

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 3, 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., February 3, 2009, at the District Office Boardroom, 1525 E. Weldon Avenue, Fresno, California.
- Trustees Present William J. Smith, President
Patrick E. Patterson, Vice President
Dorothy Smith, Secretary
Isabel Barreras
Richard Caglia
H. Ronald Feaver
Leslie W. Thonesen
Natalie Nelson, Student Trustee, Fresno City College
Tiffany Lowe, Student Trustee, Reedley College
- Also present were:
Tom Crow, Chancellor, SCCCCD
Doug Brinkley, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, SCCCCD
Cynthia Azari, President, Fresno City College
Barbara Hioco, President, Reedley College
Terry Kershaw, Vice Chancellor, North Centers
Michael Quinn, Interim Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development and Educational Services
Randy Rowe, Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, SCCCCD
- Introduction of Guests Mr. Rowe introduced Ms. Lynn Campbell, Recording Secretary for the FCC Academic Senate, attending the Board meeting for the FCC Academic Senate President Linda De Kruif.
Among the others present, the following signed the guest list:
Jan Krueger, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCCCD
Don Larson, Committee Chair, Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
Michael Guerra, Vice President, Administrative Services, FCC
Scott Thomason, Vice President, Administrative Services, RC
Brian Speece, Associate Vice Chancellor, Business and Operations, SCCCCD
Teresa Patterson, Executive Director, Public and Legislative Relations, SCCCCD
Tom Mester, RC/NC Academic Senate President
Zwi Reznik, SCFT President, FCC
Jason Meyers, CSEA President, RC
Ernie Garcia, Classified Senate President, FCC

Cris M. Bremer, Director, Marketing and Communications, FCC
Lucy Ruiz, Interim Public Information Officer, RC
Teresa Patterson, Executive Director – Public and Legislative
Relations, SCCC
Gregory Taylor, General Counsel, SCCC
Randall Vogt, Director of Purchasing, SCCC
Diane Clerou, District Dean of Human Resources, SCCC

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meetings of January 13, 2009, and January 14, 2009, were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Mr. Feaver to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009, meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Feaver to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009, Board retreat, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Delegations, Petitions,
and Communications

None.

Chancellor's Report

Dr. Crow reported the following:

Wall of Honor – In recognition of African American History Month, SCCC will once again host the Wall of Honor at the African American Historical and Cultural Museum on Thursday, February 26. This year's ceremony will honor 2009 inductees, former Fresno City Manager Jim Aldredge, bay area civic and community leader Ms. Dezie Woods-Jones, and FCC faculty member Dr. Isaac Okin. The Wall of Honor recognizes the contributions of outstanding African Americans. Those inducted onto the wall must have either attended or worked for State Center Community College District at one of its colleges, centers or district office. In addition to recognizing this year's recipients, the ceremony will include special programming to honor newly elected U.S. President Barack Obama, the first African American elected to the highest office in the nation.

Fresno Compact – On Wednesday, March 4, Fresno Compact will host their Annual Business and Education Partnership Awards Luncheon. Fresno City College's automotive program, under the direction of Marty Kamimoto, will be recognized for their partnership with the Fresno Clovis New Car Dealers Association. As you may recall, the association awarded the FCC automotive technology program with \$50,000 to provide scholarships for students pursuing careers in the automotive industry. It is a great event and an excellent way to highlight outstanding partnerships between SCCC and the Valley.

Renaissance Feast – The SCCC Foundation will host their annual Renaissance Feast for Scholars on Saturday, March 14. Gurdeep Sihota and Debbie Bristol will have a lot of surprises planned for this event, and it is sure to be a sellout. Early purchase of tickets is strongly encouraged.

Bus Tour – SCCCD will hold the annual Career and Technical Education Bus Tour on Thursday, March 26 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This tour is a real eye-opener for our business, education and community partners, and a great opportunity for the campuses to showcase their programs and students. The Career and Technology Center is one of the areas being showcased this year.

Campus Reports

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

- FCC Bookstore is featuring a display of written works of FCC faculty and staff during the month of February.
- Men's basketball team is 27-0 and ranked #1 in the state.
- FCC hosted Migrant College Awareness Day on January 23 and 30, with 150 high school seniors in migrant educational programs from Fresno County schools attending.
- FCC, in collaboration with Fresno Unified School District, set up an obstacle course for Extreme Makeover host Ty Pennington, and will be seen in the opening segment of the Fresno edition of the show airing March 8 on ABC 30.

Dr. Hioco reported on the following from Reedley College:

- ESL instructor Nancy Frampton will participate in an ESL Test Specifications Project sponsored by the State Chancellor's Office.
- The Speakers' Series will kick off on February 12 with Stanford University professor and author Adam Johnson.
- The Student Success Committee hosted a workshop on the barriers to U.S. Latino student success and recommendations for possible interventions. Presenters were instructors Franchesca Amezola and Nancy Frampton.

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

- The Madera Area Express (MAX) has two new buses and a new fixed route that drops off and picks up students at the Madera Center. Arrangements are also being made with the City of Madera to provide transportation for Upward Bound students during the Summer Empowerment Program.
- The Madera Center/Madera Academic Youth Alliance (MAYA) Leadership Conference is March 14. Workshops are offered on empowerment, higher education, technology, teaching careers, criminal justice, and the medical field. Isabel Barreras will present a leadership workshop.

Campus Reports
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- The North Centers' Spring Extravaganza will be held at Willow International Center on March 25, and April 2 at Madera Center, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The two open houses are sponsored by a \$5,000 grant from PG&E.

Academic Senate
Report

Dr. Tom Mester, Reedley College/North Centers Academic Senate President, reported the following:

- Dr. Mester expressed the Academic Senate's appreciation for the budget information that has been shared by all levels of administration. The Senate is acutely aware of the budget situation and the responsibility to participate in the process to maintain access and maintain quality.
- Dr. Mester thanked the Board for making possible the released time allowed for the Academic Senate officers. As Senate President, he realizes many more opportunities to learn and participate than he did as a faculty member.
- The RC Curriculum Committee is implementing the CurricuNet software that will eventually streamline the curriculum process and facilitate articulation between the colleges. RC and NC faculty had their first local training on CurricuNet. A pilot group will use the software this semester to ensure a smooth transition for full use next semester.
- The State Academic Senate sponsors two \$500 scholarships for continuing students and one \$1,000 scholarship for a transfer student each year. The RC Academic Senate is allowed to nominate one continuing and one transfer student. The nominees will be competing with nominees from community colleges in Areas A and B.
- Ms. Jan Zigler is the Senate's nominee for the Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award. Her years of dedication and hard work in developmental reading and with diverse students have earned her this honor.

Classified Senate
Report

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

- The FCC Classified Senate met on January 21. They discussed the fundraisers they will pursue.
- The Senate is continuing their work on various college committees.
- The next meeting of the Classified Senate is February 18.

Consent Agenda
Action

It was moved by Mr. Thonesen and seconded by Mr. Patterson that the Board of Trustees approve Consent Agenda Items 09-03HR through 09-04HR and 09-11G through 09-19G, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Employment,
Resignation, Academic
Personnel
[09-03HR]
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, 09-03HR)

Employment,
Promotion, Change of
Status, Leave of
Absence, Resignation,
Retirement, Classified
Personnel
[09-04HR]
Action

approve classified personnel recommendations, Items A through H, as presented (Lists A through H are herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix II, 09-04HR)

Review of District
Warrants and Checks
[09-11G]
Action

review and sign the warrants register for the period January 1, 2009, to January 22, 2009, in the amount of \$6,487,093.21; 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 December 16, 2008, to January 22, 2009, in the amount of \$2,483,882.19

Consideration to
Accept Construction
Project, Softball Field
Grading, Fresno City
College
[09-12G]
Action

- a) accept the project for the Softball Field Grading, 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, HVAC
Additions, Print
Services Portable
Building, Reedley
College
[09-13G]
Action

- a) accept the project for the HVAC Additions, Print Services Portable Building, 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, Parking Lot
Expansion, Willow
International Center
[09-14G]
Action

- a) accept the project for the Parking Lot Expansion, Willow International Center; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder

Financial Analyses of
Enterprise and Special
Revenue Operations
[09-15G]
No Action

statements are provided for Board information, no action is required

Consideration to
Approve Quarterly
Budget Transfers and
Adjustments Report
[09-16G]
Action

approve the December 31, 2008, Budget Transfers and Adjustments Report

Consideration to Adopt
Resolution Authorizing
Agreement with
California Department
of Education for Child
and Adult Care Food
Program Promoting
Integrity Now, Fresno
City College
[09-17G]
Action

- a) adopt Resolution No. 2009-1 authorizing the District, on behalf of the Fresno City College Cal-Pro-NET Center, to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division, for the Child and Adult Care Food Program Promoting Integrity Now curricula for the period October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009, with funding in the amount of \$150,000;
- 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 California
Community Colleges
Chancellor's Office for
California High School
Exit Exam Preparation
Program, North Centers
[09-18G]
Action

- a) authorize the District, on behalf of the North Centers, to enter into a grant agreement with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for the California High School Exit Exam Preparation Program for the period July 26, 2008, through June 30, 2009, with funding in the amount of \$50,000;
- 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 Revise
2009-10 Tuition Rate,
Out-of-State and
Nonresident Students
[09-19G]
Action

- a) revise the 2009-10 out-of-state tuition rate to \$190 for each unit enrolled; and
- b) revise the 2009-10 nonresident tuition rate to \$211 (includes \$21 for capital outlay) for each unit enrolled

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

Consideration to
Accept the Citizens'
Bond Oversight
Committee's Annual
Report and Summary
of Proceedings for
2007-08
[09-03]
Action

Mr. Don Larson, Chairperson for the State Center Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, presented the Committee's findings to the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Barreras that the Board of Trustees acknowledge receipt of the Annual Measure E Compliance and Performance Report and Summary of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee's proceedings for 2007-08. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to
Authorize Agreement
with The Kresge
Foundation for a
Facilities Capital Grant,
Old Administration
Building
[09-04]
Action

Dr. Crow introduced Item 09-04 stating SCCCD is very excited about receiving the Facilities Capital Grant from the Kresge Foundation to be used toward the renovation of the Old Administration Building auditorium. Until last year they had not awarded any of their funding to community colleges. FCC is the second community college to receive a grant.

The Kresge Foundation is a highly recognized, national, private foundation that seeks to influence the quality of life for future generations by creating access to education and opportunities for underserved communities. This grant is made on a challenge basis to assist SCCCD in the reconstruction of the OAB auditorium. In accordance with the grant, the District is required to raise \$1,646,715 in new contributions for the OAB capital campaign by January 1, 2011. The Kresge Foundation would then fund \$800,000 to be paid following the submission and approval of the final grant compliance form.

In response to a question from Mr. Caglia regarding the possibility of not meeting the amount of the challenge, Dr. Crow said the Kresge Foundation has not committed to anything in writing, but he thought it might be negotiable because the Foundation's intention is to assist in reaching the amount needed for the auditorium project. Dr. Crow said the District is committed to raising the \$1.6 million.

Consideration to
Authorize Agreement
with The Kresge
Foundation for a
Facilities Capital Grant,
Old Administration
Building
[09-04] (continued)
Action

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Barreras that the Board of Trustees:

- a) authorize the District to enter into a grant agreement with The Kresge Foundation to be used toward the renovation of the Old Administration Building for the period December 11, 2008, through January 1, 2011;
- b) authorize renewal of the agreement with similar terms and conditions; and
- c) authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign an agreement on behalf of the District.

Acknowledgment of
Quarterly Financial
Status Report, General
Fund
[09-05]
Action

A motion was made by Mr. Thonesen and seconded by Mr. Feaver that the Board of Trustees acknowledge the Quarterly Financial Status Report (CCFS-311Q), as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to Adopt
2009-10 Budget
Development Calendar
[09-06]
Action

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Feaver that the Board of Trustees approve the 2009-10 Budget Development Calendar, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Governor's 2009-10
Proposed Budget
[09-07]
No Action

Mr. Brinkley reported on the current State budget situation. Because of the uncertainty of the 2008-09 budget and the efforts by the State Legislators and Governor to adopt a budget that addresses the projected \$2 billion deficit, the District is entering a budget development planning process, which calls for consistent analysis of budgets districtwide with priority given to student access and employment stability for permanent employees. The District remains hopeful that the legislative deadlock on the 2008-09 budget can be resolved so that the budget can be revised to match the new budget, which will allow further refinement for the 2009-10 budget assumptions. This item was provided as information only with no Board action required.

Consideration to
Purchase Portable
Classrooms, Oakhurst
Center
[09-08]
Action

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Barreras that the Board of Trustees authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$97,360.00 to American Modular Systems, utilizing the current Santa Rita Union School District contract, for the acquisition of two 24' x 40' portable classroom buildings to be placed at the Oakhurst Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids,
Site Work, Portable
Classroom Additions,
Oakhurst Center
[09-09]
Action

A motion was made by Mr. Thonesen and seconded by Ms. Barreras that the Board of Trustees award Bid #0809-09 in the amount of \$168,518.00 to Marko Construction Group, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder for Site Work, Portable Classroom Additions, Oakhurst Center, and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign an agreement on behalf of the District. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Board
Members

Reedley College Student Trustee Tiffany Lowe reported the following:

- Black History Month activities in February are being held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon in the cafeteria and includes music contests, food sampling, and game shows.
- Tyrone Smith will be the guest speaker on February 18. A former professional football player, he is now the president and co-founder of First and Goal, Inc, a non-profit organization focused on equipping, enriching, and empowering today's youth with the essential life skills and support. He will also be speaking at the Madera Center and Willow International Center.
- ASB is celebrating Mardi Gras and Make-A-Wish on the same day. The Student Activities Office is working to grant a wish for Dustin, a local teen who is battling the complications of a metabolic disorder. All proceeds will go towards Dustin's wish.
- Kids Day is March 3 and the RC ASB will be selling special editions of *The Fresno Bee* and hope to surpass last year's total of \$3200.

Fresno City College Student Trustee Natalie Nelson reported the following:

- The Volunteer Fair on January 21 brought in 31 agencies to recruit students' involvement. Twenty to thirty students signing up with each agency.
- African American History month started at FCC with students watching the inauguration of Barack Obama on January 20 in the college cafeteria. Activities are planned throughout the month. Of special note is the Dallas Black Dance Theatre performing at the Tower Theater on February 3.
- The monthly club rush will be held February 25.
- ASG will be participating in the March in March on March 16, being organized by the Student Senate for California Community Colleges in Sacramento. There are 200 slots available on the buses. Fifty slots are being given to Reedley College and 50 to the North Centers.

Reports of Board
Members (continued)

Richard Caglia reported attending the New Trustee Orientation, and the Community College League's Legislative Conference. He found the orientation to be very helpful and informative for new Board members. From the conference he heard some shocking facts pertaining to the graduation rates compared to the need for graduates for the workforce, as well as the shortfall of graduates from graduate programs. He is reminded why the emphasis has to be on student success. The conference also offered considerable amount of information on the budget situation, and how community colleges are faring in the current budget crisis. He extended his appreciation to the Board and District staff for their part in making SCCCD what it is today fiscally.

Ms. Barreras said she is very pleased with the Board in taking the direction to hold the January retreat. It was a good way to discuss things in depth. Ms. Barreras also reported attending the Legislative Conference in Sacramento. She moderated one of the roundtable discussions on the opportunity to partner with the building trades. They reported that by the year 2012 there would be 180,000 new jobs in building construction, and one of the things the industry needs from community colleges is help with basic skills and apprenticeship training. They have the money and facilities to partner with community colleges and are willing to pay to train in the basic skills. Lastly, Ms. Barreras again encouraged the District to become involved in the Board of Governor's recognition award for classified employees. She is hoping we can move forward with submitting a name.

Ms. Smith reported attending a wonderful reception sponsored by the Black faculty and staff at FCC. She was happy to have had the opportunity to be there. She also attended the African American History month ceremony at Fresno City College and very much enjoyed the program and the excellent slide presentation on the history of Africa and African Americans.

Mr. Patterson reporting attending the League's conference and was able to attend a panel discussion, allowing him to speak to a number of people regarding the community college perspective on the budget situation.

Mr. Smith reported attending the League's legislative conference and found it somewhat depressing to hear all the talk about doom and gloom and all of the speculation about the budget. He said that we have benefited from being fiscally conservative and are in better shape financially than most of the districts around the state who are having to trim to the point of sending March 15 notices to employees, including faculty and administration.

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| Reports of Board Members (continued) | Mr. Smith thanked the Board for sacrificing their time to attend the Board's retreat in January. He thought the information and discussion was very valuable and gave the Board a chance to analyze things in ways that they do not have opportunity for, absent the retreat normally held once each year. He said that circumstances are such that it is valuable to the Board to have the time to look at things very carefully and to be on top of issues. |
| Old Business | Ms. Smith reiterated her position on the need for safety measures at college activities, such as athletic competitions. She asked if she would be receiving a report. Mr. Smith said Dr. Crow has assured him that he will have a report to address this issue. |
| Future Agenda Items | None. |
| Delegations, Petitions, and Communications | None. |
| Closed Session | President Smith stated that in closed session the Board would be discussing: 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 5th District Court Appeal Number F051219 Mr. Smith called a recess at 5:30 p.m. |
| Open Session | The Board moved into open session at 6:07 p.m. |
| Report of Closed Session | Mr. Smith reported that the Board took no action in closed session. |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Board. |

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