

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
January 10, 2006

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President Les Thonesen at 4:31 p.m., January 10, 2006, at the District Office Boardroom, 1525 E. Weldon Avenue, Fresno, CA.

Trustees Present Leslie W. Thonesen, President
Isabel Barreras, Vice President
Dorothy Smith, Secretary
H. Ronald Feaver
Phillip J. Forhan
Patrick E. Patterson
William J. Smith
Zyanya Bejarano, Student Trustee, Fresno City College

Trustees Absent LaShanda Mack, Student Trustee, Reedley College

Also present were:

Ned Doffoney, President, Fresno City College
Terry Kershaw, Vice Chancellor-North Centers
Doug Brinkley, Vice Chancellor-Finance and Administration,
SCCCD
Felix Aquino, Vice Chancellor-Educational Services and
Planning, SCCC
Randy Rowe, Associate Vice Chancellor-Human Resources,
SCCCD

Introduction of Guests Mr. Randy Rowe introduced and welcomed back from sabbatical, Mr. Zwi Reznik, SCFT President, and introduced Ms. Lisa Maciel, newly elected CSEA President.

Among the others present, the following signed the guest list:

Jan Krueger, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCC
Teresa Patterson, Executive Director-Public and Legislative
Relations, SCCC
Eileen O'Hare, General Counsel, SCCC
Brian Speece, Associate Vice Chancellor-Business and
Operations, SCCC
Joan Edwards, Executive Director-SCCC Foundation, SCCC
Paula Demanett, Academic Senate President and Staff, FCC
Lisa Maciel, CSEA President and Staff, RC
Linda Nies, Classified Senate President and Staff, RC
Michael Guerra, College Business Manager, FCC
Gene Blackwelder, College Business Manager, RC

Introduction of Guests (continued)	Cris Monahan Bremer, Director of Marketing and Communications, FCC Ed Eng, Director of Finance, SCCCCD Ray Cowles, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., Auditor Caroline Drake, Associate Dean of Instruction, Allied Health, FCC Charles Francis, Director of the Training Institute, FCC Kim Perry, Dean of Instruction, RC Don Lopez, Instructor, FCC Lee Herrick, Instructor, FCC Michael Roberts, Associate Dean of Instruction, Humanities, FCC Donna Baker Geidner, CSEA Vice President and Staff, RC Susan Yates, Athletic Director, FCC Alyssa Porter, Student, FCC Kaira Kachadurian, Student, FCC Jaimie-Rose Walberg, Student, FCC
Approval of Minutes	<p>The minutes of the Board meeting of December 6, 2005, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2005, meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Smith commented that the minutes should state specifically which Board member has asked for a report, study or information and not to merely say, “the Board...” Mr. Thonesen said that it would be taken under advisement.</p>
Delegations, Petitions, and Communications	There were no delegations, petitions, and communications.
Chancellor’s Report	<p>Dr. Crow reported that although the details of the Governor’s budget are just now being released, some expected highlights provided by the Community College League of California on January 9, 2006, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5.18% COLA• 3% for growth• \$130 million for credit equalization which would bring approximately \$4.5 million for State Center• \$30 million for Tech Prep expansion• Increase in Proposition 98 split from 10.45% to 10.79%• Enrollment fees stay at \$26• Supports SB 361 by Senator Jack Scott to change the current community college funding model to one recommended by the system.

Chancellor's Report
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The Governor is also proposing a state general obligation bond for the November ballot with \$491 million for community colleges.

Dr. Crow noted that he will be participating in the Madera Visioning Project on Saturday, January 14. Approximately 65 community leaders have been invited to discuss and develop action plans related to growth and development, the economy and infrastructure, culture and community, and health and safety issues that affect Madera County. The Madera Center will benefit tremendously from this coordinated, aggressive effort to improve the quality of life in Madera County

Campus Reports

Dr. Doffoney reported the following from Fresno City College:

- Spring Orientation for faculty and staff on January 5, was highlighted by the presence of Dr. Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, UC Merced Chancellor, who gave an update on the university.
- English Instructor Lee Herrick has been nominated to be a member of PEN, a human rights and international literary organization.
- Fresno City College Instructor Chuck Erven's original play, *Canyon Suite*, is a national finalist for the David Mark Cohen Award for Playwriting. The play is one of only fifteen plays being considered for the award and will be showcased at the 2006 Region VIII American College Theatre Festival at Southern Utah University in February.

Dr. Kershaw reported the following from the North Centers:

- The Art Open House took place December 8 at the Madera Center.
- The LVN Pinning Ceremony was held on December 16.
- An orientation was held January 4, 2006 for the Madera Center College Advantage Program (MCCAP).
- North Centers faculty and staff received a "State of the Centers" overview on January 5, along with sessions on on-line education, disaster preparedness plan, and an in-service for the faculty hiring screening committee.
- An evening orientation was held for new adjunct faculty.
- January 6 workshops at Reedley College, Fresno City College, and the Clovis Center ranged from program review to updates on technology; DSP&S and financial aid services; and sabbatical leave and travel abroad experiences.
- The SCCC Foundation received a donation for the Madera Center in the amount of \$100,000 from Jill and Steve Cholewa, owners of S & J Lumber in Madera.

Campus Reports
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- Karen Hammer, North Centers Spanish Instructor, was selected to participate in the CCID Summer 2006 Professional Development Program, “The Emerging Community Colleges in Argentina,” from July 2-16, 2006.

Academic Senate
Report

Ms. Paula Demanett, President of the Fresno City College Academic Senate, reported the following:

- Mr. Lee Herrick, Fresno City College instructor, has been selected as the Academic Senate’s nominee for the Hayward Award. Ms. Demanett noted Mr. Herrick’s accomplishments as an instructor, club advisor, writer and poet, as well as the awards/prizes he has received. Mr. Herrick was present to acknowledge his nomination and expressed his appreciation.

Classified Senate
Report

Ms. Linda Nies, Reedley College Classified Senate President, reported the following:

- The January 26 technology training session topic is Windows File Management.
- The 2006 Classified Professionals Mega Conference is set for April 11 at Pardini’s. The title of the conference is “Unmask Your Potential,” and the theme is “Mardi Gras.” The keynote speaker is Steve Cleveland, Head Basketball Coach at Fresno State University. There will be sessions on developing potential, leadership philosophies, and professional growth opportunities within the District.
- A brown bag lunch is scheduled for February 18 at Reedley College on Outlook pointers and e-mail etiquette.
- Reedley College and North Centers Classified Senate will be selling See’s Valentine candy to raise funds for scholarships.

Commission on
Athletics Championship
Festival

Dr. Ned Doffoney stated that Fresno is the host for the inaugural 2005-2006 COA Athletics Championship Festival and gave a brief overview. He introduced Ms. Susan Yates who is the Fresno City College Athletic Director. Dr. Doffoney gave Ms. Yates recognition for her involvement in developing the core of the idea and also for chairing the site selection committee.

Ms. Yates thanked the Board for the opportunity to give an update on the Community College Athletic State Championships. She stated that an idea arose in 2003 to have a festival format for the state championships similar to the Division II model which bundles state championships into one location. She was the chair of the site selection committee. Ultimately, the city of Fresno was awarded the bid to host the first COA Fall Sports Festival (a three-year commitment).

Commission on
Athletics Championship
Festival
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The festival started November 14, 2005, with women's golf and will conclude with the basketball state championships in March 2006 at Selland Arena. The Board was provided with copies of the Participant Handbook and a summary page of key facts and figures. The summary showed that 1538 students and 420 coaches will participate in the events of the festival.

A strong component of the festival is community outreach, and each sport organization and sport affiliate group is required to do something for the youth in the community such as free sports clinics. The athletic trainers provided a job shadowing activity. The boys and girls clubs will be participating in a free basketball clinic this March. Student-athletes were treated to banquets and other social events. Also, the COA employed several student-athletes to help with running the activities. Student-athletes Jaimie-Rose Walberg, Kaira Kachadurian and Alyssa Porter were present to give testimonials about their rewarding experiences in participating in the community outreach component and in meeting other championship teams.

Consent Agenda
Action

It was moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Patterson that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Employment,
Resignation, and
Personal and Parental
Leave of Absence,
Academic Personnel
[06-01HR]
Action

approve the academic personnel recommendations, Items A through C, as presented. (Lists A through C are herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix I, 06-01HR).

Employment,
Promotion, Change of
Status, Resignation,
Classified Personnel
[06-02HR]
Action

approve classified personnel recommendations, Items A through G, as presented. (Lists A through G are herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix II, 06-02HR).

Consideration of
Applications for 2006-
07 Sabbatical Leaves,
Fresno City College
and Reedley
College/North Centers
[06-03HR]
Action

granted the following sabbatical leaves pursuant to Article XIV-A, Section 7, of the current agreement between the District and the State Center Federation of Teachers, to Fresno City College and Reedley College/North Centers staff members during the 2006-2007 academic year, subject to receipt by the District of a written statement from each leave recipient of their agreement to serve the District for at least two years following completion of the leave (as required by Education Code Section 87770):

Consideration of
Applications for 2006-
07 Sabbatical Leaves,
Fresno City College
and Reedley
College/North Centers
[06-03HR]
Action
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Fresno City College
Tiffany Andrade Fall 2006
Nereyda Garza-Lozano Fall 2006
Layne Hayden Fall 2006
Carl Johansson Fall 2006
Kristin Lewis Fall 2006
Jill Minar Spring 2007
Loretta Ramos Spring 2007
Wendell Stephenson Fall 2006

Reedley College and North Centers
Nancy Frampton Spring 2007
Erica Johnson Fall 2006
Sharon Wu Fall 2006

Consideration to
Approve Out-of-State
Travel, Theatre Arts
Students, Fresno City
College
[06-01G]
Action

approve out-of-state travel for approximately 25 Fresno City College students to attend the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival at Southern Utah in Cedar City, Utah, from February 13-20, 2006, with the understanding that the trip will be financed without requiring expenditures of District funds.

Review of District
Warrants and Checks
[06-02G]
Action

review and sign the warrants register for the period November 29, 2005, to December 23, 2005, in the amount of \$11,329,098.78.

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 November 17, 2005, to December 15, 2005, in the amount of \$722,022.98.

Consideration to
Accept Construction
Project, Railroad
Underpass/Grade
Separation, Fresno City
College
[06-03G]
Action

- a) accept the project for Railroad Underpass/Grade Separation, Fresno City College; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

Consideration to
Accept Construction
Project, Softball Field
Drainage
Improvements, Fresno
City College
[06-04G]
Action

- a) accept the project for Softball Field Drainage Improvements, Fresno City College; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

Consideration to
Accept Construction
Project, LED Message
Boards, Fresno City
College
[06-05G]
Action

- a) accept the project for LED Message Boards, Fresno City College, and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

Consideration to
Accept Construction
Project, Learning
Resources Center
Addition, Reedley
College.
[06-06G]
Action

- a) accept the project for Learning Resources Center Addition, Reedley College, and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

Consideration to
Accept Maintenance
Project, Door and
Hardware Replacement,
Various Buildings,
Reedley College
[06-07G]
Action

- a) accept the project for Door and Hardware Replacement, Various Buildings, Reedley College, and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

Consideration to
Approve 2006-07
Tuition Rate, Out-of-
State and Nonresident
Students
[06-08G]
Action

- a) establish the 2006-07 out-of-state tuition rate at \$160 for each unit enrolled,
- b) establish the 2006-07 nonresident tuition rate at \$180 (including \$20 for capital outlay) for each unit enrolled, and
- c) continue Board policy which provides that total nonresident and out-of-state tuition be paid at the time of registration.

Consideration to
Authorize Agreement
with California State
University, Fresno
Foundation for
Bridging the GAP
(Gateway to
Agriculture
Professions), Fresno
City College
[06-09G]
Action

- a) authorize the District, on behalf of Fresno City College, to enter into an agreement with the California State University, Fresno Foundation to educate students in the area of agriculture with funding in the amount of \$135,314 for the period August 14, 2008,
- b) authorize renewal of the agreement with similar terms and conditions, and
- c) authorize the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the agreement on behalf of the District.

Consideration to
Authorize AmeriCorps
Agreement with
Foundation for
California Community
Colleges for Foster
Youth Mentoring
Project, Fresno City
College
[06-10G]
Action

- a) authorize the District, on behalf of Fresno City College, to enter into an agreement with the Foundation for California Community Colleges to provide mentoring services for foster youth with funding in the amount of \$68,362 for the period August 1, 2005, through December 31, 2008,
- 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 Center for
Advanced Research and
Technology (CART)
for Lease of Property,
Fresno City College
[06-11G]
Action

authorize a lease agreement with the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) for 5,104 square feet of dedicated space for instructional use at 2555 Clovis Avenue, at a cost of \$2,000.00 per month, and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the lease agreement on behalf of the District.

Consideration to
Extend Agreement with
University of California
for Lease of Property,
Center for International
Trade Development
[06-12G]
Action

authorize extending the lease agreement with the Regents of the University of California for 1,118 square feet of space to house the Center for International Trade Development located at 550 East Shaw, at a cost of \$1,677.00 per month, and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the lease agreement on behalf of the District.

Consideration to Adopt
a Resolution approving
the Filing of a
California Cultural and
Historical Endowment
(CCHE) Grant
Application for the Old
Administration
Building, Fresno City
College
[06-13G]
Action

adopt Resolution No. 06-13G approving the District's filing of a \$3,000,000 grant application for California Cultural and Historical Endowment funds for restoration of the Old Administration Building at Fresno City College.

Consideration of Claim
Against State Center
Community College
District, CG
Construction
[06-14G]
Action

reject the claim submitted by Attorney Scott M. Harkless on behalf of CG Construction and direct the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to give written notice of said action to the claimant.

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

Consideration to
Accept 2004-05 Audit
Report
[06-01]
Action

Mr. Doug Brinkley introduced Mr. Ray Cowles, with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. Mr. Cowles reviewed the 2004-05 Audit Report and handed out copies of the Executive Summary to the Board.

Mr. Forhan questioned unfunded liabilities and the reserve for retiree healthcare, asking where this was addressed in the report.

Mr. Brinkley said an actuarial study will be presented at the Board retreat. The requirements go into effect July 1, 2007, for the 2007-08 fiscal year. He further stated that on January 20 the State Chancellor's Office is holding the first meeting to discuss the guidelines. The California Community College League and the California School Boards Association are finalizing the development of an irrevocable trust to comply with GASB 43/45. Keenan has developed a trust to address GASB 43/45. There are advantages and disadvantages to an irrevocable trust, which will be discussed at the Board Retreat in March.

Mr. Thonesen said he was pleased that on the last four pages of the Audit Report, there were no reportable findings or recommendations listed.

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Feaver to accept the 2004-05 Audit Report as submitted by the firm Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to Adopt
Resolution Providing
Workers'
Compensation
Coverage for District
Volunteers
[06-02]
Action

Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. Feaver seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-02 providing workers' compensation coverage for District volunteers. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Patterson asked about the cost to the District.

Mr. Brinkley responded that the District has been providing the coverage through the JPA where it has been the practice to consider volunteers as employees and entitled to workers' compensation benefits. All workers' compensation is based on the salaries of the District. Adoption of the resolution by the Board ensures proper coverage for the District's volunteers.

Board Reports	<p>Ms. Zyanya Bejarano, Fresno City College Student Trustee, provided copies for the Board of the Fresno City College Spring 2006 Semester Events Schedule. She reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Student Welcome was January 4• Volunteer Faire takes place on January 18• Club Rush is January 25.• African American History Month starts with a Civil Rights Photo Exhibit, February 1-28.• Opening Ceremony for African American History Month is February 1 in the Theatre• Dallas Black Dance Theatre Performance is scheduled for February 7 at the Tower Theatre• The Langston Hughes Project, Live Jazz Concert, is scheduled for February 8.
Old Business	<p>Ms. Smith said that at the December 6, 2005, Board meeting, the Board approved the appointment of the Interim Associate Dean of Student Services, Counseling, Career and Special Programs. Ms. Smith was the lone person to vote “no.” She said that her “no” vote meant that she was not in favor of the process; it did not mean that she was against the appointment.</p>
Future Agenda Items	<p>None.</p>
Delegations, Petitions, and Communications	<p>There were no delegations, petitions, and communications.</p>
Closed Session	<p>Mr. Thonesen stated that the Board, in closed session, would be discussing PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957; Title: Chancellor.</p> <p>Mr. Thonesen declared a recess at 5:23 p.m.</p>
Open Session	<p>The Board moved into open session at 7:15 p.m.</p>
Report of Closed Session	<p>Mr. Thonesen reported that in closed session, the Board conducted the annual evaluation of the Chancellor. A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Feaver that the Chancellor’s salary be increased by 5.23%, the same percentage received by classified, management, and confidential employees, effective January 1, 2006, and to extend the term of the Chancellor’s contract by one year to end on December 31, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.</p>

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Board.

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

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