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

March 13, 2003

Study Session and Closed Session
A218C
4:00 pm

1. Closed Session

   a. Adjourn to Closed Session

      Upon motion by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Dobbs, the Board convened to
      Closed Session to:

      1) Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation
         Pursuant to Section 54956.9 (b) 1 matter

      2) Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation
         Pursuant to 54956.9 (a) 1 matter William Paulsen vs SBCCD SB Superior Court
         Case 01097939

      Upon motion by Dr. Dobbs, seconded by Mrs. Powell, the Board reconvened to
      Open Session. Mr. O'Neill announced that the Board met and had given
      direction to the Superintendent/President on how to proceed.

2. Budget

   a. Update on FY 02-03 allocations
   b. Enrollment Update

      Andreea Serban provided an enrollment update; 2001-02 FTES were funded from
      the general fund and everything over the growth cap was funded from basic skills;
      2002-03 estimated CA resident FTES reported January 15, 2003 were fully funded;
      growth cap for all districts was reduced by 22.5%, which for SBCC means a
      reduction from 5.35% to 4.15%. SBCC actually operates under the assumption that
      the final funded growth cap for 02-03 will be 3.745%; current estimate for 02-03
      credit CA residents FTES is 4.53% growth, which ensures that the growth cap will be
      reached.

      Vice President Fahnestock handed out and reviewed the figures the college is
      currently using for the 02-03 budget. The governor's budget proposal is still being
      used for all budget planning.
c. 02-03 Budget Reduction Recommendations

President Romo reviewed the 02-03 budget reduction recommendations that the VP's and the President have been working on. Consultation has taken place with Fiscal Committee, at prior study sessions, and College Planning Council. Good input has been received from the consultation process, and some changes have been made. Final review took place at the last Fiscal meeting, the committee agreed that these recommendations be forwarded to the study session for consideration. The Board members supported the recommendations and agreed to have them presented for approval at the March 27 board meeting. President Romo spoke on how well the college community has worked together to develop these recommendations; there has been a very positive attitude from all concerned.

d. Budget Principles

Dr. Alexander explained the process the Fiscal Committee went through in reviewing the budget principles. The document was reviewed and discussion took place. The Board agreed that the resolution and the budget principles should be submitted for approval at the March board meeting.

e. Full-time faculty obligation waiver request. This item was deferred.

f. Proceeding with filling 8 faculty vacancies

President Romo reported that the college would be proceeding with filling the 8 critical faculty positions. These positions were reviewed by the Academic Senate, CPC, and the Fiscal Committee.

g. Process for developing 03-04 budget reduction recommendations

President Romo reported that the college continues to work on the 03-04 budget reduction recommendations. The first homework the VP’s and the President have been given is to apply 8% reduction to their 03-04 allocations. President Romo stressed that there would not be “across the board” cuts; this first exercise is a “starting point”. Consultation will take place with the College Planning Council and the Fiscal Committee, as more information is available from Sacramento.

President Romo presented at the last Fiscal Committee meeting a resolution from Chabot College, taking a District position against the $24 per unit enrollment fee and the governor’s disproportionate community colleges budget reductions. Dr. Alexander recommended that the District adopt a similar resolution, which could be sent to Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson to communicate to her how the district feels. President Romo presented the resolution he had drafted after receiving approval from the Fiscal committee. The resolution was discussed and President Romo was asked to make a few changes and to forward the resolution to the March Board meeting for approval.
3. Educational Program


   Vice President Friedlander explained why the college decided to bring both the credit and non-credit business outreach programs under the umbrella of the Center for Management and Staff Development. When this decision was made the Business and Industry Associates was also brought in under this umbrella. B&I currently has a $20,000 deficit and their cost structure does not cover their expenses. The commitment has been made to figure out a way to make B&I a self-sustaining program. Dr. Dobbs did state that a meeting will be taking place with college staff and the B&I Executive Committee to further work together on this issue.

   b. International Students: South Korea possibility

   Vice President Friedlander reported that the President of a very large South Korean company has approached the college to ask that SBCC work with his company exclusively in recruiting students from South Korea and other countries in Asia. This option has been investigated and it has been found that there are other companies that want to work with the college, and do not require an exclusive clause. Dr. Friedlander has advised the individual, by written correspondence, that the college is not interested in pursuing the use of his company.

4. Housing

   a. Faculty and Staff Housing: Alternative Funding Options

   Vice President Fahnestock presented information on debt financing options available to community colleges. This could provide another viable alternative for the college in considering the development of faculty and staff housing. After much discussion it was decided that this issue required more time than was available. It was requested that this item be scheduled for the next study session. The Board also requested information regarding the current % of home ownership by classified staff and faculty at this meeting.

5. Governance

   a. Senate Bill 6: Master Plan Governance – No discussion took place on this item.

6. Community College Funding Equity

   President Romo reported that at the CCLC Legislative Conference there was a meeting of low revenue districts. The outcome of that meeting is that the low revenue districts will now come together and start a process to work towards community college funding
equity. The Fiscal Committee at their last meeting supported President Romo’s request to be part of that group.

7. Miscellaneous

a. April Board Meeting Schedule

April 24 is the regularly scheduled board meeting. President Romo will not be available on that day, as he will be attending the Southern Region CEO’s conference. President Romo requested that the Board meeting be moved to Tuesday, April 22, to begin at 4:30 pm in the FeBland Forum. The Board members agreed.

b. Retiree Reception: May 22

President Romo reported that this year would be the beginning of a new tradition with regard to the retiree reception. The Annual Board and President’s Reception for Retiree’s will take place in the Helen Pedotti Courtyard right before the May Board meeting. This year it has been scheduled for May 22, at 3:30 p.m. This will be a stand up reception and it will also provide an opportunity for the board to participate in this event recognizing the retiree’s. This new tradition was discussed and approved by IA and CSEA.

c. Email address on website?

There was unanimous approval from all Board members to not post their email addresses on the website.

d. Miscellaneous

Mr. Desmond O’Neill provided Ms. Joan Livingston with a list of candidates for CCCT Board and asked her to pass it on to Mr. Luis Villegas who will present the recommendations at the March Board meeting.

President Romo made a couple of announcements:

- Study Session would take place on May 8.

- Senator McClintock will be visiting the college on May 30. His visit is scheduled for 2:00-3:00 p.m. More information will be provided as soon as more details are known.

John B. Romo
Superintendent/President