MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

January 16, 2003

STUDY SESSION
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4:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. O'Neil, Dr. Alexander, Dr. Dobbs, Ms. Livingston, Mr. Luria, Mrs. Powell, and Mr. Villegas.

Others present: John Romo, Brian Fahnstock, Jack Friedlander, Lynda Fairly, Leslie Griffin, Andreea Serban, Lana Rose, Alex Pittmon and Keith McLellan

1. Budget Situation

President Romo presented an overview of the presentation made to faculty and staff at the In Service and the two college forums, on the Governor's budget proposals submitted to the Legislature on January 10, 2003. There is still tremendous uncertainty relating to the governor's proposals. Our hope is that the legislature will act on the 02-03 budget reductions before the end of January.

President Romo reviewed current actions being implemented by SBCC: freeze on staff hiring, freeze on faculty hiring, freeze on equipment purchases, freeze on travel and conference, freeze on non-state funded facilities projects, and reductions in non-instructional hourly expenses.

CCLC has provided leadership in developing a community college alternative to the governor's budget proposal. This alternative has received unanimous support from the system's primary consultation groups. The system's alternative budget proposal for 02-03 would reduce budget reductions to $158M. The system's budget proposal was presented to the Assembly and Senate Education Budget Committees. We have received reports that the committee members were quite responsive to the system's proposals. It is expected that the committees will forward their recommendations to their respective Budget committees before the end of the week. The legislatures work is all directed at the 02-03 situation.

The Governor in his community college budget proposal had included significant reductions to categorical programs (e.g. DSPS, EOPS). Programs like DSPS and EOPS provide essential services to the most needy students. If the governor's proposal to reduce these allocations by up to 45% prevails, colleges will have to incorporate many of these services into the general fund.
President Romo also reviewed additional actions being considered for the 02-03 year: Each Vice President and the President will be reviewing their existing budgets for the balance of this year with an objective of achieving an additional 7% reduction in the 02-03 budget. CPC will continue to serve as the primary consultation group for consideration of these actions. In addition to budget reductions, voluntary actions such as early retirement or Golden Handshakes for both certificated and classified staff are being explored. There is also a system wide advocacy effort for regulatory relief from the regulations requiring colleges to fill replacement and new faculty positions. Savings from not filling full-time faculty vacancies are imperative if the college is to avoid layoffs in 03-04 and beyond.

The Board discussed the use of reserves. There is the possibility of having to use reserves, on a one-time basis, as part of the solution for the 02-03 year. President Romo said that it is his intent to present all options and recommendations to the Board with regard to the use of the reserves. Recommendations will include a rationale for the use of the reserves and also what the consequences of using the reserves will be. Vice President Fahnestock reminded the Board that the college would most likely not be able to transfer ending balances to the reserves in 03-04. President Romo reminded the Board that there is prudent on-going management of the college budget and the college is fortunate to have these reserves that can be given consideration to get through this period.

Vice President Fahnestock reviewed what the governor’s cuts would mean to SBCC. Mr. Fahnestock emphasized that the figures reviewed are all estimates.

2. Governance

a. Master Plan Governance Recommendations

President Romo presented the CCLC’s position relative to SB 6 legislation drafted by DeDe Alpert to put into effect the governance components of the Master Plan. CCLC has recommended that colleges not support the following SB 6 components: establishment of the community college system as a public trust, the sections related to local control and authority, and the delineated responsibilities of boards. The Board agreed to have President Romo and Mr. O’Neill prepare and present a resolution to the Board for action at the Board meeting in January, which would state that unless amended SBCC would oppose this bill.

b. The Board Retreat

The retreat has been scheduled for March 1, Saturday, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
c. CCCT Board Nominees

Mr. Luis Villegas has agreed to run for another term. The paperwork will be submitted for this to go forward.

d. Governance Group Interactions

President Romo presented some of his ideas to encourage on going opportunities for the Board to be able to engage in activities on campus with senate and other governance groups in the consultation process.

3. Educational Program

a. Spring 03 Credit and Non-Credit Programs

Andreea Serban reviewed a handout she had prepared on enrollment. Ms. Serban reviewed FTES 01-02 to present. For 2002-03 the current growth rate is expected to be 3.745%; if the budget cut proposals do go through the growth allowance would be reduced to 3.61%. Basic Skills Funding for 2002-03 is expected to be minimal; full 01-02 Basic Skills funding is expected. Fall 2002 credit enrollments were strong. Currently the 2002-03 estimation for the overall growth rate is 3.81%.

Dr. Friedlander reported on the Spring semester enrollment strategy. The college will be adding sections only where it is absolutely necessary and classes that do not meet the minimum enrollment requirements will be cancelled.

Ms. Fairly reported that the Fall quarter enrollment for Adult Ed was strong. At current FTES projection levels Adult Ed will be cutting a week off the Spring term. If the credit program Spring semester enrollment projections are not achieved, Adult Ed can increase class sizes very easily to help with the shortfall.

b. Transfer Academy and Transfer Support Programs

Jack Friedlander and Keith McLellan presented an overview of the Transfer Academy and Transfer Support Programs. The presentation was intended to provide the Board a more comprehensive explanation of the program. The Transfer Academy will replace the SBCC-UCSB Transition Program. Part of the program includes the marketing of the college's Transfer Admission Agreement and other existing support services for UCSB bound students. Also students expressing a goal to transfer to UCSB will be notified and will be invited to participate in structured activities and services that will increase their chances of transferring to UCSB.

4. Student Support
a. Student Housing

President Romo provided an update on student housing. Francisco Torres will not be available to SBCC students next year. Discussion is taking place with Fountainbleu for 200 beds; which is 50 more than last year. A meeting has been scheduled with Tropicana Gardens to discuss a possible long-term partnership, with no financial commitment being made at this time. President Romo will report back to the Board on the outcome of these discussions.

b. Parking and Transportation Issues

President Romo presented an overview on the four surface parking projects under consideration. He also emphasized that staff are continuing to explore off campus parking alternatives for students; surface parking on the East and West campus; an incentive program to encourage students to consider public transportation and continued work on the long term planning toward the possibility of building a parking structure on campus. Vice President Fahnestock reported that the college will proceed with the development of the TDM Plan to include all projects that the college will be considering. Vice President Fahnestock gave a few examples of what the college is currently doing. These projects include: subsidizing students to park and walk; faculty and staff bus passes; and a renegotiation for a 10 year extension of the student discount MTD contract. Vice President Fahnestock reviewed a timeline for the Long Range Development Plan.

President Romo requested the Board’s feedback with regard to surface parking alternatives. The Board was in agreement to proceed with the parking behind the stadium and to continue with the planning of the parking by the Garvin. In addition they advised proceeding more slowly with other surface parking options.

5. Facilities

a. Gymnasium/Classroom Project

Vice President Fahnestock handed out a timeline for the gymnasium/classroom project.

b. Physical Science Building Renovation—was not discussed.

c. Environmental/Biological Sciences Landscaping—was not discussed.

d. Pershing Creek Maintenance

Renegotiating contract between Old Spanish Days the City and SBCC for use of Pershing Park. The College currently owns the buildings that Old Spanish Days occupies (the Carriage Museum, and all the buildings behind it). Old Spanish
Days has asked that the college consider transferring the ownership of these buildings to Old Spanish Days. The college has no use for the buildings and would not have to maintain the buildings if ownership were to be transferred. Vice President Fahnestock proposed that the college transfer the ownership, if Old Spanish Days would contribute toward creek maintenance. To date they have not responded. The City will be building a bike path and will at some point be requesting an easement through the property.

e. Facilities Renovation Projects and Timeline—was not discussed.

f. Faculty/Staff Housing

President Romo brought the Board up to date on the CSU Channel Island housing opportunity that was offered to the college. All Phase I units have been sold and the next phase will not be ready until 2005. Vice President Fahnestock also requested permission from the Board to look into a building that is nearly vacant by the Santa Barbara Athletic Club. The Board agreed that Mr. Fahnestock should continue further exploring this option and then report back to the Board.

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