

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
February 18, 2014

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President Pat Patterson at 4:35 on February 18, 2014, in Room 308 at District Office North, 390 W. Fir Avenue, Clovis, California.

Trustees Present Pat Patterson, President
Ron Nishinaka, Vice President
Dorothy Smith, Secretary
Isabel Barreras
Richard Caglia
John Leal
Eric Payne
Ben Anderson, Student Trustee, Fresno City College

Absent: Gabriela Campos, Student Trustee, Reedley College

Also present were:

Deborah G. Blue, Chancellor, SCCC
Ed Eng, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration, SCCC
George Railey, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness, SCCC
Tony Cantu, President, Fresno City College
Sandra Caldwell, President, Reedley College
Deborah Ikeda, Campus President, Willow International Community College Center
Diane Clerou, Assoc. Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, SCCC
Brian Speece, Associate Vice Chancellor of Business and Operations, SCCC
Greg Taylor, General Counsel, SCCC
Teresa Patterson, Executive Director, Public and Legislative Relations, SCCC
Nina Acosta, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCC

Introduction of
Guests None

Delegations, Petitions
and Communications None

Closed Session

President Patterson stated that in closed session the board will discuss the following:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(b):
one potential case
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
 - 1. Interim Dean of Instruction, Health Sciences Division, Fresno City College

President Patterson called a recess at 4:36 p.m.

Open Session

The board moved into open session at 6:15 p.m.

Consideration to
Appoint Interim Dean
of Instruction, Health
Sciences Division,
Fresno City College
[14-25]
Action

Trustee Patterson stated the board took action in closed session to appoint Lorraine Smith to the position of Fresno City College Interim Dean of Instruction, Health Science Division, effective February 19, 2014.

The motion passed as follows:

Ayes - 6
Noes -
Absent - 1 (Payne)

A motion was made by Trustee Leal and seconded by Trustee Barreras to place Fresno City College Interim Dean of Instruction, Health Sciences Division, Lorraine Smith on the management salary schedule at a monthly salary of \$11,131.25, effective February 19, 2014.

2014-2015 Budget
Study Session

Dr. Railey reviewed the proposed guiding principles and priorities for the development of the 2014-2015 budget, which include:

- advance the board’s vision for technology;
- focus on student equity, success, and completion;
- strategically manage enrollment to enhance student access;
- align programs, services, and staffing to the California community colleges’ core mission; and
- ensure sound financial practices and financial stability/sustainability.

Trustee Barreras requested the list of high school districts that are not involved in the AB86 consortia.

2014-2015 Budget
Study Session
(continued)

Mr. Eng reviewed the Governor's 2014-2015 budget proposal and the estimated funding for the SCCCD Resource Allocation Model. He also reviewed the proposed core restricting recommendations and proposed revenue enhancement considerations.

Trustee Nishinaka asked if classes were going to be reinstated in the smaller communities. Dr. Caldwell stated Reedley College is working on a plan for alternative delivery and working with local school districts to make sure accessibility is provided for students.

Trustee Patterson said class size and remedial classes should be included as topics at the board retreat. He would also like discussion on the percentage of the general fund that goes to salaries and benefits. Trustee Smith suggested a discussion about the validity of placement testing. Trustee Nishinaka requested the EEO plan be part of the priorities. Trustee Leal requested information on reserves, capital and deferred maintenance projects, and an update on the bond measure process and how it affects the budget process. Trustee Payne would like a presentation on the Brown Act and board's roles and responsibilities for elected board positions. Ben Anderson requested a report on what it would cost to get 50% of the districts electrical needs negated by solar. He also requested a report on administrative salaries vs. faculty salaries. Trustee Barreras requested an update on the Foundation. Trustee Nishinaka requested an update on the Leadership Academy and would like to make sure faculty staff is included in future classes.

Consideration to
Adopt 2014-2015
Budget Development
Calendar
[14-26]
Action

A motion was made by Trustee Barreras and seconded by Trustee Smith that the Board of Trustees adopt the 2014-2015 Budget Development Calendar, as presented. The motion passed without dissent.

Consideration to
Approve the Number
of Sabbatical Leaves
and the Chancellor's
Recommendations
[14-27]
Action

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Payne that the Board of Trustees approve sabbatical leaves for the twelve (12) employees submitted for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed without dissent.

Ben Anderson stated it is important for students that sabbaticals are approved. He used the example of Gerald Thurston's "Safe Zone Program" project that was originally presented in 2011. There was campus support in 2011 to get this project going. It would have

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been timely to introduce this in 2011. The delay in awarding this sabbatical cost FCC an opportunity to bring the program onto the campus in a timely manner and to be one of the few in the nation to have such a program. Programs such as Safe Zone are very important to the student body and its culture.

Consideration to
Approve the Addition
of New Academic
Positions, Willow
International
Community College
Center
[14-28]
Action

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Barreras that the Board of Trustees approve the addition of five new academic positions at the Willow International Community College Center. The motion passed without dissent.

Trustee Smith asked why English classes are not a priority. Ms. Ikeda stated Willow International currently has enough English faculty members. Although English is a priority, it is difficult to find adjunct instructors in math and chemistry. Willow International needs full time instructors in math, chemistry, history and counseling. History is one of the major requirements for CSU and the district's graduation. Full time counselors are needed to comply with the student success initiative.

Trustee Payne asked how the educational master plan and the accreditation requirements from ACCJC align with Willow International's priorities. Ms. Ikeda stated that ACCJC does not dictate which disciplines to hire. Their recommendation was to hire more full time faculty. The number of FTES for Willow indicates that they need more full time faculty.

Delegations, Petitions
and Communications

None

Closed Session

President Patterson stated that in closed session the board will discuss the following:

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

President Patterson called a recess at 7:30 p.m.

Open Session

The board moved into open session at 10:00 p.m.

President Patterson stated the board did not take any reportable action during closed session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Dorothy Smith /s/

Dorothy Smith

Secretary, Board of Trustees

State Center Community College District

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