



Board of Trustees  
Educational Policies Committee

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Peter Haslund, Chair  
Veronica Gallardo  
Marianne Kugler

**Thursday  
4:00 pm**

**September 5, 2013  
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Others present: Lori Gaskin, President; Jack Friedlander, Exec. Vice President; Marilyn Spaventa, Dean; Marsha Wright, Director, EOPS; Noel Gomez, Advisor, EOPS; Kenley Neufeld, President Academic Senate; Sheriff Bill Brown; Jim Peterson, Under Sheriff; Laz Salinas, Chief Deputy, Custody Operations; Jenny Sams, Custody Commander; Rick Roney, Chair Reentry Steering Committee; Katie Ward, Day Reporting Center; Brandon Fastman, The Independent; and Hannah Smith, The Channels.

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***Mission Statement for Educational Policies Committee***

***Our mission is to review educational initiatives, trends, policies, and proposals that may ultimately be presented to the SBCC Board of Trustees in the form of policy recommendations or study topics.***

**1. Hearing of Citizens**

No citizen expressed a wish to address the committee.

**2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of May 14, 2013**

Upon motion by Trustee Kugler, seconded by Trustee Gallardo, the committee approved the minutes of May 14, 2013.

### **3. Role of Education in Reducing Recidivism**

Trustee Haslund noted that one of the goals set by this committee was to understand how education relates to recidivism. The goal is to explore how education can play a role in reducing recidivism.

#### Transitions Program:

Marsha Wright provided an overview of the Transitions Program and how it started in 2008 after a parolee shared how difficult it was to come on campus and register for classes. This resulted in the creation of a successful six week summer bridge program. Noel Gomez provided information on the program and what is expected from the students who enroll. Ms. Wright provided statistics on completion and persistence rates and it was also noted that this year was the best year with an 80% completion rate and with 100% of the participants registering for the fall semester at SBCC. Mr. Gomez commented on the courage it takes for a lot of these parolees to come to campus and the challenges they encounter.

Ms. Wright provided some success stories and comments about students who had gone through the program. It was noted that this program is run by the passion of donors who sustain the program, as there is no district funding provided.

#### Inmate Instruction Program:

Marilynn Spaventa reported on the GED classes and a Serve Safe program that are currently being offered at the jail. Ms. Spaventa noted that in January they would like to offer basic skills computer classes and a career exploration class.

Sheriff Brown noted that the GED program offered in Santa Barbara County is only one of two offered through the entire state at the local county jail level. There are challenges in delivering education as the jail was not designed to facilitate education. Sheriff Brown will be going to the Board of Supervisors meeting in October to look for their approval to apply for an additional grant to add on to the new jail that will be built in North County. Under the SB1022 grant there is state money available to either replace or rehabilitate antiquated jail housing or to build new housing or facilities that would be part of the re-entry process. They currently don't have classroom space aside from the Helen Pedotti Learning Center.

Sheriff Brown noted that he is exploring the notion of "on-demand" education with Linda.com, would like to develop the idea that inmates at some point might be able to access productive and positive programs. The biggest challenge for any computer access in the jail would be security issues.

Others who commented on the need for integrating education into the criminal justice system and intervention programs included Rick Roney and Katie Ward.

Kenley Neufeld asked about "restorative justice" and whether this is being used in Santa

Barbara County. Sheriff Brown noted that they had several programs that use this approach and have had limited success.

Trustee Haslund asked - What are the next steps?


- Share what we do with Allan Hancock College.
- Dr. Gaskin suggested a “dream goal” of having a scaled cohort based model that is a learning community that has strong intervention and support.
- Public engagement would be critical and challenging.

Some of these next steps fall outside of the mission of Santa Barbara City College. The college has two programs that work and we should see about improving our effectiveness and expanding the number of people who can benefit from such programs.

Trustee Haslund noted there are some opportunities available, obviously some costs, and the conversation should continue to ensure a sharing of ideas and the establishment of mutual support.

Trustee Haslund adjourned the meeting.

Approved at the Ed Policies Committee meeting of December 16, 2013.



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Lori Gaskin, President