

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
April 3, 2007

- Call to Order A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President Isabel Barreras at 4:30 p.m., April 3, 2007, at Reedley College Forum Hall, 995 N. Reed Avenue, Reedley, CA.
- Trustees Present Isabel Barreras, President
Dorothy Smith, Vice President
William J. Smith, Secretary (arrived at 4:35 p.m.)
Phillip J. Forhan
Patrick E. Patterson
Leslie W. Thonesen
Kate Blanco, Student Trustee, Fresno City College
Edward Rea, Student Trustee, Reedley College
- Trustees Absent H. Ronald Feaver
- Also present were:
Tom Crow, Chancellor, SCCCCD
Doug Brinkley, Vice Chancellor – Finance and Administration,
 SCCCCD
Ned Doffoney, President, Fresno City College
Barbara Hioco, President, Reedley College
Terry Kershaw, Vice Chancellor – North Centers
Michael Quinn, Interim Vice Chancellor – Educational Services
 and Planning/Grants
Randy Rowe, Associate Vice Chancellor – Human Resources,
 SCCCCD
- Introduction of Guests Among the others present, the following signed the guest list:
Jan Krueger, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCCCD
Gene Blackwelder, Vice President, Administrative Services, RC
Michael Guerra, Vice President, Administrative Service, FCC
Kim Perry, Vice President of Instruction, RC
Brian Speece, Associate Vice Chancellor, SCCCCD
Alan Mok, Blair, Church & Flynn
Connie Hanson, Ray Morgan Company
Tito Molfino, Ray Morgan Company
Eileen O’Hare, General Counsel, SCCCCD
Teresa Patterson, Executive Director – Public and Legislative
 Relations, SCCCCD
Diana Banuelos, Director of Grant Funded Programs, RC
Randy Vogt, Purchasing Director, SCCCCD
Lacy Barnes, Interim Dean of Instruction, RC
Richard Larson, Dean of Instruction, RC

Anthony Jewell, Instructor, RC
Ruben Fernandez, Vice President of Student Services, RC
Donna Baker Geidner, Classified Staff, RC
John Cummings, Vice President, Admissions & Records, SCCC
Zwi Reznik, SCFT President and Instructor, FCC
Lois Williams, Classified Senate President and Staff, RC
Bill Turini, Academic Senate President and Instructor, RC
Rick Santos, Academic Senate President and Instructor, FCC
B. J. Marquez, Instructor, RC
Adelfa Lorenzano, Classified Staff, RC
Michael R. Wallace, CSEA
Lisa Maciel, CSEA and Classified Staff, RC
Brian Nakamura, City of Reedley
Rocky Rogers, City of Reedley
Jeanine Malicoat, Student, RC
Cesar Cuevas, Student, RC
Anthony Montoya, Student, RC
Marisheonna Moore, Student, RC
Guadalupe Garcia, Student, RC
Nicole Prieto, Student, RC
Rene Valadez, Student, RC
Mario Miramontes III, Student, RC
Mario Antonio, Student, RC
Amy Walla, Student, RC
Stephen Goetz, Student, RC
Madeleine Mitchell, Student, RC
Ashlie Lewis, Pre-professional Health Club, Student, RC
Sabrina Jules, Pre-professional Health Club, Student, RC
Oscar Torrez, Student, RC

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of March 6, 2007, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Forhan to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007, meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Delegations, Petitions,
and Communications

Brian Speece introduced Mr. Alan Mok of Blair, Church & Flynn and stated that after the completion of the Fresno City College Underpass, the consulting engineers of Blair, Church & Flynn submitted the project to two organizations for consideration for design awards. The project received two awards. Mr. Mok thanked the District for selecting Blair, Church & Flynn for the railroad underpass project and presented Board President Barreras with two design award plaques for the project, as follows:
1) American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Fresno Branch, 2005, Outstanding Civil Engineering Project; and
2) Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC) 2007 Engineering Excellence Merit Award.
Ms. Barreras thanked Mr. Mok for the award plaques and stated that safety is a number one concern for SCCC.

Chancellor's Report

Dr. Crow reported the following:

- Recently, the Board of Trustees held their annual Board Retreat where we were able to spend quality time on many critical issues facing the District including the annual budget, enrollment growth and state accountability reporting. It was time well spent examining and discussing complex issues. It was also a time of reflection of the past year, as well as visioning for the future. As always, the Board Retreats are open meetings and all materials, including PowerPoint presentations, are available from the Chancellor's Office.
- On March 14, the District hosted its first Career and Technical Education Bus Tour. We had approximately 50 business, industry and education leaders join us for a whirlwind tour of a sampling of career and technical education programs at the Manchester Center, Fresno City College's Applied Technology Division, the Career and Technology Center, and Reedley College. The response to the tour has been extremely positive. You may have seen the "Cart on Steroids" Letter to the Editor from Tom Krazan; he was one of several CEO's that joined the tour. I want to publicly thank the faculty and staff at the sites that made this tour so incredibly successful. The enthusiasm and professionalism exhibited by all was most impressive, and we will no doubt be making the tour part of our ongoing career and technical education marketing and awareness program. Trustees Thonesen and Feaver represented the Board on the tour.
- March 21 was the official kick-off of the OAB "A Legacy Renewed" campaign. The morning started in grand style with the announcement of a generous \$300,000 gift from Gary and Carolyn Soto. Other events included a jazz concert in the OAB courtyard on Friday evening and a Legacy Home tour on Saturday. Momentum for the campaign is building, and we are very fortunate to be receiving very positive press.
- We have started gearing up for the next cycle of our strategic planning process. Committees are being formed to address five major areas that we have identified that will drive the plan. As in the past, we will be holding a districtwide community charrette to gather input from our various stakeholder groups, both internal and external. You will be hearing more about the strategic plan in the next few months.
- April 3 marks the celebration of the 7th Annual Classified Professionals Mega Conference. I had the opportunity to address this group of 300 classified professionals. Trustee Dottie Smith announced the first recipient of the SCCCDC Classified Professional of the Year Award.

Campus Reports

Dr. Hioco reported the following from Reedley College. Report copies were provided.

- RC Business and SIFE students Ricardo Mendonca and Tiffany Derksen were each awarded the \$7,000 Fresno Merchants Scholarship for the Craig School of Business.
- Six dental assisting students were invited to the Fresno-Madera Dental Society Staff Night. The students won monetary awards for program and table clinic presentations. The students were Yeimi Lopez, Catalina Gutierrez, Olga Mendoza, Mari Rico, Virginia Campos, and Arlene Alvarez.
- The RC Humanities Department film festival includes the French Film Festival, April 13-27, and the Latino Film Festival, April 13-20.
- The 14th intramural "Talking Tigers" Negotiations Tournament was held March 27.
- The second annual Student Art Show will be held April 9 to May 3 at the Reedley Opera House.
- Ten students participated in the Collegiate Agriculture Leaders Statewide Spring Competition on March 2 and received awards in several categories, including first place awards for Kathleen Hillier and Mike Schoffner.
- Alumnus Osvalda Cruz received a Denny's 2006 Outstanding Volunteer award for her work with Habitat for Humanity, Poverello House, and Fresno Community Food Bank.

Dr. Doffoney reported the following from Fresno City College. Report copies were provided.

- The "A Legacy Renewed Capital Campaign" public launch was held March 21. Highlights of this launch are a \$300,000 donation by FCC alumnus and famed poet Gary Soto, and we have since received confirmation of an additional \$400,000 donation from the Educational Employees Credit Union.
- The Fresno Advertising Federation has awarded Fresno City College two 2007 Gold Addy Awards in recognition of two posters designed by FCC graphic artist George Pisching. One award is for the Sea of Stories and one for the opera production Smokey Joe's.
- Photography Instructor Thom Halls' work is featured in the April 2007 *B & W Magazine*. He was one of 30 Portfolio Contest Winners for 2007.
- Fresno City College will host Asian Fest 2007, on April 21. Activities celebrating Asian American Month are cultural demonstrations and performances, crafts and cuisine, panel discussions, martial arts demonstrations, and a film festival.
- The Art Space Gallery will present a student artwork exhibition from April 24 to May 11.
- The 2006-2007 FCC Men's Basketball team, led by first-year coach Ed Madec, is the state champion after a 90-77 victory

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over Antelope Valley College on May 11 at Fresno's Selland Arena. The title is the second in the past three seasons for the Rams. Most Valuable Player is freshman guard Mike Marcial and Phillip Matcham and Sultan Toles-Bay received All-Tournament honors.

Dr. Kershaw reported the following topics from the North Centers. Report copies were provided.

- The Madera Academic Youth Alliance (MAYA) Leadership Conference was held March 10. The Madera High School Aztlan Spanish Club assisted with the conference. SCCC Board President Isabel Barreras provided a Public Service Leadership workshop for high school students.
- The Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning was held on March 29 at the Madera Center. More than 100 students attended a presentation by Instructor David Richardson on the Mexican-American labor and civil rights movement, followed by a discussion and video.
- Rochelle Noblett, owner of Pete's Sport Shop in Madera, was the recipient of the Crystal Tower Award presented at the Business and Education Shareholders' Luncheon on March 28. Ms. Noblett was nominated based on the support she contributes to the Madera Center and SCCC through her work in the SCCC Foundation.
- The fourth annual Spring Extravaganza Open House at the Madera Center was held on March 29.
- The second annual Faculty and Staff vs. Students Softball Game is scheduled for April 14.

Academic Senate
Report

Mr. Bill Turini, Academic Senate President, reported that the Academic Senate representing Reedley College and the North Centers has completed the following since the February Report:

- Reviewed the draft of a proposed governance process for the Reedley campus
- Reviewed the draft District instructional calendars for academic years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.
- Endorsed the 2007-2008 academic year college goals.
- Reviewed and offered comment regarding Chapter 2 of the revised SCCC Administrative Regulations.
- Approved the revised Administrative Regulation 4100 on procedures for recruiting and hiring faculty.
- Constituted *ad hoc* committees to study and recommend guidelines regarding distance education courses and the establishment of a faculty mentoring program.
- The Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Area A meeting will be held at the Clovis Center on Saturday, April 7. Clovis Center English Instructor Cynthia Elliott, who serves as the representative to the state ASCCC,

Academic Senate
Report
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and Mr. Turini will be attending the ASCCC Plenary Session in San Francisco this semester. Reedley College Academic Senate meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday at 1-1:55 p.m.

Classified Senate
Report

Ms. Lois Williams, Reedley College Classified Senate President, reported on the following topics :

- The Classified Senate is conducting elections for new officers and senators for 2007-2008.
- The yearly retreat will be at the end of May
- The Classified Senate participated in Kaleidoscope.
- A Classified Senate cookbook will be ready soon.
- Relay for Life is April 21-22.
- The St. Patrick's Day potluck was also a Spare-the-Air Day.
- The intermediate Excel training workshop was well attended.
- Ms. Williams announced that Ms. Lori Bonilla was named the Classified Professional of the Year. Ms. Bonilla is the Public Information Officer at Reedley College. The award was presented at the Classified Professional Mega Conference.

Associated Student
Body Report

Student Trustee Eddie Rea presented the Board members with a calendar picturing various ASB activities throughout the year and gave a slide presentation of the activities for 2006-2007. Mr. Rea also reported on the upcoming events as following:

- Associated Student Body Executive Board elections will be held April 9-13.
- ASB's silent auction with dinner and show are scheduled for April 20.
- ASB students will be participating in the Relay for Life on April 21-22.
- The Tiger Awards will be held May 2 in the RC Cafeteria.
- 2007 graduates will be treated to a BBQ on May 17.
- Commencement is May 18.

Mr. Rea announced that this would be his last Board meeting as Reedley College Student Trustee. He expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support.

Health Careers
Conference

Dr. B. J. Marquez presented a report on the March 24, 2007, Health Career Conference held at Reedley College. This conference was coordinated by the Reedley College Pre-Professional Health Club. This first-time conference at Reedley College included workshops in nursing, public health, psychology, clinical nutrition, EMT/Army medics, acupuncture/chiropraxy, dental assisting, dental hygiene, pharmacy, dental surgery, veterinary medicine, nurse practitioner, plus financial aid and transfer workshops. One hundred thirty-five attended the conference. Medical professionals, doctors, nurses, therapists and instructors comprised the workshop

Health Careers
Conference
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presenters. The keynote speaker was Dr. John Moua, who is attending the UCSF Fresno residence program. Dr. Marquez noted the enthusiasm of the presenters who wanted to be a part of the conference, and the students and staff who put the conference together in a very short time frame. Dr. Marquez expressed his appreciation for the SCCC Foundation mini grants, which helped make the conference possible. The club is planning to make the Health Career Conference an annual event.

Consent Agenda
Action

Board President Barreras announced a correction to the Consent Agenda Item 07-14HR. It was moved by Mr. Thonesen and seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board of Trustees approve Consent Agenda Item 07-14HR, as amended, and Consent Agenda Items 07-15 through 07-17HR and 07-24G through 07-33G, as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes	-	6
Noes	-	0
Absent	-	1 (Feaver)

Employment, Transfer,
Retirement,
Resignation, Academic
Personnel
[07-14HR]
Action

approve the academic personnel recommendations, Items A through E, as presented. (Lists A through E are herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix I, 07-14HR).

Employment,
Promotion, Change of
Status, Transfer, Leave
of Absence,
Resignation,
Retirement,
Classified Personnel
[07-15HR]
Action

approve classified personnel recommendations, Items A through I, as presented. (Lists A through I are herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix II, 07-15HR).

Consideration to
Approve New Position,
Groundskeeper II,
Willow/International
Center
[07-16HR]
Action

approve a full-time Groundskeeper II position at the Willow/International Center, effective May 1, 2007.

Consideration to
Approve Revised Sign
Language Interpreters I,
II, III, IV Classification
Specifications,
Districtwide
[07-17HR]
Action

approve the revised Sign Language Interpreter I, II, III, IV positions.

Consideration to
Approve Study Abroad
Program, Florence,
Italy, Summer 2008
[07-24G]
Action

- a) approve the offering of the Summer 2008 program in Florence, Italy; and
- b) approve Anne Scheid and Susana Sosa as instructors for this program.

Consideration to
Approve Study Abroad
Program, London,
England, Summer 2008
[07-25G]
Action

- a) approve the offering of the Summer 2008 program in London, England; and
- b) approve Bill Bertolani and Dale Engstrom as instructors for this program.

Consideration to
Approve Study Abroad
Program, Paris, France,
Summer 2008
[07-26G]
Action

- a) approve the offering of the Summer 2008 program in Paris, France; and
- b) approve Cynthia Elliott and Anne Cremarosa as instructors for this program.

Consideration to
Accept Study Abroad
Program, Semester in
Costa Rica, Spring
2008
[07-27G]
Action

- a) approve the offering of a Semester in Costa Rica program for spring semester 2008; and
- b) appoint Brandy Anglen, Amie Mazzoni, Bethany Bush and Frank Yancey as instructors for the program.

Review of District
Warrants and Checks
[07-28G]
Action

review and sign the warrants register for the period February 27, 2007, to March 22, 2007, in the amount of \$6,306,862.18; and

review and sign the check registers for the Fresno City College and Reedley College Co-Curricular Accounts and the Fresno City College and Reedley College Bookstore accounts for the period February 22, 2007, to March 22, 2007, in the amount of \$685,649.01.

Consideration to
Authorize Agreement
with SixTen and
Associates for 2007-08
Mandate
Reimbursement Claim
Preparation Services
[07-29G]
Action

- a) authorize entering into an agreement with SixTen and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 for the preparation and submission of the 2007-08 mandate reimbursement claims; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the agreement on behalf of the District.

Consideration to
Authorize Agreement
with the California
Community Colleges
Chancellor's Office for
Career Technical
Education/Economic
and Workforce
Development
Pathways, Reedley
College
[07-30G]
Action

- a) authorize the District, on behalf of Reedley College, to enter into a grant agreement with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for the Career Technical Education/Economic and Workforce Development Pathways for the period December 15, 2006, through May 14, 2008, with funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the 17-month period;
- b) authorize renewal of the agreement with similar terms and conditions; and
- c) authorize the Chancellor, or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the agreement on behalf of the District.

Consideration to
Authorize Renewal of
Memorandum of
Understanding with
Madera County for
Portable Classroom,
Oakhurst Center
[07-31G]
Action

- a) authorize renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Madera County for the utilization of a portable classroom unit funded by the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution District;
- b) authorize future renewals of the Memorandum of Understanding with similar terms and conditions; and
- c) authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the District.

Consideration to
Authorize Agreement
with Merced County
Department of
Workforce Investment
for Community Based
Job Training Grant
(LVN Grant), North
Centers
[07-32G]
Action

- a) authorize the District to enter into an agreement with the Merced County Department of Workforce Investment whereby the Madera Center will receive \$362,032 to expand their Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program over a three-year period, January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2009;
- b) authorize renewal of the agreement with similar terms and conditions; and
- c) authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the agreement on behalf of the District.

Consideration to Authorize Agreement with Children and Family Commission of Fresno County for Child Development Center Outdoor Play Area, Willow/International Center [07-33G] Action

- a) authorize the District to enter into an agreement with the Children and Family Commission of Fresno County for the construction of a developmentally appropriate playground and outdoor environment at the Willow/International Child Development Center, with funding in the amount not to exceed \$280,250 for the period January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007;
- b) authorize renewal of the agreement with similar terms and conditions; and
- c) authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the agreement on behalf of the District.

*****End of Consent Agenda*****

California Community College Trustees 2007 Ballot for Board of Directors [07-26] Action

Mr. Patterson moved and Mr. Thonesen seconded the motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the Secretary of the Board to cast a ballot for up to eleven (11) individuals, as directed, from the list of nominated candidates for the 2007 election of the Board of Directors of the California Community College Trustees as follows: Luis Villegas, Maria Elena Serna, Donald L. Singer, Georgia L. Mercer, Jeannette Mann, Rosanne Bader, Mary Figueroa, Tom Clark, Walter G. Howald, Charles H. Hayden, Andre Quintero. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes	-	6
Noes	-	0
Absent	-	1

Acknowledgement of Accountability Report for the Community Colleges 2007 Report (ARCC), Fresno City College and Reedley College [07-27] Action

Dr. Crow presented the Accountability Report for the Community Colleges for Fresno City College and Reedley College. Dr. Doffoney and Dr. Hioco followed with additional comments. Board President Barreras added that the Board had heard and discussed the report at the Board Retreat on March 17 and the Board's questions were addressed at that time.

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Smith that at the conclusion of the discussion of the ARCC results, the Board of Trustees acknowledge the ARCC report for the District and authorize the Chancellor to submit the approved minutes of the meeting to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to meet the requirement of AB 1417. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes	-	6
Noes	-	0
Absent	-	1 (Feaver)

Consideration to
Authorize Agreement
for Copiers,
Districtwide
[07-28]
Action

Mr. Brinkley introduced Item 07-28. Mr. Smith stated that the removal of confidential data from the computer memory of the copiers should be negotiated into the agreement. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Patterson to participate in the Kern County Master Agreement No. 1258 with Ray Morgan Company for lease of Canon copiers, Districtwide, and authorization of purchase orders to be issued against this agreement with the condition to remove any confidential data that might be stored on the copiers' computers prior to turning in the copiers at the end of use. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes	-	6
Noes	-	0
Absent	-	1

Consideration to
Approve 2007-08
Decision Package
Recommendations
[07-29]
Action

Mr. Brinkley introduced Item 07-29. A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Trustees approve the 2007-08 Decision Package recommendations, as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes	-	6
Noes	-	0
Absent	-	1

Public Hearing and
Consideration to Adopt
Resolution Conveying
Real Property to the
City of Reedley,
Reedley College
[07-30]
Action

Mr. Brinkley introduced Item 07-30.

Ms. Barreras opened the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. and recognized the following who gave public comments:

Tony Jewell, resident of Reedley and Reedley College Instructor, spoke about the importance of this portion of the Rail-to-Trails project because it allows public access to observe and enjoy this portion of the historic and scenic Kings River.

Dale Melville, citizen of Reedley and chair of the Rails-to-Trails Committee who has been working with the city on the parkway, spoke about the importance of moving ahead with the project in a timely manner on this critical last leg of a parkway through the community of Reedley.

Brian Nakamura, Reedley City Manager, thanked the Board, Dr. Crow and Mr. Brinkley for their assistance in moving through the process.

Ms. Barreras closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

Resolution 2007-11, authorizing the conveyance of real property to the City of Reedley for the City's Trails Project and authorizing the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to execute the necessary documents for the

Public Hearing and
Consideration to Adopt
Resolution Conveying
Real Property to the
City of Reedley,
Reedley College
[07-30]
Action
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conveyance of the real property to the City of Reedley on behalf of the District, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Ron Feaver	-	Absent
Phil Forhan	-	Yes
Pat Patterson	-	Yes
Dorothy Smith	-	Yes
William Smith	-	Yes
Les Thonesen	-	Yes
Isabel Barreras	-	Yes

Consideration of
Accreditation Progress
Reports, Fresno City
College and Reedley
College
[07-31]
No Action

Dr. Crow stated that the Accreditation Progress Reports have been submitted to the Accreditation Commission, and as stated at the March 6, 2007, Board of Trustees meeting, copies of the March 15, 2007, Fresno City College and Reedley College final progress reports have subsequently been distributed to the Board of Trustees. No action is required. The progress reports are posted on the Fresno City College and Reedley College web sites.

Reports of Board
Members

Ms. Kate Blanco, Fresno City College Student Trustee, reported the following:

- As part of Women's History Month, the Associated Student Government hosted the annual Circle of Sisters Discussion Forum. The theme was "Women Leaders: Changing the Face of the Valley."
- Over 3000 people attended the Fresno City College annual Renaissance Festival on March 17-18.
- FCC student organizations raised over \$9,000 to benefit the Valley Children's Hospital on Kid's Day, March 20.
- The Associated Student Government launched the Legacy Book in support of the OAB Capital Campaign. Students, faculty, staff and community members have the opportunity to contribute and have their names engraved in history.
- Approximately 2000 high school students participated in Showcase 2007 on March 29. The ASB also provided OAB tours to the high school students.
- In April, FCC is celebrating Asian American culture and is scheduling many activities throughout the month.
- Jim Ellis, a swim coach and subject of the film, "Pride," will make a presentation at the FCC Gymnasium on April 16.
- ASG elections will be held April 24-26.
- On May 3, the ASG will honor faculty and staff, who have been nominated by students for their hard work, dedication and inspiration during the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Banquet.

Reports of Board
Members
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Mr. Thonesen reported that he took part in the Career and Technology Bus Tour on March 14. He commented about the Fresno City College technology area and saw first-hand the changes made to upgrade the programs. He was also impressed by the enthusiasm of faculty and staff. Mr. Thonesen also reported that he attended the Classified Professionals Mega Conference on April 3, stating that it was well presented and thought out.

Mr. Forhan acknowledged the Fresno City College basketball program and gave his congratulations for an outstanding program.

Mr. Smith thanked and complimented Board President Barreras for providing a retreat that was different from those in the past. The retreat went very well and the information he received was valuable and educational.

Ms. Smith reported that she attended the Classified Professionals Mega Conference and complimented them on another successful event. She also was pleased with the Board Retreat because it did, indeed, focus on the needs of the Board, especially the Brown Act presentation. Ms. Smith stated that Adolfo Corona, a former Board member, was recognized by the "Judicial Spotlight" of the *San Francisco Daily Journal*, on February 22. She asked that the Board send their congratulations. She said that Mr. Corona's time on the Board was appreciated and the Board salutes him in his endeavors as Superior Court Judge of Fresno County.

Old Business

Ms. Smith said that Dr. Crow had talked about the District's partnerships at the Classified Professionals Mega Conference and what people want from SCCCD as an educational institution. She said that in regard to our partnerships with K-12 we need to tell them what students can gain by continuing their education in the State Center Community College District. Dr. Crow said that at a future Board meeting, they would receive a report on the K-12 partnerships.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Smith said he wants a public discussion item on the Board agenda regarding how we use legal firms.

Mr. Smith said that Board members are eligible to buy in to the retirement plan and that each Board member should be apprised of what their options are. Ms. Barreras said that this could be an item for a summer meeting, perhaps in June.

Ms. Smith asked about the definition of censorship in regard to participation on District committees, stating that she is interested in what the parameters and guidelines are for serving, or not being able to serve, on a committee.

Delegations, Petitions,
and Communications

None.

Closed Session

Ms. Barreras stated that in closed session the Board would be discussing:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE,
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING
LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Name of Case: Golden Bear, Inc. v. American Property Holdings
and State Center Community College District; Fresno County
Superior Court Case Number 04CECG0179SJK

Ms. Barreras called a recess at 6:02 p.m.

Open Session

The Board moved into open session at 6:17 p.m.

Report of Closed
Session

Ms. Barreras reported that the Board, in closed session, gave direction to administration regarding the Golden Bear litigation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Board.

William J. Smith
Secretary, Board of Trustees
State Center Community College District

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