

**SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE PLANNING COUNCIL
DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

September 17, 2001

3:00 to 4:30 PM

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Minutes

PRESENT: Jack Friedlander, B. Fahnestock, L. Fairly, S. Ehrlich, B. Hamre,
K. McLellan, M. Gallegos, L. Rose, L. Vasquez, K. O'Connor, M. Ferrer,
A. Serban, R. Launier, and J. Chase

ABSENT: Kent Richards

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Chairperson Jack Friedlander called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

1.2 Announcements

Dr. Friedlander announced that Pat Chavez-Nunez has been selected to assume the interim assistant dean position to replace Erika Endrijonas who is serving as the interim dean while the search to fill the position vacated by Gayle Baker is being conducted. Patricia Chavez-Nunez will serve as the interim assistant dean for the fall semester and, depending on who is selected for the dean's position, possibly the spring semester as well. The deadline for applying for the dean's position vacated by Gayle Baker is October 17.

1.3 Dr. MacDougall will be meeting with the international students from Middle Eastern countries today at 1:30 p.m. to assure them that they are welcome at Santa Barbara City College and that the college will do all that it can to make this campus a safe and productive educational environment. Dr. MacDougall will also use this time to identify and respond to concerns students might have about their safety in remaining in Santa Barbara.

2.0 Information Items

2.1 Status of state budget and its implications for SBCC

A. Energy allocation for SBCC years 2001-2002

Brian Fahnestock informed the council that the college would be receiving from the state \$84k for increased energy costs for last year and an additional \$316k this year. At this time, there is no anticipated funding for increased energy funding after this year.

B. Equipment

The state Legislature passed legislation to fully restore the \$98m that the governor cut from the budget to pay for new instructional equipment and facilities maintenance repair projects. The bill had near unanimous bipartisan support. The governor has until October 14th to decide whether or not he will restore funds and, if so, at what amount. There is an indication from the governor's office that he will possibly restore 50% of the funds cut. However, the Chancellor's Office and other professional associations will continue to inform the governor that the full amount of the funds cut from the budget needs to be restored.

The question was raised as to what effect the lack of restoration of the equipment funds cut by the governor would have on this year's allocation of technology and non-technology equipment replacement funds. Brian Fahnestock responded that since the district has a 2-year reserve, technology and non-technology equipment funds would be fully funded for this year.

C. Facilities maintenance

Similarly, the same amount of funds would be available this year for facilities maintenance regardless of how much the governor decides to cut from the budget. Needless to say, the impact on both equipment replacement and facilities maintenance funds available to the college will be felt in 2002-2003 if the money is not fully restored.

D. PE classroom remodel project

In addition, the bill to restore the \$98 million in equipment and facilities maintenance allocations included funds that the governor had previously cut to pay for new capital projects including working drawings for the classroom addition to the Physical Education Building.

2.2 Update on preliminary discussion to build parking and housing over the West Campus ground level parking lots

Brian Fahnestock provided the council with preliminary site plan options for a housing/parking facility on West Campus on the present parking area that now provides for 300 parking spaces. The options allow the district to build between 300 to 500 beds and 250 to 700 parking spaces. The assumption is that in order to make this plan financial feasible, the revenue from the rentals of the housing units would need to pay for both the construction of the housing as well as the parking. Since the parking would need to be built underground, it would drive up the cost per parking space to \$15k to \$20k per space. At this point, a study is being conducted to determine what the mix of parking and housing units would need to be in order to make this project self-supporting.

In addition to studying the West Campus location, the Board asked the architect to consider other locations on campus for the housing or parking components of this proposed project. Tom Garey asked whether it made sense to spend \$15k to \$20K per parking space for a 500-spot parking garage when the net gain would be only 200 parking spaces. Brian Fahnestock responded by stating that these are the factors that the architect was asked to consider looking at various options to make the project financial feasible. Concern was also expressed about potential protests from the neighbors on the potential loss of their view. Brian stated that the design layout for the complex was done in such a way as to not block any of the view corridors for any of the neighbors. He reminded the council that this proposal is at a very preliminary stage of discussion and has not been endorsed by the Board.

2.3 Update on the process for the selection of a new superintendent/president

Sue Ehrlich reviewed the draft of the process and timeline that was prepared by the Board of Trustees for hiring the new superintendent/president. The timeline called for announcing the position on December 7th and having the Board make a final decision by May 3, 2002. The draft also identified the composition of the screening committee, which consists of the following representatives:

Sue Ehrlich, chairperson
Vice Presidents (2)
Academic Senate president
Faculty rep (1)

Classified Council rep
Associated Students rep
SBCC Foundation rep
Continuing Education rep

Dr. Friedlander noted that the deans requested that there be a representative from middle management on the screening committee. Tom Garey voiced concern that faculty were not adequately represented on the screening committee. Sue Ehrlich asked how many faculty members would be needed on the committee to feel they were adequately represented on the committee. Tom and Lana suggested that at least four faculty members, including the Academic Senate president be represented. The council offered suggestions on how best the interview process could work. One suggestion was that the final candidates appear before specific constituency groups. Tom also suggested that there be a separate faculty screening committee that would review the applications and interview the candidates. The faculty screening committee would communicate its recommendations to the overall screening committee. Dr. Friedlander noted that a consequence of having the finalists meet with the college constituency groups is that it would no longer make the process confidential. Since a number of the applicants are likely to be sitting college presidents, knowing that the process would not be confidential may dissuade them from applying for this position. More specifically, a president might feel that if his/her campus knew he/she were looking for another position, it would have the potential of undermining his or her credibility and effectiveness at their home institution if not selected for this position. Therefore, the value of having the candidates meet with faculty and staff in public forums needs to be weighed against the likelihood that

the lack of confidentiality in the process will dissuade some highly qualified applicants from applying.

Members of the council also stated that selecting the superintendent/president in early May was too late into the academic year. The council asked Sue Ehrlich to communicate to the Board the importance of making a decision in late March or early April, if possible. The council stated that there will be a large number of college president positions available this year and it will be very competitive to attract the top candidates. Waiting until May could result in the college's losing some qualified applicants for consideration.

2.4 Fall 2001 facilities projects

Brian Fahnestock distributed a list of 53 maintenance and building projects that are being undertaken this fall for the main and Continuing Education campuses. The document noted the completion or anticipated completion dates for each of the projects.

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Institutional self study update: *Andreea Serban*

Dr. Serban announced that the workshop for the self-study accreditation that had been scheduled at Ventura College was cancelled due to the inability of the presenters to travel from the Bay Area in time to attend the session. It is unlikely that the session will be rescheduled. Andreea stated that she has not received any completed drafts of the verifications of the 10 standards for accreditation. She also stated that, in addition to the verification section, narratives were needed to describe SBCC as a model community college. Dr. Friedlander stated that he would present a draft of a description of the model community college for one of the areas for which he is responsible at the next CPC meeting. The purpose of his developing this draft was for CPC to use it as a template on how to proceed in developing this portion of the institutional self-study.

Andreea informed the council that Dr. Barbara Beno has replaced David Wolfe as executive director of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Dr. Beno was formerly the president of Vista College which is part of the Peralta Community College District.

3.0 Other Items

Kathy O'Connor inquired about the funding of the \$84,000 in one-time PFE funds to purchase technology equipment, including the Pathfinder for the Geology department. She stated that although ITC had ranked the technology equipment to be funded, it had yet to receive formal notification as to whether or not the one-time PFE funds were released by Dr. MacDougall. Dr. Friedlander said he would confirm the availability of the funds.

5.0 Adjournment

On motion [Fahnestock/Ferrer] Chairperson Jack Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.