

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
October 6, 2009

- Call to Order A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President William J. Smith at 4:30 p.m., October 6, 2009, at the Madera Center, 30277 Avenue 12, Assembly Room 120, Madera, California.
- Trustees Present William J. Smith, President
Patrick E. Patterson, Vice President (arrived at 4:55 p.m.)
Dorothy Smith, Secretary (arrived at 4:40 p.m.)
Isabel Barreras (Left at 6:30 p.m.)
Richard Caglia
H. Ronald Feaver
Leslie W. Thonesen
Erika Gutierrez, Student Trustee, Fresno City College
Alexandria Morales, Student Trustee, Reedley College
- Also present were:
Tom Crow, Chancellor, SCCC
Doug Brinkley, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration,
 SCCC
Cynthia Azari, President, Fresno City College
Barbara Hioco, President, Reedley College
Terry Kershaw, Vice Chancellor, North Centers
Randy Rowe, Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources,
 SCCC
- Introduction of Guests Trustee Isabel Barreras introduced and recognized the following special guests:
- Debi Bray, CEO/President, Madera Chamber of Commerce
 Dr. Sally Frazier, Superintendent, Madera County Office of
 Education
 Michael Westley, President, MUSD Board of Trustees
 Jill and Steve Cholewa, Madera Center Supporters
 Ron Manfredi, Chairman, SCCC Personnel Commission
 Robert Poythress, Madera City Council
 Ronald Manfredo, Madera County Board of Education
 Elaine Craig, Executive Director, WIB, Workforce Development
 Al Galvez, Governmental Relations Manager, Pacific Gas &
 Electric, and Commissioner on the Madera Unified
 Personnel Commission
 Mary Diebert, Account Representative, Madera Pacific Gas &
 Electric

Dr. Kershaw thanked the community members and elected officials present for their continued support of the Madera Center.

Among the others present, the following signed the guest list or were noted as present:

Jan Krueger, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCC

Gregory Taylor, General Counsel, SCCC

Janell Mendoza, Associate Business Manager, NC

Linda Little, Secretary to the Vice Chancellor, NC

Peggy Marks, Accounting Technician I, Madera Center

Tom Mester, Academic Senate President, RC/NC

David Richardson, President, North Centers Faculty Association

Linda DeKruif, Academic Senate President, FCC

Ernie Garcia, Classified Senate President, FCC

Melanie Highfill, Classified Senate President, RC/NC

Zwi Reznik, SCFT President

Kasey Oliver, CSEA Vice President

Gary Sakaguchi, Director of Technology, RC/NC

Jim Chin, Dean of Instruction, MC

Monica Cuevas, Dean of Students, MC

Nicola Visveshwara, LVN Coordinator, MC

Carol Fernandez, Nursing Instructor, MC

Martha Varian, Student, MC

Tanee Peterson, Student, MC

Joseph McMillan, Student, MC

Lori Levine, Instructor, RC

Eileen Apperson, Instructor, RC

Jackie Morales, RC

David Clark, Dean of Instruction, RC

Lucy Ruiz, Public Information Officer, RC

Ernie Garcia, Classified Senate President, FCC

Dennis Byrns, Instructor, FCC

Ron Nishinaka, Tree Fresno, Faculty Emeritus, RC

Deb Everson Borofka

Deborah Qualle

Teresa Patterson, Executive Director, Public and Legislative Relations, SCCC

Deborah Ikeda, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, NC

Randall Vogt, Director of Purchasing, SCCC

Scott Thomason, Vice President, Administrative Services, RC

Nathan Saari, RC

Michael White, Vice President, Student Services, RC

Bill Turini, Instructor, RC

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of September 1, 2009, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Mr. Thonesen to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2009, meeting, as presented. The motion carried as follows:

6 – Yes

0 – No

1 – Absent (Patterson)

Delegations, Petitions,
and Communications

PG&E Presentation

Dr. Kershaw introduced Mr. Al Galvez, Governmental Relations Manager for PG&E. Utilizing the grant process, PG&E has donated \$5,000 annually over the past four years to the Madera Center. With the global emphasis on energy sustainability, this year's grants monies will be used to highlight green technology, alternative and energy efficient programs, and future careers in green industries. One venue for this educational program will be the Madera Center's April 2010 Spring Extravaganza for local high school, college students, and community members.

Mr. Galvez attended the 2009 Spring Extravaganza and hopes more people will become involved this year to see the new energy environments coming out, and the new green jobs that are helping with the initiatives they have.

Mr. Galvez introduced Ms. Mary Diebert, Account Representative for Madera Pacific Gas & Electric, stating she has been entrenched with this community for many years. He recognized Ms. Diebert for her work, noting she finds good programs to partner with PG&E.

Mr. Galvez and Ms. Diebert presented the check for \$6,000, with \$1,000 going to the State Center Foundation, to Board President Smith who accepted it on behalf of the Board, Madera Center, SCCC, and SCCC, expressing his appreciation and thanking PG&E for their much appreciated support.

Announcement: Zwi Reznik made an announcement on behalf of Lacy Barnes, and he also personally took pleasure in announcing, that she completed her doctoral thesis defense last week. She was not able to attend the Board meeting but expresses her thanks and appreciation to the Board and district faculty and staff for the substantial encouragement she received as she progressed toward her goal.

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Request to Address the Board

Dr. Deb Everson Borofka requested to address the Board and had previously requested that her remarks, also provided to the Board in writing, be recorded into the minutes.

Members of the SCCC Board of Trustees,

The shortest distance between two points is a straight line, so I will be brief, and I will trust that you have had a chance to review the packet of information I sent you last month regarding my experience with the Reedley College Equivalency Committee and the Reedley College Academic Senate. Here's the straight line of my situation:

I have a Ph.D. in Mythology, granted by Pacifica Graduate Institute in 2005. Mythology is the study of ancient world literatures. I currently teach on-line for UCLA Extension's Writers' Program and serve as a Dissertation Reader for Pacifica Graduate Institute.

In early April of 2009 I completed a petition for an equivalency to teach English for Reedley College and the North Centers. In May my original petition was denied by the Equivalency Committee; I filed an appeal within the specified five-day time frame, and in September I was informed that my appeal was likewise denied by the Executive Council of the Senate.

Here are the areas where I believe these two committees have been remiss in following their own policies:

1. The decisions were not timely. Neither committee responded in the time frame specified by the Equivalency process. If I hadn't e-mailed Dr. Mester in September, I might still be waiting for an answer.
2. The communication of those decisions was not full or transparent: I had no communication from Michael van Wyhe, the chair of the Equivalency Committee, regarding the denial of my petition or any deficits in my qualifications. Instead he left that unpleasant task to an interim dean who was not part of the committee nor was he party to its deliberations. As a result, I received nothing in writing—nothing with specific reasons for the decision or supporting details—prior to completing the appeal packet in the prescribed five-day window of time. In response to my packet of information filed in appeal, I received an email with an attached letter on September 3rd stating that the Reedley College Academic Senate Executive Council, "could not discern how your work in Mythological Studies equated to the body of work required for a Master's in English from your selected example of California State University Fresno." This is what I received in response to a 60-page packet of information, three months after the fact. This is not a reason, only a conclusion, and have yet to find out what areas of deficit this conclusion might be based on.
3. The opinions of experts within the discipline were not apparently considered. I had the signature of the chair of the department as well as the signature of four other full-time English instructors. That support was either ignored or discounted, again for reasons

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- unspecified. In my appeal packet I also included letters of support from two members of the English faculty, and again that support was seemingly not accorded any weight.
4. Subsequent validation of my credentials/qualification by Dr. C. Hales, a discipline expert at the comparative institution (CSU Fresno), has yet to be taken into consideration.
 5. Senate Executive Council has made no attempt to ask for further clarity even after the appeal packet and letters of support were included for their consideration.
 6. I was not offered any kind of meeting until I emailed a letter to the Board of Trustees. Even after this face-to-face meeting of three weeks ago, Dr. Mester and Mr. van Wyhe could not provide a list of deficits in the coursework submitted for equivalency, only a copy of a memo from Mr. van Wyhe to Dean Tom West with my name placed in the memo line. Once again, this document offered general conclusions, but no specific course work deficits.

Thank you for your time. I am compelled to share this information with you all as this whole episode has been extremely frustrating and does not reflect well upon the district. I understand that this area falls under the purview of the Reedley College Academic Senate, but the various committees' conduct in this matter has not been professional or collegial, and I hope to seek some resolution.

Mr. Smith thanked Dr. Borofka, stating the Board has heard what she said and would not respond at this time. He added that there would be a presentation later on the agenda regarding the equivalency process.

Chancellor's Report

Dr. Crow reported the following for SCCCD:

CAM Open House – Prior to the meeting, some of the Board members toured the new Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM). This state-of-the-art, 8000 square foot center will prepare students to enter the workforce with skills utilizing the latest technology in welding, machine mechanics and electrical. The CAM is part of the SCCCD's larger efforts to focus on economic and workforce development throughout the Valley.

Nursing Endowment -The SCCC Foundation has received a \$100,000 gift to establish a scholarship endowment for nursing students at Fresno City College. The donor, Mrs. Rinko Yoshioka, a retired RN, made the generous gift in order to provide financial assistance to students in need. Nurses are on the front lines of patient care, and now, more than ever before, more qualified, highly skilled nursing professionals are needed. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and SCCCD, Dr. Crow thanked Mrs. Yoshioka for her generosity, nursing students will benefit for years to come because of this endowment.

Front & Center Story – Dr. Crow called attention to a recent story posted in the online SCCCD newsletter, *Front & Center*. There has been discussion over the last few months of how

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difficult it is for students to find courses during this high enrollment period. One student, Nicole Margulis, tells her story in the most recent issue of *Front & Center* of how she has met scheduling challenges. Ms. Margulis is a wonderful example of how students are creatively putting together full schedules by attending different campuses. Currently, Nicole takes courses at Fresno City College, the Willow International Center and the Madera Center. The story of her determination and dedication to completing her education is inspiring, to say the least. The story can be found at www.frontandcenter.cc, plus other stories about the wonderful people and programs that make up SCCC.

Campus Reports

Dr. Kershaw reported the following for the North Centers:

- FTES –The Madera Center has grown 8.2% from last fall. The center has over 3,000 students currently enrolled and has for the first time reached its full-time equivalent students.
- NAEYC – The Madera Child Development Center is awaiting the decision on their accreditation reaffirmation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). A site visit was completed on September 28.
- WIB –The Madera County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), through the Madera Center, offered a Medical Administrative Assistant Certificate program through ARRA. Twenty students enrolled in the 21-unit program this summer. A certificate ceremony was held September 28. Dr. Kershaw thanked Elaine Craig, the Madera WIB and staff for their work in the development of this partnership.
- Scholarships – Scholarship support has been awarded to 30 Madera Center students thanks to the generosity of 17 donors (individuals, local businesses and service clubs).
- Activities – Rocktoberfest is October 7 at the Madera Center and October 13 at Willow International. The Willow community choir will be performing in the CSU college invitational festival. Veterans' Day recognition is November 9 at Madera and Willow International Centers. Career Fairs are November 17 at WI and November 18 at MC. The International Day Holiday Festival is December 10 at WI. The LVN pinning ceremony is December 17.

Dr. Azari reported on the following from Fresno City College:

- Centennial Honorees – Fresno City College is preparing for their 100th anniversary celebration in 2010. The search is on to find "100 Stars for 100 Years" – people who have made a lasting impact on the community and the college. The centennial honorees will be recognized throughout the year of celebrations with the first 100 announced at the Centennial Ball on December 31, 2009. Tickets are on sale now.

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- McLane Great Granddaughter – The great granddaughter of FCC Founder C. L. McLane visited FCC on October 5. Fresno Bee reporter Paula Lloyd helped locate Mrs. Beverly Brock of Sanger through her weekly column "Ask Paula."
- Recognition – Dr. Carolyn Drake was recognized for excellence in outstanding contribution to the health and well being of the Fresno community by the Fresno San Joaquin Valley Chapter of Black Women Organized for Political Action. She was honored at the annual Salute to Sisterhood.
- Extreme Tour – The Collegiate Entrepreneurship Organization (CEO club) is hosting the Extreme Entrepreneurship tour at FCC on October 29.
- Eurydice – The FCC Theatre Department is presenting a contemporary adaptation of the Greek myth Eurydice, October 9-17. Chuck Erven is directing. Guest award-winning scenic designer Matt Scarpino has been lending his vision to the set design.

Dr. Hioco reported the following from Reedley College:

- Scholarships – The annual scholarship awards will be held October 7. The RC Foundation and the SCCC Foundation awards are presented at this joint event. Approximately 120 students will receive \$60,000 in awards.
- Facilities – Good progress is being made on the residence hall and student activities center, both of which are within 30 days of completion. The formal dedications and open house will be scheduled for late November or early December.
- ACCT – Student Services VP Michael White, Interim Athletic Director Javier Renteria and President Barbara Hioco will be presenting at the ACCT conference on October 9.
- Media – ESL instructor Felicia Meter appeared on Univision and Telefutera. Math instructor Maria Kelly was interviewed on Channel 30 for Fresno College Night. The Forestry Department was featured on Channel 47. *The Business Journal* featured Kathy Rudy's learning skills class. English instructor Eileen Apperson is featured in *Writing in Real*, an online magazine. Interim Head Football Coach Randy Whitehead was interviewed on Channel 47. Dr. Hioco thanked Lucy Ruiz for her publicity work for RC's programs.
- Fresno Fair – RC agriculture students will be competing in the livestock show at the Fresno Fair livestock show.
- Student Activities – The October leadership workshop is titled "Developing Your Inner Leader."
- Student Success Committee – This committee sponsors many professional development activities for faculty. The most recent was a free two-day event on successful strategies for retention, classroom management and participation. Lori Levine was thanked for bringing this activity to RC.

Mr. Patterson arrived at the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

North Centers Faculty
Association Report

David Richardson, President of the North Centers Faculty Association, and history instructor at the Madera Center, welcomed the Board of Trustees and attendees to the Madera Center. Traditionally, when the Board of Trustees meets at the Madera Center, the North Centers Faculty Association gives the report on behalf of the RC/NC Academic Senate, with emphasis on the activities of the North Centers. He reported the following:

Introductions – North Centers Faculty Association Executive Committee for 2009-10 are Cynthia Elliott, immediate past president; Dr. Mark Harmon, president-elect; Russell Hickey, treasurer; and Nicola Visveshwara, secretary.

Budget – The budget situation is difficult, and at the North Centers, it is a particular challenge since the vast majority of the budget is devoted to staff. Despite the potential for tension in a situation like this, the faculty and staff of the North Centers work very closely with administration to make sure that budgetary limits are met while still providing students access to as many classes as possible.

Student Activities – The Faculty Association of the North Centers is committed to student activities and opportunities for creating the total college experience. The faculty is actively involved in student activities as club advisors, organizing the activities and celebrating the rich cultural heritage and diversity of our centers. Hundreds of students attended a series of Banned Book Readings at the Madera Center library. Students were exposed to literature from a wide variety of cultural and historical sources. Recent activities were Mexican Independence Day, Constitution Day and a series of readings celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Faculty and Staff Activities – The faculty is also concerned with maintaining employee morale and camaraderie. In years past, the faculty had gotten together at the end of the semester to get a chance to meet, talk and socialize outside of school. As the North Centers have grown, some of these traditions have fallen by the wayside. The Faculty Association is planning to revive this tradition. There will also be more opportunities to recognize our own for their outstanding contributions to the North Centers.

Self Study – The North Centers faculty is excited by the possibility of becoming part of the newest addition to the colleges of the State Center Community College District. The faculty and staff are working to make sure that everything is in place to begin their self study for becoming an independent college. Faculty is trying to make sure that all educational requirements for that eventuality are being met. One particular area of focus has been on creating SLO's (Student Learning Outcomes) at the course, program and college levels. Virtually all of the disciplines at the

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North Centers are now tracking SLO's which they created in their classes, analyzing the data gathered and using that data to improve classroom instruction. North Centers faculty are helping on the accreditation self study for Reedley College and are looking forward to using those experiences for their self study.

Classified Senate
Report

Ernie Garcia, FCC Classified Senate President, reported the following:

- Classified Senate approved operating agreements for some campus committees, and the members are staying active on as many of the shared governance committees as they can.
- Carwash tickets will be sold as a fundraiser to help foot the bill for staff development day on November 11. The Board members are invited. An email invitation will be sent to the members and others to attend.
- The next FCC Classified Senate meeting is October 21.
- FCC's Centennial Ball tickets are available; everyone is encouraged to purchase a ticket and join the opening celebration on New Year's Eve, December 31.

North Centers LVN
Program

Dr. Jim Chin, Madera Center Dean of Instruction, introduced LVN Coordinator Nicola Visveshwara and Carol Fernandez, full-time faculty member for the nursing program.

Ms. Nicola Visveshwara provided a slide presentation on the origination of LVN program at the Madera Center through an Economic Development Industrial Driven Regional Collaborative Grant used to develop the program and skills lab. The first class was admitted in Spring 2003, and to date five classes have graduated. A traditional cohort of 30 students is admitted every 18 months. Information was provided on grant funding, program expansion, enrollments, graduates, and number of students who have passed the NCLEX, ethnicity, age, gender, GPA, retention and success rates. The May 2008 class was the first group of WIB-funded LVNs to graduate. Equipment funds for nursing and allied health programs were provided through a grant sponsored by the Economic Development and Workforce Preparation Division. These funds were used to furnish a skills lab and simulation lab. Another grant is an LVN to RN Step Up Development Grant, which provides funding for curriculum development for a proposed LVN to RN program, feasibility study (approved in March 2008) and self study required by the board of Registered Nursing, submitted in May 2009. There will be a site visit at the end of November, and they anticipate the approval being placed on the first agenda of the Board of Registered Nursing's Education and Licensing Committee in 2010.

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Program (continued)

Because of the demand for nurses in the Madera area, it is important for LVNs to continue up the career pathway. The proposed associate degree in science, LVN to RN program, is the career pathway for licensed vocational nurses to become associate degree registered nurses. Upon successful completion of this program and passing the NCLEX RN, students can continue the career pathway to complete their bachelor's degree in nursing. Three students were introduced and spoke about their experiences in the program: Martha Varian, a graduate of the first class; Tanea Peterson, a student due to graduate in December and a WIB-funded student; and Joseph McMillan, a second-semester student who is scheduled to graduate in May 2010.

Policy and Procedure
for Determining Degree
Equivalencies for the
Purpose of Faculty
Hiring

Dr. Crow introduced the presentation on the policy and procedures for determining degree equivalencies for the purpose of faculty hiring. The Board was provided copies of the presentation, which included the following:

Information of AB1725 legislation; agenda for the January 10, 1989, Special Board Workshop on AB1725; Board Item 90-102 from June 5, 1990 (agreement with faculty senates and/or the Federation regarding AB1725); minutes of June 5, 1990, Board meeting regarding Board Item 90-102; Title 5, 53430-equivalencies; Summary of regulatory scheme for equivalencies; and FCC and RC Equivalency Committee procedures (preparation of the petition, signature process, review process, notification process, appeal process).

Dr. Crow said it is appropriate to review some policies periodically, especially because of some questions that have recently arisen. He provided a brief history of AB1725 legislation of 1988, and the Board's action at their June 5, 1990, meeting to enter into an agreement between the Board and the faculty senates and/or the federation regarding provisions of AB1725 in five areas of employment policies, and for the purpose of this presentation, the area of degree equivalencies for the purpose of faculty hiring. In the agreement it was proposed that the Academic Senate at each campus establish within their structure a standing committee for the expressed purpose of determining the validity of the equivalency claim. The minutes of the meeting record the approval of the five areas upon a motion by Dr. Kessler and a second by Mr. Patterson that the Board approve the agreement, which included the procedures for handling the equivalencies. In other words, equivalencies are the purview of the faculty senate for which they would determine a process and that the Board would rely primarily upon the advice of the faculty senates to determine equivalencies.

General Counsel Greg Taylor presented an overview of the statutory and regulatory landscape that was left by AB1725 for

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determining equivalencies. The Education Code requires the Board of Governors to set minimum qualifications in the individual fields, and Title 5 adopts and tracks very closely that education code language. It does permit hiring outside of the minimum qualifications on the presentation of qualifications that are at least equivalent to the minimum qualifications. If a district is going to hire on the basis of equivalency, the process, criteria and standards must be developed and agreed upon jointly by the board and the academic senates. That process must, at a minimum, require that the board rely primarily upon the advice and judgment of the academic senate. As Dr. Crow pointed out, the Board did reach such an agreement with the Academic Senate. If there were no agreement in place, there would be no equivalency hiring in the district, and the district would be bound by the minimum qualifications set out by the Board of Governors. In summary, the process, standards and criteria must be established jointly between the Board and the Academic Senates. That process must provide that the board rely primarily upon the advice and judgment of the senate. If there is no agreement, there is no equivalency hiring. So consistent with that scheme, the district adopted ARs consistent with the Ed Code and Title V, and with the agreement reached between the Board and Academic Senates, the senates have adopted procedures consistent with the Ed Code, and Title V.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Taylor discussed the Board's responsibility with respect to the outcome of the equivalency process and the Board's opportunity, obligation and statutory authority to overrule a determination of nonequivalency. Mr. Taylor responded that nothing in the equivalency petition process, as adopted by the Academic Senates, replaces the Board's function in hiring faculty. The Board hires, but the Board has through an agreement with the Academic Senate, left the determination of equivalency to the Academic Senate with the agreed upon criteria and standards. The hiring decision always comes to the Board, who could ask if the candidate has the equivalent experience.

FCC Equivalency Committee member Dennis Bryns and RC/NC Academic Senate President Tom Mester presented how the Academic Senates implemented the equivalency agreement at their campuses and the equivalency committee processes for review and approval/denial of equivalency petitions. Each has implemented their own set of procedures.

Questions from Mr. Patterson, Ms. Smith, Ms. Barreras and Mr. Smith were addressed by Mr. Bryns and Dr. Mester and administration. The questions pertained to notification timelines for approval or denial of equivalency, who notifies the petitioner, adjunct and full-time equivalency processes, applications for

employment and equivalency petitions, routing of equivalency petitions and committee membership.

Consent Agenda
Action

President Smith announced that Consent Item 09-25HR has been amended and the Board has been provided with copies of the change. It was moved by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board of Trustees approve Consent Agenda Items 09-25HR, as amended, and Items 09-26HR through 09-28HR and 09-97G through 09-106G, as presented. The motion carried unanimously with seven Board members present.

Employment,
Reassignment,
Resignation,
Retirement, Academic
Personnel
[09-25HR]
Action

approve the academic personnel recommendations, Items A through D, as amended

Employment, Change
of Status, Resignation,
Retirement, Classified
Personnel
[09-26HR]
Action

approve classified personnel recommendations, Items A through F, as presented

Consideration to
Approve Reduction of
Vacant Office Assistant
III Position #2477 from
12 Months to 10
Months, Fresno City
College
[09-27HR]
Action

approve the reduction of the vacant Office Assistant III, position #2477, Fresno City College from 12 months to 10 months, effective October 7, 2009

Consideration to
Approve Employment
of Part-Time Faculty,
Fall 2009, Fresno City
College, Reedley
College and North
Centers
[09-28HR]
Action

approve employment of part-time faculty for Fresno City College, Reedley College, and North Centers for Fall 2009, as presented

Consideration to Adopt
2010-2011 and 2011-
2012 Instructional
Calendars for Fresno
City College, Reedley
College and North
Centers
[09-97G]
Action

adopt the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 instructional calendars for Fresno City College, Reedley College and North Centers, as presented

Review of District
Warrants and Checks
[09-98G]
Action

review and sign the warrants register for the period August 22, 2009, to September 24, 2009, in the amount of \$18,118,388.36; 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 20, 2009, to September 23, 2009, in the amount of \$1,010,960.98

Consideration to
Accept Construction
Project, Boiler
Replacement, Physical
Education and
Humanities Building,
Reedley College
[09-99G]
Action

- a) accept the project for Boiler Replacement, Physical Education and Humanities Buildings, Reedley College; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder

Consideration to
Accept Construction
Project, Weight Room
Rubber Floor
Installation, Reedley
College
[09-100G]
Action

- a) accept the project for Weight Room Rubber Floor Installation, Reedley College; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder

Consideration to
Accept Construction
Project, Life Science
Building Reroofing
Project, Reedley
College
[09-101G]
Action

- a) accept the project for Life Science Building Reroofing Project, Reedley College; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder

Consideration to
Approve Resolution to
Renew Application for
Federal Surplus
Property Program,
Districtwide
[09-102G]
Action

adopt a Resolution naming the following staff members to sign warehouse issue sheets for acquisition of federal surplus property from the California State Agency for Surplus Property:

District Office	Douglas R. Brinkley Vice Chancellor Finance and Administration
District Operations	Brian Speece Associate Vice Chancellor Business & Operations
Fresno City College	Michael Guerra Vice President Administrative Services
Reedley College	Scott Thomason Vice President Administrative Services
North Centers	Janell Mendoza Associate College Business Manager

Consideration to
Accept Resolution
Authorizing Agreement
with the California
Department of
Education for Child
and Adult Care Food
Program (CACFP)
Elective Online
Training, Fresno City
College
[09-103G]
Action

- a) adopt Resolution No. 2009-16 authorizing the agreement between the California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division, and the district, on behalf of the Fresno City College Cal-Pro-NET Center, for elective online training for the period October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010, with funding in the amount of \$60,000;
- 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 Adopt
a Grant from the U.S.
Department of
Agriculture for a
Hispanic-Serving
Institutions (HSI)
Education Grant for
Partners in Agricultural
Leadership, Reedley
College
[09-104G]
Action

- a) authorize the district, on behalf of Reedley College, to accept the Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Education Grant for Partners in Agricultural Leadership from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the two-year period September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2011, with total funding in the amount of \$300,000;
- 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 the Foundation for
California Community
Colleges for the Career
Ladders Project,
Central Valley Career
Advancement
Academy
[09-105G]
Action

- a) authorize the district, on behalf of the Central Valley Career Advancement Academy to enter into an agreement with the Foundation for California Community Colleges to provide funding for the Career Ladders Project in the amount of \$20,000 for the period August 25, 2009, through September 30, 2010;
- 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
District Membership in
Educational
Organization
[09-106G]
Action

approve membership in the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) for January through December 2010 in the amount of \$26,770

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

Budget Update
[09-54]
No Action

Doug Brinkley provided an update on the status of the State of California budget. The state Chancellor's Office has not released funding allocations for 2009-10 including apportionment workload reduction and categorical cuts. The state Chancellor's Office is consolidating some local, statewide and regional grants in Economic and Workforce Development (notification is not expected until October 15). Other grant cuts and consolidation may be forthcoming. Detail on federal stimulus allocation and clarifications of some regulations have not been provided, but we do know funding is down to \$35 million from \$37 million and seems to be general purpose funding, per the federal government.

- Assessed Valuation (AV) statewide drops 2.4% or \$107 billion from 2008-09 to 2009-10 (State Board of Equalization)
- The state overall spending plan, enacted in July with budget revision, reflects a 2.2% increase in property tax
- Too early to tell effect of difference on community colleges
- 1% shortfall in AV = \$154 million in Proposition 98 guarantee with K-12 receiving state general fund backfill for loss, but not community college system
- Department of Finance reports fiscal year revenues down \$144 million through August and \$1.1 billion down when including prior four month (May through August)
- State has \$3 billion in unallocated revenue reductions in revised 2009-10 state budget

There are still questions to be answered, of which one is about the 50% rule as it relates to federal stimulus money.

Consideration of Bids,
Lease of District-
Owned Property,
Reedley College Farm
[09-55]
Action

Ms. Smith moved and Mr. Patterson seconded that the Board of Trustees award a lease agreement to Moonlight Packing Corporation and Wawona Packing Company for the farming, maintenance and development of Parcels 0, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 32 & 35, totaling 132 acres at the Reedley College Farm, and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign an agreement on behalf of the district.

In discussion Mr. Thonesen stated his support for this type of lease agreement, as compared to the previous percentage of profit agreement, because the farming industry is experiencing so much fluctuation. This way the district is assured of a certain amount of money. His only concern is how the farm is operated.

Mr. Patterson also stated that this lease agreement is financially better for the district.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to
Review Contracted
Legal Services
[09-56]
Action

Dr. Crow introduced the carryover item from the October 6, 2009, meeting, to do a Request for Proposal for outside council in designated areas. Staff has provided the Board with information based on the last three years and has asked the Board for input on the categories. The categories have been land acquisition, collective bargaining, employment law and general business. Based on input from Board members and staff, it is suggested to change land acquisition to real estate law, which would include land acquisition and development, and add the category of environmental law. Administration is asking for permission to distribute an RFP, and to identify trustee representative(s) that would serve on the interview panel. The RFP mailing will be widespread, and the Board members are asked to provide any recommendations of firms to receive RFPs.

A motion was made by Mr. Caglia and seconded by Ms. Barreras that the Board of Trustees approve categories for the contracted legal services of real estate, collective bargaining, employment law, general business, and environmental law, and authorize the administration to advertise for the Request for Proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Crow asked if the Board wished to designate a Board member for the panel, or if the trustees wanted to notify administration of their interest. After inquiry by Mr. Smith, it was decided that Board members should contact Dr. Crow, or Mr. Taylor, to indicate interest in serving on the interview panel.

Reports of Board
Members

Ms. Barreras left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Erika Gutierrez, Student Trustee for Fresno City College, reported the following for the Associated Student Government:

- September 16 was the kick off for Hispanic Heritage Month. ASG hosted the annual Mexican Independence Day celebration. Club Rush also took place on this day as well as other activities. On Constitution Day, ASG handed out Constitution booklets hosted a trivia game. If students answered five questions correctly they were able to receive a book and a meal ticket to the cafeteria.
- The Veterans BBQ fundraiser was very successful with \$600 in profit. This event closed with the sale of hot dogs for \$1. Recently ASG allocated money to help fund a group of students from the Business Department to take a trip to witness a live trial. Many of those students are looking at careers as lawyers.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. October 7 is the kick off at a club rush with a giveaway of pink ribbons to staff, faculty and students. On October 20 the Susan G. Komen organization will visit the campus and give a workshop on prevention of breast cancer. ASG is also going to have a panel discussion with various women who have survived breast cancer. Homecoming theme is “Rams Race to the 100.”
- The Fall Carnival will be on October 31, and ASG is reaching out to the community for candy donations.

Ms. Alexandria Morales, Student Trustee for Reedley College, reported the following for the Associated Student Body:

- The ASB has been preparing for 2009 Homecoming game against College of the Sequoias on October 17, at the Reedley High School field.
- Hispanic Heritage month kicked off on September 15 until October 15. The ASB has put on numerous activities around campus in honor of Hispanic Heritage month such as trivia games, guest speakers, food giveaways, and with more activities to come in the near future.
- On October 2, the SEED students performed dances from their native countries. There was a great response from students and staff who came to watch the students perform.
- Reedley College's Club Social will be held at the RC Memorial Park on October 16.
- Students are looking forward to the opening of the student center some time in November.
- The new dorms are looking great and students are excited about moving in when the facility opens.

Old Business	None.
Future Agenda Items	None.
Delegations, Petitions, and Communications	None.
Closed Session	<p>William Smith stated that in closed session the Board would not be discussing PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/ DISMISSAL /RELEASE, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957</p> <p>William Smith stated that in closed session the Board would be discussing CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [SCFT Full-Time Bargaining Unit; SCFT Part-Time Bargaining Unit and California School Employees Association Bargaining Unit]; Randy Rowe, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 ; and PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/ EMPLOYMENT, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Title: Vice President of Instruction, Reedley College, Title: Dean of Student Services, North Centers, and Title: Executive Director, SCCC Foundation</p> <p>Mr. Smith called a recess at 6:55 p.m.</p>
Open Session	The Board moved into open session at 7:10 p.m.
Report of Closed Session	Mr. Smith reported the Board took no action in closed session.
Consideration to Appoint Vice President of Instruction, Reedley College [09-57] <u>Action</u>	A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board of Trustees appoint Dr. Marilyn Meyer-Behringer to the position of Vice President of Instruction, Reedley College, with placement on the management salary schedule at Range 66, Step 8, at a monthly salary of \$12, 178.00, effective January 4, 2010. The motion carried by a vote of Yes (6), No (0), Absent (1) Barreras.
Consideration to Appoint Dean of Student Services, North Centers [09-58] <u>Action</u>	A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Caglia that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Doris Griffin to the position of Dean of Student Services, North Centers, with placement on the management salary schedule at Range 62, Step 1 at a monthly salary of \$8,930.00, effective January 4, 2010. The motion carried by a vote of Yes (6), No (0), Absent (1) Barreras.

Consideration to
Appoint Executive
Director, SCCC
Foundation
[09-59]
Action

A motion was made by Mr. Thonesen and seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Gurdeep Sihota-He'Bert to the position of Executive Director, SCCC Foundation with placement on the management salary schedule at Range 59, Step 8 at a monthly salary of \$10,601.00 effective October 7, 2009. The motion carried by a vote of Yes (6), No (0), Absent (1) Barreras.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Board.

Dorothy Smith /s/

Dorothy Smith
Secretary, Board of Trustees
State Center Community College District

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