly be an issue as we approach future expenditures.

7. **Foundation for Santa Barbara City College ~ Update**

The Board was informed that Major Gifts Officer, Mary Ellen Tiffany, has decided to leave the Foundation for SBCC. Mary Ellen’s departure is providing an opportunity for the Executive Committee to look more fully at the overall approach to the Foundation’s management. This will take place over the next few months.

8. **Miscellaneous**

a. **Refreshments Reimbursement Procedure**

Vice President Fahnestock reviewed this matter. He identified a budget amount of approximately $5,000 that would be allocated to various departments of the College. He also pointed out changes made in response to the last discussion with the Board. With these changes, the policy will be put into affect for 2001-02.

b. **Campus Issues**

The study session provided an opportunity to review a few campus issues with the Trustees.

c. **End of the Year Activities**

The Scholarship Reception, Red and White Banquet, and a number of end-of-year activities were reviewed with the Board.

d. **Change in the June Board Meeting Date**

The June meeting date was changed to Thursday, June 21, 2001.

9. **College Bond: Not Anticipated November 2001**

a. **Coastal Commission Traffic Demand Management**

The Superintendent/President stated that without the successful approval of the Long-Range Development Plan by the Coastal Commission, he does not feel it is wise to proceed with the bond issue in November. Doing otherwise would place the College in the position of having the bond issue approved but not being able to proceed with the buildings. There will be a concerted effort placed on getting the LRDP approved and then having the bond issue follow. In addition, further study needs to take place regarding the best approach regarding the size of the bond, what the bond will be for, etc.
Vice President Fahnstock reviewed the challenges being faced in working with Coastal Commission. He stated that he had a meeting with consultants to develop a clear path to have the College's plan acted upon in a timely manner.

b. **Campus Planning**

A review took place of the projects that will be submitted to the State for funding:

- Physical Science Building Safety Considerations
- Classrooms in the Gymnasium

A number of other projects were reviewed with the Board as well.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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Superintendent/President  
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees