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

September 13, 2005

SPECIAL MEETING AND
STUDY SESSION
4:00 p.m.
Room A-218C
MAC Building
Santa Barbara City College

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

President Alexander called the meeting to order.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Dr. Alexander, President
Dr. Dobbs, Vice President
Mr. Jurkowitz
Ms. Livingston
Mr. O'Neill
Mrs. Powell
Mr. Villegas

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting:
John Romo, Guy Smith, Dawn Ziemer, Don Ziemer, Jack Friedlander, Alex Pittmon, George Girvin, Joe Sullivan, Paul Bishop, Chris Cadelapp (The Channels), Kathy Molloy, Andreea Serban, Barbara Ben Horin, Ron Stevens-Interacta, Liz Auchincloss

1.3 WELCOME

President Alexander extended a cordial welcome to all present.

1.4 HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizen expressed a wish to address the Board.
2. STUDY SESSION – (The study session will provide the Board with an opportunity to hold general discussions on a range of college issues. NO action will be taken.)

1. SoMA/LRDP

President Romo explained to the board that Don Ziemer, Joe Sullivan and Alex Pittmon have been in consultation with the System office on this project and feedback has been that the SoMA building as presented is still within the scope and scale of what originally was proposed by the college. There is also a possibility of additional funding that might be available for construction of this building.

Mr. Ziemer reported that the SoMA Building project began in 2002. The only information he was given at that time was to create something that maintains the campus quality and is in keeping with the environment of Santa Barbara. A final project proposal was submitted to the state in '02. The drawings being presented today still reflect the concept that was originally submitted.

Mr. Ziemer reviewed each floor level of the building and explained to the Board what would be the location of classrooms, studio, labs, in the new structure. Mr. Ziemer presented the Board with a video simulation that provided a 3-D view of the building.

Mr. George Girvin presented his landscape overview of the SoMA building area. Mr. Girvin reported that many of the current plants such as the olive trees, the Mexican fan palms, the jacaranda and the Mediterranean fan palms would be used and expanded upon. Mr. Girvin also reviewed the lighting and the sitting areas that would be available for students. He pointed out that students would have many areas to sit and read or interact with other students. It was noted that all ramps and stairs have been made ADA accessible.

Vice President Sullivan informed the Board that it was very difficult to estimate at this time the actual cost of the SoMA building. What is known is that it will cost more than the state allocation for this project. There are currently many factors that have caused this project to increase in cost, such as the rising cost of steel, the war in Iraq and the damage in New Orleans. A rough estimate is currently between $20 and $50 million. The next step in this project is to detail all aspects of construction and to project an overall cost estimate. This process could take 6-8 weeks.

President Romo reported that he has begun discussions with the Executive Committee of the Foundation for Santa Barbara City College and with Barbara Ben-Horin, regarding the possibility of a capital campaign to offset a state funding shortfall. Their response has been positive.

President Romo spoke to the Board about the analysis of LEED cost for the SoMA Building. The college has been encouraged to provide the LEED construction methodology, a state certification emphasizing sustainability and environmental sensitivity. Don Ziemer was asked to develop an estimate of what it would cost should the college decide to achieve full certification using the LEED system. The result was an estimate of an additional million dollars in construction costs, and it was pointed out that this project already has 15 LEED points out of the 26 required to achieve the certification. It was discussed that a large portion of the additional million dollars in
expense would go toward paper documentation of the project. The Facilities Committee discussed this item at their meeting and they concurred that the college should not pursue the LEED certification but should continue to design and construct in a manner that is sensitive to the environment. The Board concurred with this recommendation.

Vice President Sullivan reported that there is currently funding from Prop 55 for the preliminary and working drawings. The funding for the actual construction and equipment will be included in the next statewide construction bond measure. The plan is to proceed with work on this important project. It is still hoped that groundbreaking for this project will be 2007. If a construction bond does not pass in November 06, construction will be delayed.

Vice President Sullivan distributed a listing of the temporary buildings that need to be relocated for the construction of SoMA. Mr. Sullivan provided a map to show the location of these temporary buildings. Mr. Sullivan also provided the Board with a list of every temporary classroom on the campus and how they are currently being used. The question was raised as to when the temporary buildings would be removed from the campus. President Romo noted after reviewing the facility improvement projects, that the temporary buildings would be on campus at least 3-4 years during completion of the construction and remodel projects. The Schott and Wake Center are both in need of modernization and temporary buildings would need to be placed on those campuses during renovation of the facilities.

President Romo reported to the Board that the college would be making an appeal before the Coastal Commission for relief from having to build the parking structure in conjunction with the SoMA Building. There will also be acknowledgement that the addition of new classroom building in the future would require additional parking for students, faculty and staff.

President Romo thanked the Board for spending so much time on these discussions and noted that these items will continue to be discussed at Facilities meetings and at future study sessions.

2. 2004-05 General Fund Ending Balances and Recommendations.

Vice President Sullivan distributed a General Fund Ending Fund Balance report. This report reflects that there has been an increase in the ending balance over the years. Mr. Sullivan also reviewed the recommendations of the staff for the allocation of ending balances year ending June 30, 2005.

The Board concurred that the ending fund balances discussed should be brought forward for Board approval at the next board meeting.

3. Accreditation Mid-Term Report.

Dr. Andreea Serban reported that the preparation of this report is in response to the recommendations received from the Evaluation Team and the Action Letter from the Accrediting Commission.
Dr. Alexander felt that the board did not have to review the entire report. However, if the board had any questions those could be discussed. The Board felt the report was very good and they were happy with the information that was gathered by Dr. Serban.

4. Trustees Endorsing Political Candidates.

Mr. O’Neill requested a clarification of the policy relating to the endorsement of political candidates by board members. The board concurred that their understanding was that trustee members could endorse a candidate during local, regional, and statewide races as an individual, but not as members of the board. Ms. Livingston reported that she was asked to endorse a candidate and she told him/her that she would as an individual; however, when the brochures and flyers were printed they were printed with her endorsement as a trustee of SBCC.

The Board concurred that they would continue with the current practice of endorsing political candidates as individuals only.

5. SBCC Naming Policies and Practices

The policy BP6620 was reviewed to assure that the board members concurred with the way the policy is currently written. President Romo also presented to the board a document that is being used by the Foundation for SBCC as a guideline for naming opportunities. The Board began discussion on this item; however, it was agreed that this item needed more time for discussion and that it would be tabled for a future study session.

6. Superintendent/President’s Evaluation

The Board all agreed that President Romo has been doing an excellent job. Dr. Alexander appointed Des O’Neill, Joyce Powell, and Joe Dobbs to review President Romo’s compensation and to make a recommendation at the next board meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. O’Neill, seconded by the Board approved adjourning this meeting. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 4:00 pm in A211.

John B. Romo, President