

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 7, 2008

- Call to Order                   A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President Ron Feaver at 4:30 p.m., October 7, 2008, at the Madera Center, 30277 Avenue 12 Assembly Room 120, Madera, California.
- Trustees Present               H. Ronald Feaver, President  
Phillip J. Forhan, Vice President  
William J. Smith, Secretary  
Isabel Barreras  
Patrick E. Patterson  
Dorothy Smith  
Leslie W. Thonesen  
Natalie Nelson, Student Trustee, Fresno City College  
Tiffany Lowe, Student Trustee, Reedley College
- Also present were:  
Tom Crow, Chancellor, SCCC  
Doug Brinkley, Vice Chancellor – Finance and Administration, SCCC  
Guy Lease, Interim President, Fresno City College  
Barbara Hioco, President, Reedley College  
Terry Kershaw, Vice Chancellor – North Centers  
Cynthia Azari, Vice Chancellor – Workforce Development and Educational Services  
Randy Rowe, Associate Vice Chancellor – Human Resources, SCCC
- Introduction of Guests       Among the others present, the following signed the guest list:  
Jan Krueger, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCC  
Gary Sakaguchi, Director of Technology, RC/NC  
Monica Cuevas, Dean of Student Services, Madera Center  
Monica Nolasco, Upward Bound Coordinator, Madera Center  
Rebecca Rodriguez, Madera Center  
Angelica Ruvalcaba, Student, Madera Center  
Rigo Blas, Madera Center  
Debi Bray, CEO/President, Madera Chamber of Commerce  
Richard Caglia, SCCC candidate  
Randall Priester  
Mike Westley, Trustee, Madera Unified School District  
Cynthia Elliott, Faculty Association President, North Centers  
Ron Nishinaka, Academic Senate President, RC

Deborah Ikeda, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, North Centers  
Gregory Taylor, General Counsel, SCCC  
Ramona Frances, Madera Tribune  
Tom Wheeler, Madera County Supervisor, District 5  
Janice Ware  
Michael Guerra, Vice President, Administrative Services, FCC  
Lucy Ruiz, Interim Public Information Officer, RC  
Scott Thomason, Vice President, Administrative Services, RC  
Sally Frazier, Superintendent, Madera County Office of Education  
Kathleen Lopes, Assistant Superintendent, Madera Unified School District  
J. Gary Adams, Trustee, Madera Unified School District  
Robert Poythress, Madera City Council  
John Frye, CEO, Madera Community Hospital  
Daniel Rivera, Educational Advisor, Madera Center  
Ralph Munoz, Counselor, Madera Center  
Elaine Craig, Executive Director, Madera County Workforce Investment Board  
Linda Little, Secretary to the Vice Chancellor, NC  
Peggy Marks, Accounting Technician I, Madera Center  
Cris M. Bremer, Director, Marketing and Communications, FCC  
Jim Chin, Dean of Instruction, Madera Center  
Ernie Garcia, Classified Senate President, FCC  
Linda DeKruif, Academic Senate, FCC  
Rick Santos, Academic Senate President, FCC  
Zwi Reznik, SCFT President, FCC  
Sarah Kolgian, Superintendent, Golden Valley USD  
Jessika Satori, Clovis Center  
Teresa Patterson, Executive Director, Public and Legislative Relations, SCCC  
Ron Manfredi, Personnel Commission  
Brian Speece, Associate Vice Chancellor, Business and Operations, SCCC

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of September 2, 2008, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Mr. Forhan to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Delegations, Petitions, and Communications

None.

PG&E Presentation

The PG&E presentation was moved to later in the meeting (after Item 08-75).

Chancellor's Report

Dr. Crow reported the following:

Madera Center – Dr. Crow thanked Vice Chancellor Terry Kershaw and the faculty and staff of the Madera Center for hosting the October Board meeting. He noted that the construction of the career and technology building is underway at the Madera Center. The advanced manufacturing facility will open the fall of 2009 and will include four occupational laboratories: a machine and hydraulics shop, electric shop, mechanics shop, and a welding shop. In addition, there will be two smaller labs for student projects and office space for instructors. This new facility will provide much needed training for Madera residents and will no doubt serve as a boost to Madera's economy by providing a skilled workforce.

CC Green Conference – Several faculty and staff will be attending the California Community Colleges "Go Green" conference in Pasadena. The focus of the conference is on how to incorporate new green technologies on campus, as well as infusing "Go Green" concepts into the curriculum. The statewide conference is sponsored by the CCC Chancellor's Office.

OAB Tour and Construction Update – On November 4, just prior to the Board meeting, the Board will be provided a tour of the Old Administration Building at 3:30 p.m. to see firsthand the remarkable progress taking place during the renovation. Later that evening, Associate Vice Chancellor Brian Speece will give the Board an update on all SCCCD's construction projects.

Following Dr. Crow's report, Mr. Forhan expressed his interest in opening up the tour for others to attend. Dr. Crow said others can be accommodated but asked he be contacted in advance so appropriate arrangements can be made and hard hats provided.

Campus Reports

Dr. Kershaw reported on the following from the North Centers:

- University Outreach day will be held at the Willow International Center on October 15.
- The Madera County Arts Council and Circle Gallery in conjunction with the Madera Center and California Arts Council are hosting a Multicultural Film Festival at the Madera Center on October 15 through October 18.
- The Madera Center will host the 2008 Madera Business Conference on November 14. To help fund the conference, Castle & Cooke awarded the Madera Center a grant of \$1,000, and donations totaling \$3,000 were received from Educational Employees Credit Union, Citizens Business Bank, Madera Workforce Investment Board and PG&E. Dr. Kershaw thanked Debbie Bray, CEO and President of the Chamber of Commerce, for her work in serving on the advisory committee and soliciting the donations.

Campus Reports  
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- The Madera County Office of Education will be holding an academic decathlon scrimmage at the Madera Center on November 14.

Last year Dr. Kershaw reported the success of the Madera Center students relative to their skills and knowledge in the area of accounting. Dr. Kershaw introduced Angelica Ruvalcaba, an accounting major at the Madera Center, who competed in the accounting competition through the Madera Center's Phi Beta Lambda Business Club at the state and national levels. Angelica placed first in the state of California, besting students from UC Berkeley and UCLA. Also competing last spring against community colleges and universities throughout the nation, Angelica placed third in the accounting competition.

Ms. Angelica Ruvalcaba gave an overview of her experiences at the Madera Center. As well as her future plans. She has attended the Madera Center as a part-time student for four years. Her goals are to transfer to Fresno State next semester followed by a career as a CPA. Last semester she attended her first Phi Beta Lambda meeting and is currently the chapter president at the Madera Center. She has made presentations to business classes regarding Phi Beta Lambda and the opportunities it provides for Madera Center students. She found PBL to be a great link between community college and the university system.

Ms. Ruvalcaba thanked her accounting instructor, Robert Haller, for bringing out the best in his students. Ms. Ruvalcaba expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to share her experiences.

Dr. Kershaw introduced Monica Nolasco, Upward Bound Coordinator for the Madera Center. The North Centers has steadily increased external funding resources for the centers through the acquisition of 12 local, state and national grants totaling funding of \$7.6 million for instructional, student services and outreach areas.

Ms. Monica Nolasco gave a slide presentation on the Upward Bound project. The Upward Bound program is currently funded through 2011. The program is serving 51 students who are all attending Madera Unified School District at Madera High School and Madera South High School.

Dr. Lease reported the following from Fresno City College.

- The Fresno City College Speakers Forum is bringing award-winning journalist Juan Williams to campus on October 9.
- The U.S. Department of Education has funded a \$1.4 million Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) grant for Fresno City College.

Campus Reports  
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- The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations at their District 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference awarded FCC a Gold Medallion and two Bronze Medallions:
  - Gold – 2007 SCCC Foundation Annual Report
  - Bronze – Printing advertising, single ad category for a performing arts advertisement
  - Bronze – Successful recruitment marketing category – Extreme Registration
- Homecoming for the FCC Rams is October 25. Festivities include rallies, elections of king and queen, Olympic-themed games and the second annual shopping cart float contest.

Dr. Hioco reported on the following topics from Reedley College.

- Reedley College students, faculty and staff participated in the Rails to Trails tree planting along the Reedley Parkway.
- Reedley College was awarded a \$1 million STEM grant (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).
- Tiger Football Coach Michael White was congratulated on his 100<sup>th</sup> win on September 27 when the Tigers defeated Merced.
- The RC Forestry Program was recognized by the U. S. Forest Services, Congress and State Senate with three awards for their work in the Sequoia National Forest.
- On September 17 more than 40 partners of the RC Career Advancement Academy (CAA) toured the RC career technical education programs. Touring were Proteus, Tulare County Works and Employment Training Development.

Academic Senate  
Report

Ms. Cynthia Elliott, President of the Faculty Association for the North Centers reported the following:

- The NC Faculty Association has changed their constitution to include adjunct members.
- Participated in writing the description of the new student learning outcomes coordinator position.
- Expanded extra-curricular offerings students by celebrating Mexican Independence Day, Constitution Day, and Banned Books Day at Madera's library where citizens were invited to read aloud from banned books.
- October 15 Willow International Center will be hosting an ultimate Frisbee contest, vendor show and college outreach.
- The new clubs at WI are the green club, a new creative writing club at Madera, and a movie club at WI.
- The Madera Center is holding their first annual film festival.
- The Academic Senate of Reedley College will be attending the Area A meeting on October 25, and the plenary meeting in Los Angeles on November 6-8. These meetings provide important information about new legislation and give examples from other colleges about what they have tried in regard to the new English 1A and algebra requirements.

Academic Senate  
Report (continued)

- Approved the accreditation mid-term report and strategic plan, and are sending two members to the program review process evaluation committee.

Classified Senate  
Report

Mr. Ernie Garcia, Fresno City College Classified Senate President, reported the following:

- Classified staff have been volunteering at the FCC booth at the Big Fresno Fair.
- A training session on travel and conference forms and procedures to be offered in October and will be open to staff and faculty. They hope this will be a first in a series of sessions open to both faculty and staff.
- Staff Development Day is November 11. An invitation is extended to the Board and administration to attend.
- The Classified Senate is working on organizing a ride-share carpool program for the staff on campus. He met with representatives from Enterprise Rent-A-Car Van Pool yesterday and will be going over information to determine if that program is going to be beneficial for FCC. They are also looking into programs that other colleges in the region are using. Plans are to make this project a collaborative effort among all the constituency groups.

Consent Agenda  
Action

It was moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Thonesen that the Board of Trustees approve Consent Agenda Items 08-29HR through 08-34HR and 08-126G through 08-134G, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Employment,  
Retirement,  
Resignation,  
Academic Personnel  
[08-29HR]  
Action

approve the academic personnel recommendations, Items A and D, as presented (Lists A and D are herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix I, 08-29HR)

Employment, Change  
of Status, Resignation,  
Classified Personnel  
[08-30HR]  
Action

approve classified personnel recommendations, Items A through E, as presented (Lists A through E are herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix II, 08-30HR)

Consideration to  
Approve a Limited  
Term Public  
Information Officer,  
District Foundation  
[08-31HR]  
Action

approve a Limited Term Public Information Officer, District Foundation, effective October 8, 2008, through April 15, 2009

Consideration to  
Approve Seasonal  
Student Advisor  
Examples of Duties  
[08-32HR]  
Action

approve the examples of duties for the new classification  
specification Seasonal Student Advisor

Consideration to  
Reorganize Vacant  
Full-Time Office  
Assistant III to a Part-  
Time Office Assistant  
I, Upward Bound,  
Fresno City College  
[08-33HR]  
Action

approve the reorganization of a vacant full-time Office Assistant  
III position (#2259) to a part-time Office Assistant I position,  
Upward Bound, Fresno City College, effective October 8, 2008

Consideration to  
Approve Employment  
of Part-Time Faculty,  
Fall 2008, Fresno City  
College, Reedley  
College and North  
Centers  
[08-34HR]  
Action

approve employment of part-time faculty for Fresno City  
College, Reedley College, and North Centers for Fall 2008, as  
presented

Consideration to  
Approve Out-of-State  
Travel for Forestry  
Program Students,  
Reedley College  
[08-126G]  
Action

approve out-of-state travel for approximately six Reedley College  
Forestry Program students to attend the Society of American  
Foresters National Convention in Reno, Nevada, on  
November 5-8, 2008, with the understanding that the trip will be  
financed without requiring expenditures of District funds

Consideration to  
Approve Out-of-State  
Travel for Business  
Students, Fresno City  
College and Reedley  
College  
[08-127G]  
Action

approve out-of-state travel for approximately twenty Fresno City  
College and Reedley College business students to attend the  
Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization (CEO) annual conference  
in Chicago, Illinois, on November 6-8, 2008, with the  
understanding that the trip will be financed without requiring  
expenditures of District funds

Consideration to  
Approve Out-of-  
Country Travel for  
College Choir Students,  
Fresno City College  
[08-128G]

Action

approve out-of-country travel for approximately forty Fresno City College Choir students to travel to Spain and Portugal to perform as part of the American Celebration of Music in Italy from May 25, 2009, through June 4, 2009, with the understanding that the trip will be financed without requiring expenditure of District funds

Review of District  
Warrants and Checks  
[08-129G]

Action

review and sign the warrants register for the period August 22, 2008, to September 25, 2008, in the amount of \$28,148,209.52; 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 August 21, 2008, to September 24, 2008, in the amount of \$782,133.13

Consideration to  
Accept Construction  
Project, Art Yard  
Modernization, Fresno  
City College  
[08-130G]

Action

- a) accept the project for Art Yard Modernization, Fresno City College; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder

Consideration to  
Authorize  
Cost/Resource Sharing  
Agreement with Fresno  
County Workforce  
Investment Board,  
Fresno City College  
[08-131G]

Action

- a) authorize the District, on behalf of Fresno City College, to enter into an agreement with the Fresno County Workforce Investment Board to continue participation in the One-Stop System for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 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 Acceptance  
of a Financial  
Assistance Award from  
the U.S. Department of  
Health and Human  
Services for a Head  
Start Teacher/Staff  
Education Project,  
Fresno City College  
[08-132G]

Action

- a) authorize the District, on behalf of Fresno City College, to accept a financial assistance award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a Head Start Teacher/Staff Education Project for the period September 30, 2008, through September 29, 2009, with funding in the amount of \$374,930;
- b) authorize renewal of the award with similar terms and conditions; and
- c) authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign related documents on behalf of the District



Consideration to  
Authorize Agreement  
with the California  
Community College  
Chancellor's Office for  
the Career Technical  
Education Community  
Collaborative Project,  
State Center  
Consortium  
[08-133G]

Action

- a) authorize the District, on behalf of State Center Consortium, to enter into an agreement with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for the Career Technical Education Community Collaborative Project, with funding in the amount of \$469,700 for the period June 1, 2008, 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 of Bids,  
HVAC Additions, Print  
Services Portable  
Building, Reedley  
College  
[08-134G]

Action

award Bid #0809-08 in the amount of \$35,805.00 to Marko Construction Group, the lowest responsible bidder for the HVAC Additions, Print Services Portable Building at Reedley College, and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign an agreement on behalf of the District

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

Public Hearing and  
Board's Appointment  
to the Personnel  
Commission  
[08-73]

Action

Mr. Rowe reported that the term of the Board's representative for the SCCCD Personnel Commission is expiring November 30, 2008. During the September 2 meeting, the Board of Trustees announced Mr. Ron Manfredi as their intended appointee. Mr. Manfredi has served as the Board's representative since June 2003, when he took over the shortened term of Cathy Frost. Mr. Rowe provided the qualifications of Mr. Manfredi, stating that Mr. Manfredi has indicated his willingness to serve another three-year term.

Mr. Ron Manfredi was present and commented about the progress made by the Personnel Commission.

President Feaver opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m. for public comment. No comments were made, and the public hearing was closed at 5:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Forhan that the Board of Trustees reappoint Mr. Ron Manfredi as the Board's representative to the SCCCD Personnel Commission for a three-year term from December 1, 2008, to November 30, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to  
Approve Mid-Term  
Accreditation Reports  
for Reedley College  
and Fresno City  
College, and Strategic  
Plans for Reedley  
College, Fresno City  
College and the North  
Centers  
[08-74]  
Action

Dr. Crow stated that at the October 7, 2008, Board of Trustees meeting both Reedley College and Fresno City College made presentations on their mid-term reports, which are due in to the Accrediting Commission by October 15, 2008. The Board has also received copies of the draft strategic plans for Fresno City College, Reedley College and the North Centers. Dr. Crow asked the Board for comments or questions regarding the mid-term reports and strategic plans.

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Barreras that the Board of Trustees approve the Mid-Term Accreditation Reports for Reedley College and Fresno City College for submission to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges by the October 15, 2008, deadline; and that the Board of Trustees approve the Strategic Plans for Reedley College, Fresno City College and the North Centers. The motion carried unanimously.

Selection of College  
Name for the Willow  
International  
Community College  
Center  
[08-75]  
Action

Mr. Rowe announced that the Board has a request to have a statement read into the public record. The person wanted to be at the Board meeting but was unable to attend due to illness. Mr. Rowe read the following statement:

*"Ladies and Gentlemen and Guests: I personally would like to recommend that the City College be named Clovis Community College. As a member of the TC3 Committee in Clovis, it is my personal job to enhance and bring prestige to our community. Certainly having a Clovis Community College would fit that bill. Thank you for your consideration."* Judith Preuss, TC3 (Technopolis Core Committee member), and member community representative to the College Naming Committee.

Mr. Feaver asked if any of the members of the College Naming Committee were present. He noted that Trustee Dorothy Smith participated on the committee. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Feaver thanked the committee for their time and effort.

Dr. Crow stated that in April 2008, the Board of Trustees approved a process for selecting a college name for the Willow International Community College Center. A college name is required as the first step in moving from a center to a fully accredited college. The College Naming Committee was established and includes representatives from the community, students, SCCC Board of Trustees, faculty and staff. Opportunities for input were advertised through local newspapers, on campus, and the website. A public forum was held. The naming committee received approximately 208 names and their task, by the approved guidelines, was to recommend

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Center  
[08-75] (continued)  
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five names, listed in unranked order, to Dr. Kershaw and Dr. Crow. The five names submitted by the College Naming Committee, listed in alphabetical order, are as follows:

Central Valley Community College  
Clovis Community College  
Granite Hills Community College  
Mountain View Community College, and  
North Valley Community College.

As directed by the process, Dr. Kershaw and Dr. Crow met and recommended the following names to the Board:

Clovis Community College,  
Granite Community College, and  
Mountain View Community College.

The Board was provided the five unranked names submitted by the naming committee and a list of all names submitted. According to the guidelines, the Board has the flexibility to also consider and approve a name not listed or recommended by the committee or administration. The name selected will not be utilized until the full-college status is achieved. The Center will continue to be called the Willow International Community College Center until full-college status is reached.

Dr. Crow mentioned the names of California community colleges that include in their names the words valley, mountain, Mt., and hills. Nationally, one college in New Mexico is named Clovis Community College. Locally, the intermediate school across the street from the Willow International Center, which is part of the Clovis North Complex, is Granite Ridge Intermediate School, and a high school in Porterville is named Granite Hills High School.

Dr. Crow asked the Board to take action to approve a college name for the Willow International Community College Center.

Ms. Smith thanked the members of the College Naming Committee and stated that out of consideration for their time and effort, all five of the names selected by the committee should be presented to the Board and that the Board should decide from those five names. She expressed appreciation to those who spent their evenings to participate and to go through the 200 plus names to make a decision. She didn't know what the Board would come up with, but felt that all five of the names they finally decided upon should be presented to the full board.

Dr. Crow replied that the Board does have the option of looking at any of the names, any of the 208 names and any name that the

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Community College  
Center  
[08-75] (continued)  
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Board can come up with that is not on the list. The Board has complete flexibility in considering a name.

Mr. Patterson indicated his support for the name Clovis Community College because the college got its start in Clovis and it is located in the Clovis Unified School District and right down the road from Clovis West High School. He thinks that there is a strong association with the Clovis Unified School District and this particular campus. He added that the other SCCCDC colleges are named for the geographical areas they represent.

Ms. Smith stated that she would like to recommend North Valley Community College because it is in the north valley. We also have plans on the future for our southeast campus, and it would be appropriate in terms of the north campus because we are serving the valley. Although it happens to be in the Clovis community, it is also in the Fresno city limits. So the college is in the Clovis community but in terms of North Valley, we would be serving the people up north. Ms. Smith said that North Valley is one of the names she submitted so she is proposing the name North Valley Community College.

Mr. Smith asked how this Clovis Community College would be distinguished from Clovis Community College in New Mexico.

Mr. Patterson said that Clovis Community College in New Mexico is a small school and didn't think it would be a problem.

Mr. Thonesen said he would support the name Clovis Community College. He said there is a lot of pride in the campuses in each area, and pointed out the situation in renaming of the college in Reedley. In his opinion the name North Valley would be better suited to Stockton, Modesto, or Merced.

Ms. Barreras said that she concurs with Ms. Smith and North Valley would be her choice. The second name she had in mind was Central Valley.

Mr. Forhan said Ms. Smith was absolutely correct that the naming committee is an advisory group, and it is important that the Board receives their information unfiltered. In terms of the integrity of the process and recognizing the work that committees do, the Board should take the five names the committee submitted. Screening out the names would be sending the wrong message. He recalled the Kings River issue several years ago. There was at that time a board policy that suggested that we associate the campus with the geographical location. He believes it would be consistent with existing board policy to name the

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[08-75] (continued)  
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campus consistent with the geographical location and supports the name of the college to be Clovis Community College.

Mr. Feaver said that he, too, supports the name Clovis Community College.

A motion was made by Mr. Thonesen and seconded by Mr. Patterson that the Board of Trustees select Clovis Community College as the name for the new college that is presently the Willow International Community College Center. The name will go into effect when full accreditation is achieved.

Ms. Smith asked for a roll call vote.

The motion carried by the roll call vote of 5-Yes and 2-No, as follows:

Ms. Barreras	No
Mr. Forhan	Yes
Mr. Patterson	Yes
Ms. Smith	No (stated that she supported the name North Valley Community College)
Mr. Smith	Yes (with hesitation because of the other community college in New Mexico with the same name)
Mr. Thonesen	Yes
Mr. Feaver	Yes

Mr. Patterson added that when we vote on the name for the Madera campus we might consider that as North Valley.

Ms. Smith asked that the record show that the committee submitted five names for the college.

PG&E Presentation

Dr. Kershaw introduced Mr. Al Galvez, Governmental Relations Manager with PG&E and a strong supporter of the Madera Center. Utilizing the grant process, PG&E has donated \$5,000 annually over the past three years to the Madera Center, as well as joining the Chancellor's Circle of the SCCC Foundation. Examples of items that have been purchased from these grants include computer tables and software for our disabled students, as well as math calculators for our pre-engineering students. This year's grant money will be used to develop an environmental education program that focuses on alternative energy and energy efficient programs, as well as future careers related to the growing field of alternative energy and conservation. The main venue for the environmental education program will be the annual Spring Extravaganza open house at the Madera Center to be held on April 2, 2009. Over 500 high school and college students are anticipated to attend.

PG&E Presentation  
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Mr. Al Galvez provided the Board with an update on the partnership program between SCCC and PG&E, followed by a presentation of a check for \$6,000 to the Madera Center. He gave a preview of a commercial that PG&E will air on television starting October 12, 2008. PG&E will be losing a large percentage of their workforce within the next five years and the training program at Fresno City College will help them fill those positions and also contribute to the community. All 26 students in the first training class have passed the test and many of them have been placed into the workforce. Mr. Galvez expressed excitement for their next venture to train 28 returning veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

Dr. Crow expressed appreciation to PG&E as a wonderful partner in preparing students for jobs starting at \$21 per hour. Additionally, PG&E has on several occasions contributed to a local endowment for scholarships for Madera students.

Mr. Feaver thanked Mr. Galvez and PG&E, extending the Board's appreciation for their partnership with SCCC.

Consideration to  
Approve Foundation  
Fundraising Events  
[08-76]  
Action

A motion was made by Mr. Forhan and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Trustees approve the State Center Community College Foundation Board's recommendations to host the following fundraising events, including the serving of wine and beer, at the locations listed: The Toasting the Arts Reception on October 18, 2008, at the FCC Library Steps and the Renaissance Feast for Scholars on March 14, 2009, at the FCC Library.

Reports of Board  
Members

Ms. Natalie Nelson, FCC Student Trustee reported the following:

- For September 11<sup>th</sup> the ASG placed ribbons around trees and handed out red, white and blue ribbons.
- ASG hosted Constitution Day and registered 200 to vote.
- Stop the Hate Week is October 1-8. A pledge board is on display for students to sign. Discussions are being held.
- ASG is holding a "Passionately Pink" event on October 24 for Breast Cancer Awareness. They are fundraising for Susan G. Komen Foundation, and participating in a race at CSUF.
- The Homecoming football game against College of the Sequoias is October 25. There will be a BBQ Tailgate, an Alumni Reunion, a half-time show, a float competition, and the crowning of the FCC Homecoming King and Queen.

Ms. Tiffany Lowe, RC Student Trustee, reported the following:

- CASS Dance Demonstration on Monday, October 6.
- Hispanic Heritage guest speaker will be instructor David Dominguez on Friday, October 10.

Reports of Board  
Members (continued)

- Reedley Fiesta Parade is October 11 and the Early Childhood Development program and Residence Hall Club will have floats in the parade. The Student Activities office will be helping with the Red Ribbon entry.
- The ASB voter registration drive is October 16.
- Spirit Week is October 26-November 1 and activities for Homecoming will be held each day including the king and queen elections, club social and reverse beauty contest. The Homecoming game is November 1.
- ASB and the basketball teams are supporting Reedley Red Ribbon Week by setting up and helping with the haunted house, passing out bags of candy and "Just Say No" cards.

Ms. Smith was pleased to announce that her ROTC students from DeWolf High School would be presenting the colors at the October 25 Fresno City College homecoming game.

Mr. Forhan reported that he accepted an invitation from the Fresno City College Academic Senate and attended a senate meeting a couple of Wednesdays ago. He found it to be a very stimulating environment with a lot of energy in the room and a great discussion. He hoped that his fellow Board members would also accept their invitations. He added that we have some really talented people in our system and we need to recognize that. He enjoyed the experience and looks forward to attending again.

Mr. Feaver reported that the search committee for the Fresno City College President has met twice and have identified seven semifinalists who will be interviewed in two weeks.

Old Business

None.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Forhan stated that at the March 2008 Board Retreat there was discussion to locate the SCCC administrative offices at the Clovis Center facility now that the campus has been moved to the Willow International Center. He said he missed the second day of the retreat when it was discussed, but he would like to see a discussion in front of the stake holders in terms of the effect of relocating administration from Weldon to Herndon. He hoped that steps would be taken to also look at the valuation of the property. He said that these were some of his thoughts, and he would like to see administration bring it to the Board for discussion in an open forum on these issues, as appropriate.

Delegations, Petitions,  
and Communications

None.

Closed Session

Mr. Feaver stated in closed session the Board would discuss:

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 04CECG01797, 5<sup>th</sup> District Court Appeal Number F051219

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Fresno City College

Property: Temporary easement on 556 square feet and permanent easement on 43 square feet at the northeast corner of County Assessor's plot number 444-163-35T, south of East Yale Avenue, adjacent to Santa Fe Railroad Tracks

Agency Negotiator: Douglas R. Brinkley, Vice Chancellor-Finance and Administration

Negotiating Parties: Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for Easement

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Management Employees; Tom Crow, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, President, Fresno City College Search Process  
CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE (SUSPENSION/EXPULSION/OTHER ACTION), Pursuant to Education Code Section 72122 and District Administrative Regulation 5410; Student #1

Mr. Feaver called a recess at 5:40 p.m.

Open Session

The Board moved into open session at 6:30 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

Mr. Feaver reported the Board took no action in closed session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Board.

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