MINUTES

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

April 12, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING
STUDY SESSION
4:00 p.m
Room A-218C

MAC Building
Santa Barbara City College

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

President Villegas called the meeting to order.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members present:
Kay Alexander
Joe Dobbs
Sally Green
Morris Jurkowitz
Desmond O'Neill
Luis Villegas, President
Jessica Schley, Student Trustee

Member absent:
Joan Livingston, Vice President

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting:
Mr. John Romo, Supt/President and Secretary Clerk to the Board of Trustees
Alexandra Wilcox, The Channels
Alice Sharper, Dean Educational Programs
Darla Cooper, Sr. Director Institutional Research
Eric Borlaug, ASB President
Jack Friedlander, Executive Vice President Educational Programs
Joe Sullivan, VP Business Services
Liz Auchincloss, President CSEA
Paul Bishop, VP Information Technology
Tom Fitzgerald, Student
Tom Garey, Academic Senate member
Vincent Van Haff, Student

1.3 WELCOME

President Villegas extended a cordial welcome to all.
1.4 HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizen expressed a wish to address the Board

1.5 GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Luis Villegas congratulated the college on the transfer program statistics noted in the Daily Sound and other newspapers. Acknowledged the work of the Transfer Center staff.

Acknowledged the hard work of John Romo and Joe Sullivan on their preparation for the Coastal Commission hearing.

Upon motion by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Dobbs the Board approved convening into Study Session.

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 and CC Update

President Romo and Vice President Sullivan provided information on the Coastal Commission meeting that took place on April 10, 2007. President Romo thanked Mr. O'Neill for his attendance and support at the hearing.

President Romo provided an overview of the Coastal Commission hearing:

- The Coastal Commission reaffirmed the rejection of our original PWPA that was submitted in 1999, which was the college's Long Range Development Plan. The plan included SoMA, the Physical Science renovation projects, the parking structure and two new classroom buildings.
- President Romo reported that they were successful in separating the SoMA Building from the other projects that had been rejected.

President Romo reported that the California Coastal Commission had given their approval to proceed with the construction of the SoMA building. The Commission also presented to the college 15 policies and 30 modifications that needed to be added to the information originally submitted.

Vice President Sullivan reviewed some of the policies and modifications required by the Commission as a condition of building SoMA:

- The District should be committed to growing off campus and continue to pursue all opportunities that would reduce traffic and parking congestion.
- SoMA is separate from the other buildings and that the two classroom buildings need to be removed from the PWP and LRDP.
- Parking structure needs to be removed from the PWP and LRDP.
- Avoid any adverse impact on the oak trees.
- Plant 30 oak trees to replace the three oaks that will be removed during construction.
- Add a barrier fence around the oak trees.
- Hire a botanist or arborist consultant and give them the authority to cease work if any violations occur.
- Revise landscaping plans.
- Hire an aviary specialist to confirm there are no raptors nesting in the trees.
- Increase student ridership with MTD and continue to work with MTD to increase faculty and staff ridership. Mr. Sullivan did note that college ridership has increased 40% over the last four years.
- Fund improvements to the college’s current bus stops and assist in the improvements to the bus stop located on the north side of Cliff Drive.

President Romo reported that all of this information will be included in the final report from the Coastal Commission.

President Romo reported on what he has learned from this process:
- This Coastal Commission has made it clear that it is highly unlikely that the college would be able to build a parking structure in the near future.
- Emphasis on limiting growth on the Mesa Campus and the use of alternative transportation to and from this campus.
- Mesa Campus, during peak hours (10:00-2:30, M-Th), is at its maximum. Growth should only be allowed during off peak hours, off campus, on-line, etc.
- More emphasis needs be placed on working with MTD and continue the good work with this agency.

President Romo noted that the College needs to proceed with the traffic study to be able to carefully evaluate traffic congestion and parking pressures. This study will help with the reconfiguration of the East Campus entrance, and also serve as the basis for more substantive discussions with the City. President Romo did state the Coastal Commission noted that any consideration of new parking structures to address parking in the future, would have to be done in conjunction with the City.

**SoMA Update:**

President Romo noted that the latest total figure needed for the construction of SoMA is $60 million and the state bond has increased to $32 million.

President Romo reported that the Foundation has agreed to conduct a feasibility study this Spring, to see if $10-15 million can be raised to help support the costs of SoMA. If the study shows that this is possible, the Foundation may agree to front the money needed to conduct a Capital Campaign for SoMA. The groundbreaking for SoMA needs to take place in the Summer of '09.

President Romo reported that he has scheduled a meeting with Fred Harris, Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Services and Walt Reno, Facilities Planning, from the System Office. President Romo, Joe Sullivan, and Don Ziener will present their case for an augmentation to the $32 million the College will receive for this project. Work will continue on the possibility of having to reduce construction costs to $45 million.

2. **SBCC AB1417 Results**

Dr. Darla Cooper reported on the Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges (ARCC). This reporting requirement was a result of AB 1417, which authorized the California Community College System Office to design and implement a performance measurement system that contained performance indicators for the system and its colleges’ credit programs.
Dr. Cooper distributed a handout which provided background history on this item. Dr. Cooper reviewed the six measures that were presented this year; there will be one more added next year. The Chancellor's Office used MIS data submitted by the colleges to generate the reports. The colleges are required to take the ARCC report to their boards and submit a copy of the board minutes showing the discussion of the report to the CCC System Office by March 2009.

Dr. Jack Friedlander reviewed each of the college's performance indicators and how SBCC compared with its peer groups and statewide. Dr. Friedlander noted that the College submitted the required college self assessment statement. Dr. Friedlander reported on the study that was commissioned by the CCC System office to identify effective practices for basic skills programs. The State will be presenting workshops beginning in May that will review the results of the report and help community colleges complete their Basic Skills assessments.

Current discussion taking place in the legislature is to take basic skills funding and put it into the base funding and allocate those funds in a manner that helps support efforts to increase the student success rates in basic skills courses.

3. **07-08 Budget Update**

President Romo reported that there was nothing new to present on this item.

4. **Sports Pavilion Solar Panels**

President Romo reported that this item has been discussed with the Facilities Committee and upon their recommendation it is being presented today for discussion at this study session. This is an opportunity for the college to use solar panels on campus. There is a substantial cost up front; however, the current rebate program would be very beneficial for the College.

Vice President Sullivan reviewed with the Board the financing options and the saving potentials. It was reported that the State has set aside funding for this project and once the funds are depleted; there will be no further rebates. Vice President Sullivan noted that the Board needed to proceed rather quickly on this item as the funds are being used quickly.

Board members concurred that the College should proceed with this project. President Romo recommended that he and staff put together a proposal and schedule a Facilities meeting to review this item before the board meeting. If the committee members concur with the proposal presented, then this item will be put on the agenda for board approval at the April board meeting.

5. **Next steps in development of the District's Long Range Capital Construction Priorities**

President Romo reported that staff will be going back to review the work that was completed on the District's Long Range Capital Construction Priorities. The core infrastructure needs will be refined to get a better sense of prioritization and costs, and the information will serve as the basis for the consideration of a local bond.
President Romo asked the Board to consider postponing a bond campaign in 2008. The Foundation is currently conducting their feasibility study on a possible capital campaign. To put the additional pressure of a bond campaign at this time year could result in an unproductive outcome. President Romo believes that a case can be made for a local bond campaign as part of the College's Centennial Celebration that is set to begin in Fall 2009 and close in the Spring of 2010.

President Romo will continue to work with the Facilities Committee and CPC to refine the infrastructure needs that have been identified and will bring them back to a future study session for discussion. This information could be used in the College's preparation to pursue a local bond and also would be used to update the Long Range Development Plan.

Board President Villegas recommended that this agenda item and any future bond discussions be deferred from this meeting to the Facilities Committee. The Committee is being asked to develop a plan/recommendation on how the Board should proceed on these items and how they would be funded.

6. Report from workgroups appointed by the Board Chair

Dr. Dobbs, Chair of the CEO Search Process Ad Hoc Committee reported on the recommendations that will be made to the Board by this committee:
- Professional search firm should be used for this process.
- Search firm should meet on campus with identified representatives from faculty, classified staff, students, administration, adult education, Foundation for SBCC, and the community. Trustees will appoint the community representative. There should be one or two representatives from each group.
- Search firm will review applications and recommend the top 5-6 candidates. There is confidentiality throughout this process.
- Top candidates will meet on campus with the identified representatives; meeting will be open only to the designated representatives. There will be no ranking of candidates.
- Candidates will be interviewed by the Board.
- On site visits may be made to the candidate’s campus.
- The Board will select the candidate and offer him/her a contract.

Mr. O'Neill reported that he had received more input from Kathy Molloy, Tom Garey, and Liz Auchincloss. Mr. O'Neill would like to discuss the information with the Ad Hoc Committee. The sub-committee members agreed to stay after the study session to discuss the information received.

Mr. Jurkowitz, Chair of the Local Bond Campaign Committee, reported that it was determined that it was premature to move forward with a local bond at this time. Discussion on the bond will be set aside for the time being and when the time comes discussions will begin again at that time. President Villegas proposed that the Bond Campaign Committee be dissolved and that bond campaign activity be folded back into the Facilities Committee. Chairman Jurkowitz concurred with this proposal.

4. ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by Mr. Jurkowitz, seconded by Dr. Alexander, the Board approved adjourning this meeting. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, April 26 2007, at 4:00 pm in A211.

John B. Romo, President