

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 21, 2014

Call to Order A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President Pat Patterson at 4:30p.m. on August 21, 2014, in the District Office Board Room, 1525 E. Weldon Avenue, Fresno, California

Trustees Present Pat Patterson, President
Ron Nishinaka, Vice President
Dorothy Smith, Secretary
Isabel Barreras
John Leal
Eric Payne (5:30 p.m.)

Absent: Richard Caglia

Also present were:

Bill F. Stewart, Interim 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, Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, SCCC
Brian Speece, Associate Vice Chancellor of Business and Operations, SCCC
Gregory Taylor, General Counsel, SCCC
Lucy Ruiz, Interim Executive Director, Public and Legislative Relations, SCCC
Nina Acosta, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCC

Delegations,
Petitions, and
Communications None

2014-2015 Budget
Update

Ed Eng reviewed the Governor's 2014-2015 final adopted budget, including the allocations for Proposition 39, adult education, state mandates, economic and workforce development and pension reform. He reviewed the 2014-2015 one-time expenditures, including campus projects and parking lots throughout the District, as well as the modified 2014-2015 District Resource Allocation Model.

President Patterson expressed concerns about pensions and benefits expenditures.

Dottie Smith and John Leal requested an update on security, in particular, and events held at the FCC gym. An update on the procedures will be presented to the Board at the October Board meeting.

Direct Student Loans

Reedley College President Sandra Caldwell and Fresno City College President Tony Cantu presented information on direct student loans. Dr. Caldwell explained how the Department of Education calculates the cohort default rate (CDR). The critical penalty is if a school has a CDR of 30% or more for 3 consecutive years, the institution loses eligibility to participate in the Federal Pell Grant program. If Reedley College eliminates the direct student loan program, the number of students who are not eligible for other funding is only seven students. Dr. Caldwell stated that Reedley College can assist student who are truly in need of a loan with alternative options. She recommends eliminating this program in order to preserve the Pell Grant program.

President Cantu reported similar numbers and also recommended eliminating the direct student loan program

Trustee Smith asked if the students are counseled on the impact of taking out loans.

Trustee Barreras asked if this is the trend throughout the state.

Dr. Stewart stated the District will continue to offer the loans this school year. This item will return to a future Board meeting for the Board's consideration.

Sandra Caldwell and Tony Cantu thanked Reedley College Financial Aid Director Chris Cortez and Fresno City College Financial Aid Director Kira Tippins for their work on presenting this information.

Board Policy 2735,
“Board Member
Travel”

Dr. Stewart reviewed the draft Board Policy 2735 on Boardmember travel. He stated the Board could also consider dividing the budget equally between Board members.

The Board agreed to keep the current policy and continue to attend the conferences sponsored by organizations with which the Board has an affiliation. If there are other conferences that a Board member wants to attend, it can be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Board.

John Leal requested the District to re-visit the per diem for the Board and District employees. Dr. Stewart stated this will be addressed during the next budget cycle.

Trustee Patterson stated the Board as a whole should decide if other conferences or events are appropriate.

Trustee Payne noted that there are other affiliations and organizations such as the League for Innovation in Community Colleges that could offer important information for the District members and Board members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00p.m. by unanimous consent.

Dorothy Smith/s/

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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