

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MAY 5, 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 Smith at 4:30 p.m., May 5, 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 (arrived at 4:34 p.m.)  
H. Ronald Feaver  
Leslie W. Thonesen  
Tiffany Lowe, Student Trustee, Reedley College

Trustee Absent                Natalie Nelson, Student Trustee, Fresno City 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 Paula Demanett, Fresno City College Academic Senate representative.

Among the others present, the following signed the guest list:  
Jan Krueger, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCCCD  
Tony Cantu, Vice President, Instruction, FCC  
Michael Guerra, Vice President, Administrative Services, FCC  
Brian Speece, Associate Vice Chancellor, Business and Operations, SCCCCD  
Teresa Patterson, Executive Director, Public and Legislative Relations, SCCCCD  
Michael Guerra, Vice President, Administrative Services, FCC  
Scott Thomason, Vice President, Administrative Services, RC  
Tom Mester, Academic Senate President, RC/NC

Zwi Reznik, SCFT President, FCC  
Kasey Oliver, CSEA, RC  
Ernie Garcia, Classified Senate President, FCC  
Cris M. Bremer, Director, Marketing and Communications, FCC  
Lucy Ruiz, Interim Public Information Officer, RC  
Gregory Taylor, General Counsel, SCCCCD  
Randall Vogt, Director of Purchasing, SCCCCD  
Ed Eng, Director of Finance, SCCCCD  
Lisa McAndrews, Residence Hall Supervisor, RC  
Marilyn Behringer, Interim Dean of Student Services, FCC  
Carol Drake, Dean of Instruction, Health Sciences, FCC  
Diane Clerou, District Dean of Human Resources, SCCCCD  
Ron Nishinaka, Retired Instructor, RC  
David Clark, Dean of Instruction, RC  
Ann Walzberg, AFT, FCC  
Matthew Roman, ASG, FCC  
Sarah Hodges, ASG, FCC  
Sidney Earl Harris III, ASG, FCC  
Sandeep Maan, ASG, FCC  
Phing Lee, ASG, FCC  
Kara Arundell, ASG, FCC  
Sergey Salushev, ASG, FCC  
Robert "R.J." Sanders, Jr., ASG, FCC  
Lisa Kooiman, ASG Senator, FCC  
Danielle Valdez, ASG, FCC  
Brandon Sisk, ASG, FCC

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of April 7, 2009, and special meeting of April 21, 2009, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Mr. Feaver to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2009, and April 21, 2009, meetings, as presented. The motion carried unanimously, absent Mr. Caglia.

Delegations, Petitions,  
and Communications

Special Recognition – 2008-2009 Student Trustees

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Board President William J. Smith thanked Reedley College Student Trustee Tiffany Lowe for her faithful and distinguished service on the Board as Student Trustee for this academic year and representing the students from her campus. He also acknowledged the same for Ms. Natalie Nelson, Fresno City College Student Trustee, who was away at a family member's commencement for this meeting. He added that the student trustees provide valuable input into decisions that directly impact students of SCCCCD.

Chancellor's Report

Dr. Crow reported the following:

Classified Award – The California Community College Board of Governors and California Community College State Chancellor Jack Scott presented the awards for Classified Employee of the Year at Lake Tahoe during the Board of Governors meeting on May 5, 2009. One of the five statewide recipients was our own Lori Bonilla, former PIO at Reedley College. The award was given to those classified professionals who exemplified excellence in not only their work on the campuses, but their volunteer work in the community, as well. The Board of Governors and the State Chancellor reviewed over 200 applications submitted from the 110 community colleges around the state. We are proud of Lori, and we want to publicly recognize her locally for this outstanding achievement. Lori has been battling brain cancer and was unable to receive the award in person at the Board of Governors meeting. Dr. Teresa Patterson represented Lori and the District and received the award on her behalf during the special ceremony. The award was delivered to Lori personally. Channel 30 will be doing a story about Lori and her award on May 6.

Swine Flu Alert – The District and its Emergency Preparedness Team have alerted the campuses and centers about the dangers of the H1N1 flu, also known as the “Swine Flu.” Under the direction of the county health departments in the counties we serve and the State Chancellor's Office, we have issued directives on how to avoid the spread of the flu. Messages have been sent via mass email, through our websites, Facebook and Twitter. Despite recent media reports that the flu may not be as fatal as once thought, we will continue to put the health, safety and security of students and staff first and err on the side of caution.

Ballot Initiatives – With the May 19<sup>th</sup> special election comes a great deal of speculation on what will happen to the budget if the initiatives fail. We are not receiving much direction from Sacramento at this time, except that there will be cuts to this year's budget, as well as next year. Growth, fee increases, and deficit factors are at the forefront of the discussions.

Commencements – Commencement is one of the most joyous occasions on campus, and it gives us the opportunity to witness firsthand the reason why we are here.

## Campus Reports

Dr. Azari highlighted the following from her written report:

- Congratulations to Design Science High School, which was named a 2009 California Distinguished School. Dr. Azari recognized Director Roy Exum, Dean Rick Christl and instructor Daniel Himes for their work with the high school.
- Instructor Ricarda Cerda has been selected as a U.S. Department of Agriculture scholar for this summer.
- The Training Institute received a State Chancellor's Office grant award to train 60 solar technicians, starting Fall 2009.
- Faculty and staff awards will be presented on May 12. The Board members are invited to attend.
- The Certificate and Honors Recognition Ceremonies are May 16 at the Tower Theatre.
- Commencement is May 22 at Selland Arena.
- The FCC Softball team has been advanced to the second round of the regional playoffs hosted at Fresno City College.
- The FCC baseball team is in the playoffs.
- The men's tennis team advanced to the state championships.
- Activities over the past week were the African American graduation celebration, United Southeast Asian American 10-year reunion, and Cinco de Mayo activities.

Dr. Hioco highlighted the following from her written report.

- Students Lemuel Gaspar, Sahar Taha, and Musa Mohamed were awarded highly competitive scholarships, at the annual AGS convention held in April.
- Congratulations to Student Trustee Tiffany Lowe, who has been awarded a Craig School of Business Fresno Merchants Scholarship. She will also be a part of their honors program.
- Reedley College Accounting Technician Susette Ishizuka has been named the Classified Professional of the Year at the Classified Professionals Mega Conference on April 7.
- Counselor Steve Jones, faculty member Eric Nasalroad, and EOPS Director Eluterio Escamilla completed the SCCC Leadership Seminar Series.
- The first Reedley College Green Summit was held on May 1. Channel 26 provided television coverage. Summit programs were provided for the Board.
- Nursing Assistant Training pinning ceremony is May 14.
- Health Care Interpreter graduation ceremony is May 16.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Rebounding to Success Teen Conference in April had 300 students attend. It is designed to empower high school students to make healthy and safe choices.
- Women's tennis team is advancing to the state championships.
- Other activities: Tiger Awards–May 6; RC Commencement–May 22; Employee Recognition and Services awards–May 7.

Dr. Kershaw highlighted the following from his written report.

- Congratulations to the SCCC Leadership State Center Cohort III graduates from the North Centers: Kristen Mattox, Jay Leech, and Jeff Burdick.
- The North Centers held their first employee service award ceremony on April 30 at Willow International Center.
- Madera Center College Advantage Program (MCCAP) ceremony is May 6. Sixty participants who have completed the MCCAP program will be honored.
- An Oxford Style Debate is scheduled for May 7 at Willow International Center and will be hosted by English instructor Cynthia Elliott along with her honors class.
- Madera Chamber Salute to Education 2009 is on May 14, recognizing the Distinguished Teacher of the Year, Dr. Frank Yancey; and Business Supporter of the Year, Robert Poythress, Vice President, Citizens Business Bank in Madera.
- The Willow International choral class will present a performance "Broadway and More" on May 21, conducted by adjunct instructor Dan Bishop.
- The North Centers commencement ceremony is May 22; there are over 130 graduates signed up.
- Congratulations to Dr. Tom Mester, the North Centers' nominee for the Bill F. Steward award this year.

#### Academic Senate Report

Ms. Paula Demanett reported for the Fresno City College Academic Senate as follows:

- Two operating agreements have been approved by the Academic Senate for the Outcomes and Assessment Committee and Basic Skills Committee.
- Linda DeKruif, Tom Mester and Jason Gardner attended state academic plenary in April. One of the resolutions passed focused on the inclusion of faculty on all accreditation visitation teams. The State Senate will create its own list of faculty from those individuals who wish to participate in an accreditation site visit and will submit those names to the ACCJC.
- The educational master plan consultants were on campus during April. They gathered information through interviews and an online survey. Amongst the faculty interviewed were the Academic Senate executive board, the distance education committee, department chairs, library faculty and program interview coordinator and committee facilitator.
- Nominees for the Hayward and Stanback Stroud Diversity awards will be honored with a reception by the Senate on May 13. Board Trustees are invited to attend the reception.

Classified Senate  
Report

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

- Gary Nichols and Kelley Benzler will be presenting a workshop at the Classified Leadership Institute, June 4-6, at Granlibakken Conference Center, put on by the California Community College Classified Senate and the CCLC. They will be presenting "Sustainable Staff Development for Classified Staff – A Model for Success."
- FCC Classified Senate has maintained participation in shared governance with representatives on FCC and SCCCCD committees, including strategic planning council, college governance council, facilities, budget advisory, safety, human resources, hiring committees, centennial celebration, and meetings with educational master plan consultants.
- The November 2008 staff development day was the most successful ever with over 150 participating. The next staff development day is November 11, 2009. Because of the budget situation they will not have their normal staff development funding, but will continue to be committed to holding a successful event.
- Elections will take place soon. Two executive board positions are open, and several senator positions. Their goal is to have all of positions filled by the time school starts in August.
- The Classified Senate is holding fundraisers including selling "Enjoy the City" coupon books, Bobby Salazar enchiladas, and Red Carpet car wash coupons. The goal for the fundraisers is to build their Foundation account so that the Classified Senate is still able to put on staff development day and fund other activities. They are committed to help the district, the campus and staff get through these tough times.
- Mr. Garcia thanked the Board for their support.

Fresno City College  
Associated Student  
Government Report

Ms. Danielle Valdez, Fresno City College Associated Student Government, reported the following:

- Introduced Associated Student Government members present:  
Sidney Earl Harris III – ASG Senator and ASG Senator-elect  
Sarah Hodges – ASG Senator and ASG Senator-elect  
Matthew Roman – ASG Senator and President Pro Tempore (PPT)-elect  
Sandeep Maan – ASG Executive Vice President  
Phing Lee – ASG Legislative Vice President-elect  
Kara Arundell – ASG Senator and Student Trustee-elect  
Sergey Salushev – ASG Senator and ASG President-elect  
Robert "R.J." Sanders, Jr. – ASG Senator and Executive Vice President-elect  
Lisa Kooiman – ASG Senator  
Danielle Valdez – ASG Senator  
Brandon Sisk – ASG Legislative Vice President

Fresno City College  
Associated Student  
Government Report  
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- Ms. Valdez said that as ASG President she has had a wonderful and challenging year, and she thanked faculty and staff for make it a rewarding experience. She noted the March in March was the most powerful event in which the students participated during this school year.
- Ms. Valdez read a statement prepared by Student Trustee Natalie Nelson who was not able to attend. In the statement Ms. Nelson expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees. She said Fresno City College has so much to offer and provided her with a strong foundation to start her college education and has met many wonderful people while representing Fresno City College. "This has been one of the greatest experiences that I could ever have imagined in college."
- The ASG video presentation was viewed by the Board.

Fresno City College  
Nursing Program

The Fresno City College Nursing Program presentation scheduled for this meeting will be given at another meeting this fall.

Consent Agenda  
Action

It was moved by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Feaver to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Thonesen asked to pull Item 09-45G for discussion in closed session. The motion was amended for the Board of Trustees to approve Consent Agenda Items 09-13HR through 09-15HR, 09-39G through 09-44G and 09-46G through 09-47G, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Employment,  
Academic Personnel  
[09-13HR]  
Action

approve the academic personnel recommendations, Item A, as presented (List A is herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix I, 09-13HR)

Employment,  
Promotion, Change of  
Status, Transfer  
Resignation, Classified  
Personnel  
[09-14HR]  
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, 09-14HR)

Consideration to  
Approve New Assistant  
Residence Hall  
Supervisor  
Classification and  
Position  
[09-15HR]  
Action

approve the new Assistant Residence Hall Supervisor classification and position

Review of District  
Warrants and Checks  
[09-39G]

Action

review and sign the warrants register for the period March 28, 2009, to April 24, 2009, in the amount of \$22,262,372.42; 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 March 25, 2009, to April 25, 2009, in the amount of \$338,536.62

Consideration to  
Accept Construction  
Project, HVAC  
Modifications,  
Forestry/Engineering  
Building, Reedley  
College  
[09-40G]

Action

- a) accept the project for the HVAC Modifications, Forestry/Engineering Building, Reedley College; 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  
[09-41G]

No Action

statements provided for Board information, no action is required

Consideration to  
Approve Quarterly  
Budget Transfers and  
Adjustments Report  
[09-42G]

Action

approve the March 31, 2009, Budget Transfers and Adjustments Report

Consideration to Adopt  
Resolution Authorizing  
Inter-fund Transfer  
[09-43G]

Action

- a) adopt Resolution No. 2009-5 authorizing an inter-fund transfer in the amount of \$2,803,677 from the General Fund to the Retiree Benefits Fund (GASB 45); and
- b) authorize filing said Resolution with the Fresno County Office of Education

Consideration to Adopt  
Resolution Authorizing  
Notice of Intent to  
Establish 2009-10  
Appropriations Limit  
(Gann)  
[09-44G]

Action

adopt Resolution No. 2009-6, Notice of Intent to Establish an Appropriations Limit for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year



Consideration of Claim  
Lisa Romero-Blancas  
[09-45G]  
Action

in accordance with established procedures, reject the claim submitted on behalf of Lisa Romero-Blancas and direct the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to give written notice of said action to the claimant

Consideration to Adopt  
Resolution Authorizing  
Agreement with the  
California Department  
of Education for Child  
and Adult Care Food  
Program Training,  
Fresno City College  
[09-46G]  
Action

- a) adopt Resolution No. 2009-6 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, to plan, organize and conduct mandatory training programs for Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsors in California for the period January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009, with funding in the amount of \$100,000;
- 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

Time and  
Responsibility  
Schedule, General  
Obligation Bonds,  
Election of 2002, Series  
2009A, \$20 Million  
Bond Issuance  
[09-47G]  
No Action

provided for Board information only; no action is required

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

Public Hearing on  
Initial Bargaining  
Proposal Presented by  
California School  
Employees Association  
Chapter No. 379  
[09-22]  
No Action

Government Code Section 3547 sets forth the “sunshine” provisions of the Rodda Act. The Board is required to hold a public hearing on the initial proposal of the employee group and those of the Board. The California School Employees Association Chapter No. 379 initial proposal has been made available for public review since the posting of the agenda on April 29, 2009.

Public Hearing

Board President Smith opened the meeting for public comment on the initial proposal from the California School Employees Association Chapter No. 379 at 4:46 p.m. Hearing no comment from the public, the public hearing was closed at 4:57 p.m. Following the open comment period, no action was necessary on the part of the Board.

Public Hearing on  
District's Initial  
Proposal to Full-time  
Bargaining Unit, SCFT  
Local 1533, CFT/AFT,  
AFL-CIO  
[09-23]  
No Action

Government Code 3547 sets forth the “sunshine” provisions of the Rodda Act. The Board is required to hold a public hearing on the District’s initial proposal to the SCFT Full-Time Bargaining Unit, SCFT Local 1533, CFT/AFT, AFL-CIO. The District’s proposal has been made available to the public since the posting of the agenda on April 29, 2009.

Public Hearing

Board President Smith convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the District’s initial proposal to the Full-Time Bargaining Unit, SCFT Local 1533, CFT/AFT, AFL-CIO. The public hearing was opened at 4:58 p.m. Hearing no comment from the public, the hearing was closed at 4:59 p.m. Following the open comment period, no action was necessary on the part of the Board.

Public Hearing on  
District's Initial  
Proposal to Part-time  
Bargaining Unit, SCFT  
Local 1533, CFT/AFT,  
AFL-CIO  
[09-24]  
No Action

Government Code 3547 sets forth the “sunshine” provisions of the Rodda Act. The Board is required to hold a public hearing on the District’s initial proposal to the SCFT Part-Time Bargaining Unit, SCFT Local 1533, CFT/AFT, AFL-CIO. The District’s proposal has been made available to the public since the posting of the agenda on April 29, 2009.

Public Hearing

Mr. Smith convened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the District’s initial proposal to the Part-time Bargaining Unit, SCFT Local 1533, CFT/AFT, AFL-CIO. The public hearing was opened at 5:00 p.m. Hearing no comment from the public, the hearing was closed at 5:01 p.m. Following the open comment period, no Board action was necessary.

Consideration to  
Reorganize District  
Office Administrative  
Duties  
[09-25]  
Action

President Smith announced that Item 09-25, has been removed from the agenda, and perhaps would be brought back in the future as a workshop, and then for the Board's consideration at a public session.

District Protocol at  
Public Events  
[09-26]  
No Action

The District is called upon on a regular basis to host events involving the Board of Trustees, educational leaders, community leaders, and government officials. The success of our educational programs and the central location of the District make the campuses attractive locations for such occasions. It is appropriate to review requirements, protocols, organization, and costs of such functions. The Board's discussion would provide direction to the administration to improve efficiency and effectiveness in hosting such events.

District Protocol at  
Public Events  
[09-26] (continued)  
No Action

Mr. Smith said there was some issue regarding what protocol there should be, if any, for hosting events of this type. He asked if anyone had comments on this particular item.

Ms. Smith, referenced the recent visit from the State Governor and how a Board member was denied participation in a portion of the visit. She understood that precautions are taken for dignitaries' safety, but is concerned in the logistical ramifications for Board members being welcomed in their own facilities, as well as the perspectives of the public.

Dr. Crow agreed and said any time the District hosts an event with any outside agencies it needs to be of mutual benefit for SCCCD as well as the agency. The Board members should be an intimate part any time we host an organization or government type of affair. He reviewed what had happened in this particular unfortunate situation and said it is something that we learned from and will definitely do a better job in the future to be sure that our needs are met, as well as those of the visiting agency.

Ms. Barreras talked about the short notice that the staff had to accommodate the Governor's visit and that is was a tough situation to control. She said we need to be informed of events like this and kept abreast of what protocol is and to work a little harder on making sure that things go more smoothly.

Mr. Thonesen said that he looks at it a bit differently. When he sees our name in the paper he wants it to be a good reflection of the staff and board.

Mr. Patterson said that there should be a protocol for situations such as the Governor's visit. The Governor has been supportive of community colleges and the Valley and we are grateful for that. However, the Board and the Governor are elected officials and have a responsibility for representing the people. In a situation when an elected official is coming in the Board should have some option of being there, and they should be taken into consideration as part of the agenda. He supports a common sense protocol and etiquette, along with visitors' respect for local protocol. He mentioned the investment of the District's staff time, facilities, and funds.

Ms. Smith said it is important that we have SCCCD guidelines and have protocol in place so that when we talk with visiting advance teams we can work out any differences between their needs and requirements and ours so that it can work for everybody.

District Protocol at  
Public Events  
[09-26]  
No Action

Mr. Smith questioned whether or not a written protocol is needed. The incident he was referring to in the newspaper was completely different because it was not a matter of whether or not a Board member was invited, but of a Board member being ushered away. He thinks that everyone has an understanding that in the future we will work to make sure that what happened will not happen again.

Ms. Smith said that apparently there was a breach of understanding in this instance, but thinks that not everyone has an understanding of what the guidelines are and therefore supports having a written protocol.

Mr. Thonesen said he has a lot of confidence in staff and that the staff did a good job on this visit. He did not think a written policy is needed.

Mr. Smith said that Dr. Crow and his staff will work on this and put together some guidelines.

Consideration of  
Quarterly Financial  
Status Report  
[09-27]  
Action

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Smith acknowledged the Quarterly Financial Status Report (CCFS-311Q).

Consideration to  
Authorize Agreement  
with Wawona Packing  
Company for  
Temporary Agricultural  
Services, Reedley  
College  
[09-28]  
Action

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Barreras that the Board of Trustees authorize the agreement with Wawona Packing Company for temporary agricultural services at Reedley College and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the lease agreement on behalf of the District. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Board  
Members

Ms. Tiffany Lowe, Reedley College Student Trustee, reported the following:

- Cinco de Mayo activities are taking place at Reedley College with a Readers' Theater presented by the French and Spanish classes, Clovis High School Marimba Band, and Folkloric dances performed. Dance lessons were provided and food booths were hosted by various groups on campus.
- Tiger Awards are May 6. This 30<sup>th</sup> annual event recognizes the hard work of students. There will be 65 students recognized by faculty and staff. This year's outstanding class is the Preprofessional Health Club, and the outstanding student leader is Martin Castro of the Aggie Club.

Reports of Board  
Members (continued)

- Graduation will be on May 22.
- The ASB 2009-2010 officers have been elected. They are:  
President: Jacqueline Morales, Vice President Nadia Gonzalez, Secretary Leticia Rodriguez, Student Trustee Alexandria Morales, and Treasurer Ashley Coleman.

Ms. Lowe thanked all the Board members for making this experience enjoyable. She also thanked Ms. Krueger for her work with the student trustees, Dr. Hioco for meeting with her every month, and Dr. Crow for his introduction last summer to student trusteeship. She will miss everyone.

Mr. Feaver thanked the student trustees. They are important to the work of the Board and their service is appreciated. Mr. Feaver reported that he had the opportunity this past weekend at the ACCT conference to participate in honoring two of the SCCCD Board members. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Smith have served on the Board of Trustees for 25 years of service. Congratulations.

Ms. Barreras thanked the student trustees for their hard work and spending a year with the SCCCD Board. She wished them the best of luck with their studies, and congratulated Ms. Lowe on her scholarship award announced earlier by Dr. Hioco.

Ms. Barreras had the opportunity to attend the Sonoma CCCT Conference. They talked about the State budget, student fees, and the budget situation. Ms. Barreras thanked faculty and staff for their hard work through the academic year and wished them a great summer. Ms. Barreras acknowledged Lori Bonilla and was very glad to have her recognized at the state level for her contributions as an outstanding classified employee. She also thanked Dr. Patterson for accepting Lori's award for her and for those who had input into the application that went to the Board of Governors. She hoped SCCCD continues to nominate employees because they are a great staff and need to be recognized at the state level.

Ms. Smith complimented the two student trustees and said the Board appreciates all they have done, and it was an honor to serve with them. She is pleased to see what our young people can do with their vitality and skills. Ms. Smith had the opportunity to be the keynote speaker at the African American graduation ceremony and thanked Dr. Azari for representing Fresno City College and faculty and staff. Ms. Smith thanked the Fresno City College team who put together the data she requested for the first-time freshmen enrollments from the feeder high schools who attend Fresno City College. She thanked Dr. Hioco for the idea from her presentation at the last meeting. She has shared the information with some people and has had a good response.

Reports of Board  
Members (continued)

Mr. Patterson expressed his appreciation for the job the student trustees do and congratulated Ms. Lowe on her scholarship. Mr. Patterson attended the CCCT conference and shared some of the dire budget situation discussed at the meeting. He said we owe it to our staff and should compliment them in keeping SCCCD in much better financial condition than most districts. Mr. Patterson complimented those involved in the Governor's visit and for putting it together so quickly.

Mr. Smith said student trustees play a part in governance of our community college district. It is very important that student trustees serve on this Board, and communicate with the Board about students' needs and desires. The Board members have direct contact with administration, but have limited direct contact with the students; therefore, student trustees are a resource that keeps the Board in touch with the students.

Old Business

At the April 7 Board meeting, Ms. Smith had inquired about offering classes in the community and asked if there has been an opportunity to look into this.

Mr. Patterson inquired about the added instructional and facility costs involved when offering classes in community locations.

Dr. Crow responded that they have been in conversations with Fresno Unified and Edison regarding offering programs and services for the Southwest Fresno community. He mentioned the opportunity to use a facility at a new development under construction. A report on this can be provided to the Board.

Ms. Barreras is interested in receiving an update on the current reclassification study. She noted that the last report was presented at the January Board Retreat.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Delegations, Petitions,  
and Communications

President Smith announced that Consent Agenda Item 09-45G "Consideration of Claim of Lisa Romero-Blancas" was pulled earlier in the meeting by Trustee Thonesen and will, therefore, be discussed in closed session pursuant to the "ANTICIPATED LITIGATION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL" under provisions of the Brown Act.

Mr. Smith called for delegations, petitions, and communications and stated that it also includes Item 09-45G.

No public comment was made in regard to any items for closed session.

Closed Session

Mr. Smith stated that in closed session the Board would also be discussing:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT,  
pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

1. Interim Dean of Instruction, Business, Fresno City College

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION,  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957; Chancellor

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

Open Session

The Board moved into open session at 6:06 p.m.

Report of Closed  
Session

Mr. Smith reported that no action was taken by the Board in closed session.

Consideration of  
Claim, Lisa Romero-  
Blancas  
[09-45G]  
Action

It was moved by Mr. Thonesen and seconded by Ms. Smith to reject the claim submitted on behalf of Romero-Blancas and direct the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to give written notice of said action to the claimant. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to  
Appoint Interim Dean  
of Instruction,  
Business, Fresno City  
College  
[09-29]  
Action

It was moved by Mr. Feaver and seconded by Mr. Patterson to appoint Mr. Ronald Dustin as the Interim Dean of Instruction, Business, Fresno City College, with placement on the management salary schedule at Range 62, Step 7 (\$10,913/month), effective May 11, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Board.

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

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