MINUTES

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

October 11, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING
STUDY SESSION
4:00 p.m.

Room BC214
Business & Communications Building
West Campus
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:
Dr. Kathryn Alexander
Dr. Joe Dobbs
Mrs. Sally Green
Mr. Des O'Neill
Mr. Luis Villegas, President
Mr. Doug Montgomery, Student Trustee

Members absent:
Mr. Morris Jurkowitz
Ms. 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
Liz Auchincloss, President CSEA
Ignacio Alarcon, President Academic Senate
Pablo Buckelew, VP Continuing Education
Paul Bishop, VP Information Technology
Sue Ehrlich, VP Human Resources/LA
Rhys Alvarado, The Channels

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

Mr. O’Neill announced that he will be a grandfather in May.

President Villegas reported that November 4 there will be a fundraising dinner for the Community College Initiative in Los Angeles. President Romo encouraged the board members to attend. President Villegas also reported that November 14 the day before the CCLC conference another fundraising dinner will take place in San Francisco. The CCLC conference will take place November 15-17 in San Jose.

Upon motion by Dr. Dobbs, seconded by Mr. O’Neill, the Board approved adjourning 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. Bond In-service Recap

Vice President Sullivan provided a handout on the long range capital construction priorities and reviewed the various projects with the board members. These projects are the projects that went through consultation last year and most of these projects are on the five-year plan. Vice President Sullivan did note that the projects have been prioritized by a 1, 2 or 3. Priority 3 projects are those that can be funded in 2012 and beyond. A bond for $150 million would be required to complete the top priority projects.

President Villegas requested input from board members and staff as to when the bond survey should be conducted. President Romo reported that Ruth Bernstein’s recommendation was to conduct the survey soon as this would allow the college the time to do follow up work, if needed, after the survey results had been reviewed. President Romo also recommended that the college should form a district bond planning workgroup, with members from faculty, classified staff, board members, students, administrators, and foundation staff to work with President Romo, Vice President Sullivan, and the consultant. Vice President Sullivan would be the key contact person for the workgroup. This “ad hoc” committee would work on shaping and developing the process for the polling, which would then be presented to the Board. President Villegas also noted that some of the members of this “ad hoc” committee could also, potentially, be members of the Bond Oversight committee. President Romo will report at the next board meeting the names of the members selected for the “ad hoc” workgroup. The contract for the consultant will be presented to the Board for approval at the October board meeting.

Ignacio Alarcon presented to the Board the following resolution from the Academic Senate on the possible bond measure: “The Academic Senate recommends that the Trustees go forward with planning for a possible bond issue in Fall 2008 and in consultation with the Academic Senate as well as other constituencies to finalize the priorities for the use of such funds.” President Villegas asked Mr. Alarcon to thank the Academic Senate for the resolution.
2. Update on 2006-07 budget end of year close out

President Romo reported that the document being presented is lengthy and that Vice President Sullivan would highlight some of the main points. This document will be placed on next month’s study session for further review.

Vice President Sullivan highlighted information from the Management’s Discussion and Analysis portion of the report:
- During 2006-07 FTES increased 1.5% over prior year.
- District’s enrollment was fully funded.
- District received funding for career development/college preparatory noncredit courses that qualify for a higher funding rate.
- District experienced an increase in nonresident enrollment fees.

3. 2005-08 College Plan Evaluation

President Romo reported that since the board members had read the evaluation, he would like to go section by section and have his administrators’ answer any questions the Board may have on this evaluation. Dr. Alexander acknowledged the work of staff in putting together a very clear college plan.

President Romo will incorporate the corrections that were given and a final report on the plan will be made to the Board in Fall 2008.

4. 2008-11 College Plan

- Challenges and Priorities Draft
- College Plan Development Timeline

President Romo distributed the Challenges and Priorities that have been developed by the Executive Committee. The consultative process has begun on the development of this college plan. This document reflects the traditional sections used in the planning with some minor changes being made. The challenges and priorities contained in this document were taken from various discussions that have taken place and this draft will be used to build the goals and objectives that will go in the College Plan. President Romo noted that this item will be on the November study session agenda so that the board members can provide their input on the challenges and priorities. Input received from the Board on the plan will then be discussed with CPC. A timeline for the development of the 2008-11 College plan was also distributed.

5. Resolution for Community College Initiative

President Romo reported this resolution was recommended to all college districts to consider taking board action in support of the Community College Initiative.

Dr. Alexander reported that the board would be voting on this in a board meeting at the same time that the college is planning on possibly going out to the community to ask that they support a bond. Dr. Alexander felt that this initiative will be opposed by various groups and she didn’t feel that it would be wise to place it on the agenda.

President Romo noted that this initiative would not raise property taxes. This initiative would take the existing allocation formulas used with Proposition 98 and sets up new procedures for funding community colleges using each college’s enrollments and in turn the K-12 allocation
would then be based on their enrollments.

Liz Auchincloss reported that CSEA at the State level is supporting the initiative and if the board passed the resolution, CSEA would use it in their advertising at the state level. Mr. Villegas reported that he felt the Board should support the resolution because it is to the college’s benefit. This initiative will not hurt K-12 and community colleges need this change in the funding system.

Most of the board members concurred that this resolution should be placed on the agenda for board approval at the next board meeting.

6. President Search Update

President Villegas reported that Dr. Walker has stated that everything is running smoothly on the President Search. The brochure should be completed by the end of this month, in time for board members to take some with them to the CCLC Convention in November.

7. President’s Evaluation - deferred

President Romo reported that he would be providing the board members with a report on his reflections of the past year and will place this item on next month’s study session agenda for further review by the board.

Upon motion by Mr. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Green the Board approved adjourning to Special Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. O’Neill, seconded by Dr. Alexander the Board approved adjourning the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 4:00 pm in A211.

John B. Romo, President