MINUTES

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

January 12, 2006

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 Dobbs called the meeting to order.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Dr. Alexander
Dr. Dobbs, President
Mr. Jurkowitz
Ms. Livingston
Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Villegas

Members Absent:

Mrs. Powell, Vice President
Ms. Chatcuff (Student Trustee)

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting:

John Romo, Joe Sullivan, Liz Auchincloss, Jack Friedlander, Kathy Molloy, Leslie Griffin

1.3 WELCOME

President Dobbs 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. SBCC General Fund Audit

Leslie Griffin provided an overview of the SBCC General Fund audit. Ms. Griffin noted that the section titled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis” provides a narrative overview and analysis of the District’s financial activities for the fiscal period. This audit report is a report of all district funds consolidated together. Also, because of our financial relationship with the Foundation for Santa Barbara City College a component of their financial report is included.

This report will be posted on SBCC’s website, and will be forwarded to the appropriate federal and state agencies.

2. Proposed Non-Resident Tuition Fee Increase – **Attachment 2**

The non-resident tuition fee is the fee that is charged and paid by out-of-state and international students. The fee increases being presented will be submitted for approval by the Board at the January board meeting and are required to be filed with the Chancellor’s Office by February 1. The fee increases being submitted are $186.00 per unit for Out of State Fees and Tuition and $192.00 per unit for International Student Fee and Tuition. The Board concurred that these fees should be forwarded to the Board for action at the January meeting.

3. Board Evaluation – **Attachment 3a and Attachment 3b**

President Romo reported that the attachments provided contained the results of the full board survey and a summarized list of responses where two or more board members responded with either a disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement. Board members discussed the summarized list of responses and it was agreed that the board evaluation survey will be conducted again next year.

4. Board Code of Ethics-**Attachment 4**

President Romo reported that the Accreditation Commission is now requiring that districts have a Code of Ethics in their policies. President Romo and Dr. Serban have reviewed the material provided by the Accreditation Commission and our district’s current board policy “Standards of Conduct” covers the requirement. President Romo recommended that the change be made from “Standards of Conduct” to “Code of Ethics”. Board members concurred with this recommendation and asked that this be submitted for Board action at the January board meeting.

5. Board Vacancy: Issues relating to the endorsement of candidates - **Item was deferred.**
6. Community College Initiative

President Romo reported that the Californian's for Community Colleges have filed the initiative with the Attorney General's Office. The initiative addresses three basic issues:

- Governance – removes the Chancellors Office from under the authority of the Governor's office and the Department of Finance and sets it up as a Community College Higher Education System.
- Reaffirms and documents the roles, responsibility and authority of local boards.
- Addresses the Board of Governors and their role.
- Rolls back the student enrollment fee to $20 per unit.

The initiative does not remove community colleges from under Prop 98, but changes it so that the calculations would be based on two calculations, one on K-12 enrollment and the other on community college enrollments. Funds would then be allocated appropriately to the institutions.

President Romo reported that the current polling shows that 64% favor community colleges and 69% favor the four principles noted in the initiative. The biggest challenge will be to get the signatures required to get the initiative on the ballot.

3. ADJOURNMENT

President Dobbs adjourned the study session. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2006, at 4:00 pm in A211.

John B. Romo