MINUTES

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

SPECIAL MEETING
STUDY SESSION
November 8, 2007
4:00 p.m.

Room BC214
Business & Communications Building
West Campus
Santa Barbara City College

I. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

President Villegas called the meeting to order.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members present:
Joan Livingston, Vice President
Doug Montgomery
Sally Green
Luis Villegas
Kay Alexander
Des O'Neill
Morrie Jurkowitz

Members absent:
Joe Dobbs

Others present:
Mr. John Romo, Supt/President and Secretary Clerk to the Board of Trustees
Joe Sullivan, VP Business Services
Tom Garey, Theater Arts Dept.
Katie Laris, Theater Arts Dept.
Alice Scharper, Dean Ed Programs
Rick Mokler, Theater Arts Dept.
Liz Auchincloss, President CSEA
Ignacio Alarcon, President Academic Senate
Paul Bishop, VP Information Technology
Allie Wilcox (The Channels)
Mary Gibson, Theater Arts Dept.

1.3 WELCOME

President Villegas extended a cordial welcome to all.

1.4 HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizen expressed an interest to address the board.

1.5 GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS
President Villegas reported on the Community College Initiative dinner that was held in Los Angeles on November 5, 2007. The dinner was very well attended, with a positive feeling throughout the room in support of the initiative. The meeting was hosted by Mark Drummond, Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District. Scott Lay gave a speech on why everyone should vote yes on the initiative. Overall it was a very positive evening. A similar dinner will be held in San Francisco on November 14 for northern contingencies to gain support from that area.

President Villegas reminded the Board that there is a conference coming up November 15-17, in San Jose where the college will be presented with the award for the Student Success Initiative. President Romo reported that Kathy Molloy would be attending to receive the award on behalf of the College.

Upon motion by Mr. O'Neili, seconded by Mr. Jurkowitz, the Board approved adjourning to 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. “Greening” SoMA

President Romo reported that this item was discussed with the Facilities Committee and the committee concurred that further discussion of this item needed to take place with the full Board at a study session. Vice President Sullivan reported that the “greening of SoMA” is actually meeting the LEED design requirements, which is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Mr. Sullivan provided background information on the LEED program. Mr. Sullivan reviewed with the Board the LEED New Construction Registered Project Checklist that was completed by Julie Hendricks and it was determined that the project at this time has a score of 30 points that are attainable and 20 possible points, which the college has an opportunity to obtain. Mr. Sullivan noted that these totals are currently in the certified range, and the silver range is not too far out of reach.

Vice President Sullivan reviewed with the Board the cost estimates to obtain LEED certification. It was also noted that the cost figures presented were much higher when college staff first began researching the certification costs.

President Romo reported that at the Legislative Task Force meeting it was reported that there is currently proposed legislation that will require community colleges to follow the same construction practices that the UC and CSU systems use in terms of LEED certification on all construction projects taking place on their campuses. Many community colleges are already going forward with obtaining LEED certification on their construction projects.

President Romo’s recommendation to the Board is the following: He feels the college can achieve the LEEDS certified status at a cost of less than the $902,000 estimate that was presented and if the Board supports this recommendation, staff would work with the architects on getting the cost reduced as much as possible.

President Villegas suggested that DMJM be invited to a study session to provide a presentation about LEED certification and sustainability, as it applies to our capital improvement projects. This would be an informative session. DMJM is willing to come to a study session and provide a presentation at no cost to the college. President Villegas will invite them to attend a study session in the near future.

Vice President Sullivan noted that the decision by the Board to get LEED certification needs to be made by December. President Romo recommended that staff work with the architect towards a
LEED certification. Board members concurred that the College should go forward with the LEED certification.

**Drama Music Funding Issues**

Vice President Sullivan reported that at the last study session the Board agreed that Phase 2 could be designed into the final drawings. This would be done by stating that Phase 2 would be an add alternate. After speaking with the System-wide office it was discovered that this is not the case. The “current” contract with the state is for the preliminary drawings that were presented. What the College is considering is a change in scope from the “current” contract with the state.

If the College is successful in arguing its case and the state accepts the change in scope without having to go to the Public Works Board, the District would be committing to producing a building with Phase 1 and Phase 2. This means that the District is agreeing to pay $8 million in additional funding beyond the “current” state funding.

Tom Garey reported that there is a lot in Phase 2 that would be program beneficial.

President Romo reported that he and Vice President Sullivan have met with Tom Garey who has been integral in all of the discussions along with Executive Vice President Jack Friedlander. President Romo made the same recommendation that was made to the Facilities Committee to proceed with the Chancellor’s office expectation and with the knowledge that we have the funding for what is now being referred to as Phase 1, that we proceed with completing the design and submitting to DSA the plan to do Phase 1 without the Phase 2 add-on. President Romo felt that he could not make a recommendation as President that the college go ahead with Phase 1 and Phase 2 knowing that $8 million of this project would have no source of funding. President Romo recommended that the Drama/Music Phase 2 be included in the local bond.

Ignacio Alarcon, President of the Academic Senate, reported that the senate had passed a resolution that Phase 1 and Phase 2 should be considered as one single project and for the funding the Academic Senate is willing to devote a lot of energy and support for the passing of the bond. President Romo acknowledged that if the bond passes it will solve the problem. However, the second scenario would be if the bond doesn’t pass, the Board will have to decide where the $8 million will come from, possibly the general fund. The other item to consider is that the College will be required, upon breaking ground, to certify that the College has the funds for the unfunded portion of this project. If the College cannot certify that it has the funds at that point, the risk would be that the College would lose the current funding of $12 million. The funds would go back to the system to be reallocated and the college would have to start the process all over again for state bond funding for the Drama/Music renovation.

President Villegas summarized from the discussion that this item would need to be placed on the November agenda for Board approval to commit to the funding for Phase 2 of the Drama/Music renovation.

President Romo was directed to place this item on the November agenda for further discussion and vote by the Board.

2. **Temporary Buildings**

- Proposal for a Two Story Building on Loma Alta

Vice President Sullivan noted that Aspect has been an excellent partner in terms of contributing rent
for the support of the general fund, transferring students to SBCC and providing an international diversity on campus. This proposal is for three quads, in a row, that would be two stories high located between the bridge and Marine Technology building and would include an elevator. This building is being proposed to house Aspect. Aspect would provide an upfront interest-free loan to install the building, and the loan would be paid off by the money received from Aspect for rent. These buildings will also be used for swing space needed by the College during its new and modernization construction projects that will be taking place.

Liz Auchincloss presented her concern that this added building would be added work to the custodial staff. President Romo and staff were asked to look at the possibility of funding a custodial position and to bring the information back to the Board for their consideration.

3. **New Santa Fe Faculty/Staff Housing Proposal**

Vice President Sullivan reported that L & P Consultants has a proposal to provide the college with four additional affordable condos on the Mesa adjacent to the seven condos already in development. These condos are up for a hearing before the City Council on December 4, 2007 to request that the City Council approve the initiation of the General Plan Amendment and Rezone to provide additional affordable housing for the community. L&P has asked the College to write a letter in support of this proposal, which Mr. Sullivan will provide.

The difference with this proposal for the four condos is that funding will be required in advance of the completion of the condos. The only commitment the College needs to provide at this time is to support the rezoning in front of the City Council. The estimated funding would be based on the estimated cost of construction at $360,000 per unit for a total of $1.44 million. The tentative start date for construction would be Fall 2008 and the last condo would be completed by Fall 2010 and ready for occupancy.

A meeting has been scheduled with the Foundation leadership to discuss the possibility of the Foundation investing in this project. Various options are being discussed for the funding of this project.

More information will be presented at a future Facilities Committee for their guidance on this item.

4. **2008-11 College Plan**

- Challenges and Priorities
- Questions Regarding Proceeding with the College Plan

President Romo handed out the challenges and priorities document that CPC has been working on. If board members had any questions, they were asked to contact President Romo. This document is for board review and will be placed on a future study session agenda for discussion.

Dr. Alexander felt that the development of the college plan should be left to the new president, which would mean postponing the development of the plan for another year. Staff recommendation to the Board is that they be allowed to continue going forward on the college plan and present to the new president a draft of the plan.

Dr. Friedlander reported that accreditation teams now are not focusing on how the plan was developed; they are looking at the outcomes of the plan. President Romo noted that the current college plan would not meet the expectations of the new rules of accreditation and given that the self
study will take place next year, work needs to continue forward on the college plan. Board members concurred that work on the college plan should continue.

5. **President Search Update**

President Villegas reported that 1,200 brochures have been mailed and reiterated to everyone on the search committee and to board members the issue of confidentiality. President Villegas reported that he has heard from Dr. Walker that everything is moving smoothly and that the next meeting of the search committee is December 7.

6. **President’s Evaluation**

Dr. Alexander acknowledged the work, dedication, drive and initiative of President Romo and reported that the Board accepted the report that was submitted by President Romo. The Board thanked President Romo for all of his work. Ms. Livingston thanked President Romo for his work on the campus climate.

President Romo thanked the Board for all of their support during his term here at SBCC.

7. **Budget Update**

There was no current information to report at this time.

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. O’Neill, seconded by Dr. Alexander the Board approved adjourning the study session. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 4:00 pm in A211.

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John B. Romo, President