MINUTES

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

SPECIAL MEETING
STUDY SESSION
February 14, 2008
4:00 p.m.

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

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

President O'Neil called the meeting to order.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members present:
Kay Alexander
Joe Dobbs
Sally Green
Desmond O'Neil, President
Luis Villegas
Doug Montgomery, Student Trustee

Member absent:
Morris Jurkowitz, 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
Darla Cooper, Instl Research
Diane Rodriguez-Kiino, Campus Diversity
Mike Warren, Athletics
Jack Friedlander, Executive Vice President Educational Programs
Tom Garey, Theater
Kathy O'Connor, Athletics
Pablo Buckelew, VP Continuing Education
Joe Sullivan, VP Business Services
Sue Ehrlich, VP Human Resources & Legal Affairs
Phil Carter, CSEA Representative

1.3 WELCOME

President O'Neil extended a cordial welcome to all.
1.4 HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizen expressed a wish to address the Board.

Upon motion by Dr. Dobbs, seconded by Ms. Livingston, the Board approved convening into Study Session.

2. STUDY SESSION

1. 07-08 Budget Update

Vice President Sullivan reviewed with the Board the adjusted budged figures for 2007-08. The balances as of today look good.

President Romo reported that the Senate Budget Committee forwarded to the Senate a budget very close to the Governor’s proposed budget. The good news was that the Senate’s proposed budget would have less of an adverse impact on the community colleges than the Governor’s proposed budget. The System Office has been in negotiations with both the Senate and the Assembly Budget Committees and they have identified funding in 2007-08 that would cover what is now being projected to be between $32-40 million in reductions. The budget is receiving favorable support from the Senate and Assembly and it is hoped that the budget will be signed this week.

2. 08-09 Budget Update

President Romo reported that there were no updates to report on the 2008-09 budget.

Vice President Sullivan reviewed with the Board the budget timeline for the 2008-09 budget. Mr. Sullivan also provided the Board with a very rough estimate of the district’s estimated revenue for the coming year.

Board members will continue to receive updates on the 2008-09 budget at future fiscal committee meetings and study sessions.

3. Bond Education Effort

President Romo reported on the bond education efforts by staff.

- President Romo has met with the Academic Senate. They have agreed to be very involved with the internal educational effort.
- Pablo Buckelw will speak at the next Continuing Education Advisory group meeting.
- Educational information on projects will be mailed to special interest groups.
- Students are involved with a voter registration effort; Ann Frysie and Ben Partee are working with the students on this.
- President Romo has been speaking to groups in the community providing them information on the college.
- Taxpayer’s Association held a meeting here on campus and President Romo thanked all involved with this meeting.
- SBCC’s bond effort has received positive responses from groups that have been contacted.

Ms. Livingston thanked President Romo for the work he has been doing on this effort and the great presentations he has been providing to the community.
4. School of Media Arts and the Coastal Commission

Vice President Sullivan reported that he will be meeting with staff from the Coastal Commission next week to discuss the addendum that will be presented to the Commission in April. Mr. Sullivan will report the outcome of his discussions at a future meeting.

5. Athletic Trainer Position

Mike Warren provided the Board with the justification from his area for hiring a second Athletic Trainer. Dr. Friedlander reported that CPC reviewed this position and it was recommended that it be presented to President Romo and the Executive Committee for further review. President Romo reported that this position was reviewed and it was agreed that he would present it to the Board. President Romo’s recommendation is to accept the hiring of this position as it addresses the following basic issues:

- Health and Safety
- Minimum standards and expectations, in terms of conferences, etc.
- Working condition issue
- Potential legal exposure for the district

This item is being presented to the Board for discussion and concurrence that it be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting for approval. Board members concurred with this recommendation.

6. New Aspect Funded Custodian Position

Vice President Sullivan reported that the square footage of the campus has continued to expand and custodians have not been hired to keep up with the increase. The agreement with Kaplan will provide an excess amount that would allow the hiring of a custodian for a period of three years. The Board agreed that they would allow the funding of the position for a three-year period and will review this position at the end of this period to decide if funding should continue, or if the position should be terminated.

7. President Housing Allowances Provided by Community Colleges

President Romo reported that the information gathered on this item is being presented for information to the Board for review. Board member Villegas requested that this item be placed on the March 4th agenda for discussion by the Board.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Dr. Dobbs, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board approved adjourning this study session. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 4:00 pm in A211.

John B. Romo, President