

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
December 6, 2011

Call to Order                   A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President Dorothy Smith at 4:30 p.m., December 6, 2011, in the district office board room, 1525 E. Weldon Avenue, Fresno, California.

Trustees Present               H. Ronald Feaver, President  
William J. Smith, Vice President  
Richard Caglia, Secretary  
Isabel Barreras  
Ronald H. Nishinaka  
Patrick E. Patterson  
Dorothy Smith  
Christopher Coronado, FCC Student Trustee  
Kayla Urbano, RC Student Trustee

Also present were:

Deborah G. Blue, Chancellor, SCCC  
Ed Eng, Vice Chancellor – Finance and Administration, SCCC  
Tony Cantu, Interim President, Fresno City College  
Mitjl Capet, President, Reedley College  
Terry Kershaw, Vice Chancellor – North Centers  
Robert Fox, Interim Assoc. Vice Chancellor – Workforce Dev. & Ed. Services  
Randy Rowe, Assoc. Vice Chancellor – Human Resources, SCCC  
Nina Acosta, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor

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

Teresa Patterson, SCCC  
Gurdeep He'Bert, SCCC  
Lucy Ruiz, RC  
Wil Schofield, SCCC  
Janell Mendoza, NC  
Monica Cuevas, MC  
Marilyn Behringer, RC  
Claudia Habib, FCC  
Kasey Oliver, CSEA  
Enrique Jauregui, FCC  
Don and Linda Williams, RC  
Janice Ledgerwood, RC

Brian Speece, SCCC  
Gregory Taylor, SCCC  
Steven Webb, U.S. Bank  
Derek Hansen, U.S. Bank  
Maureen Toal, PARS  
Cheryl Sullivan, SCCC  
Jose Luis Barrage, Fresno Housing Alliance  
Brian Calhoun, FCC  
Donna Berry, RC  
Michael Essweiy, Fresno County Democratic Party  
Larry Dickson, FCC  
Christine Miktarian, SCCC  
Candy Hansen-Gage, SCCC  
Cris Bremer, FCC  
Patti VanVleet, FCC  
Diane Clerou, SCCC  
Jeff Ragan, RC  
Carolyn Drake, FCC  
Michael D. Evans, FCDCC  
Michael Yoshikami, YCM  
Scott Porteous, FCC

Delegations, Petitions,  
and Communications

Dr. Blue introduced Reedley College student Diana Williams and Art 30–Adobe Illustrator instructor Janice Ledgerwood. Ms. Williams provided the design for this year’s district holiday card. Dr. Blue explained that each year the district asks one of the colleges or centers to design the district’s holiday card.

Special Recognition

Ms. Williams’ design was chosen from several entries submitted by the Reedley College art and graphic design departments. Dr. Blue noted that a sample of the card was at each member’s place and presented a supply of cards to Ms. Williams for her portfolio.

Election of Officers,  
Representatives, and  
Adoption of Board  
Calendar  
[11-83]

Ms. Dorothy Smith called for the nomination of officers.

President

Mr. Patterson nominated Ron Feaver for the office of president. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Caglia and carried unanimously.

Special Presentation

Newly elected president, Ron Feaver, presented a plaque to outgoing president, Dorothy Smith, in appreciation of her outstanding and dedicated service as board president during 2011.

Vice President	Mr. Patterson nominated William Smith for the office of vice president. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Barreras and carried unanimously.
Secretary	Ms. Barreras nominated Richard Caglia for the office of board secretary. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Nishinaka and carried unanimously.
Nominations of Board Representatives	Mr. Feaver asked for nominations for the board representative positions for 2012. Mr. Nishinaka made a motion and Ms. Barreras seconded the motion to appoint board members to the following representative positions:
Board Voting Representative, Fresno County Committee on School District Organization Election	Richard Caglia will serve as the Board's 2012 voting representative to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization. Dorothy Smith will serve as an alternate.
Board Representative, Executive Board of the Madera County School Boards Association	Isabel Barreras will serve as the Board's 2012 representative to the executive board of the Madera County School Boards Association. Richard Caglia will serve as an alternate
Legislative Representative	Dorothy Smith will serve as the legislative representative for 2012.
Fresno Area Self-Insured Benefits Organization (FASBO, also known as ED CARE)	William Smith will continue to serve as the 2011 through 2012 Fresno Area Self-Insured Benefits Organization representative.
SCCC Foundation Board	Pat Patterson and Dorothy Smith will continue to serve as the 2011 through 2012 State Center Community College Foundation Board representatives.
Director, Valley Insurance Program JPA	Pat Patterson will continue to serve as a Director of the Valley Insurance Program JPA for 2011 through 2012.
SCCCD Retirement Board	Ron Nishinaka will continue to serve as the Board representative on the Retirement Board for 2012.
Board Calendar	At the request of Trustee Richard Caglia, the Board decided to hold the November meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2012, instead of the customary first Tuesday meeting.

Board Calendar  
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A motion was made by Mr. Caglia and seconded by Mr. Coronado to adopt the 2012 Board of Trustees meeting calendar, as amended.

The motion passed as follows:

Ayes - 5  
**Noes - 2 (Pat Patterson and Ron Feaver)**  
 Absent - 0

The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
January 10, 2012	Regular Meeting	SCCCD
February 7, 2012	Regular Meeting	SCCCD
March 6, 2012	Regular Meeting	Reedley College
April 3, 2012	Regular Meeting	Oakhurst Center
April 20 & 21, 2012	Board Retreat	Springhill Suites, Fresno
May 1, 2012	Regular Meeting	Fresno City College, OAB
June 5, 2012	Regular Meeting, Tentative Budget	SCCCD
July 3, 2012	Regular Meeting	SCCCD
August 7, 2012	Regular Meeting	Willow International Center
September 4, 2012	Regular Meeting, Public Hearing and Budget Adoption	SCCCD
October 2, 2012	Regular Meeting	Madera Center
Thursday, November 8, 2012	Regular Meeting	SCCCD
December 11, 2012	Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting	SCCCD

Delegations, Petitions,  
and Communications

Dr. Brian Calhoun expressed his concern regarding the selection process for the summer 2013 study abroad program. The study abroad programs are on this meeting agenda for consideration. He stated he was one of ten faculty applicants who submitted a proposal for the program, of which only three were accepted. He is not concerned about not being selected, instead the process by which applicants were selected. Dr. Calhoun requested the following:

- That all ten applicants for the summer 2013 study abroad program be provided with detailed information as to why their application or proposal was selected or not selected;
- all applicants be provided with the names of the selection

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and Communications  
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committee;

- applicants be told why the application process did not spell out clear criteria for judging the proposals;
- advise the ten applicants why one of the successful applicants had previously led six study abroad programs thus far;
- recommended cancelling the 2013 study abroad program, the selection process be revised and approved by the Chancellor, and a new selection competition for the 2013 study abroad be initiated as soon as possible.

Dr. Calhoun concluded by saying he has no interest in re-applying for the program.

President Feaver thanked Dr. Calhoun and said the Board will take his concerns under advisement.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2011, were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Nishinaka and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2011, as presented. The motion carried without objection.

GASB 45 Investments  
Update

Ed Eng stated that at the October 2011 board meeting, changes to the investments and other post employment benefits irrevocable trust were presented on the recommendation of the retirement board. The Board of Trustees raised several issues during the presentation, and directed staff to consult with another investment provider for their input. Mr. Eng introduced Michael Yoshikami, CEO of YCM Net Advisors, to provide his insights and experience in investing and address the concerns of the Board.

Mr. Patterson said this is an opportunity for the Board and administration to re-assess the district's investment strategy. He wants to be certain the district is investing correctly.

Mr. Yoshikami said the goal for his presentation is to provide structure and a framework to assist the Board in making an assessment for their investment strategy. Mr. Yoshikami stated the current equity allocation is approximately 17 percent. The recommendation is to increase it to 23 percent. Mr. Yoshikami reviewed a variety of investment strategies as they relate to the current market. He said the Board needs to decide what their time horizon (operational time horizon) is and what they are willing to risk. Mr. Yoshikami stated other foundations invest an average of

GASB 45 Investments  
Update  
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20 percent in equities. He looked at the proposal from U.S. Bank and said the investment strategy is reasonable. He said the Board is being asked to change the nature of the product, as well as the equity weighting of the product. Mr. Yoshikami likes the change in the product because it reduces the fee structure.

Mr. Patterson asked if Mr. Yoshikami looked over the proposal. Mr. Yoshikami stated he had, and thinks the proposal is reasonable.

Mr. Smith is concerned that board members are being asked to make an investment decision without having the expertise to do so. Mr. Yoshikami agreed that investment decisions generally should be made by parties who have enough background about investing, so the votes they make have credibility.

Mr. Eng stated the district hired the California School Board Association, who in turn looked for an investment advisor and administrator for the irrevocable trust. They recommended U.S. Bank. Mr. Yoshikami stated that U.S. Bank has a reputation for being very conservative.

Mr. Patterson said it is important to have an independent party look at the proposal.

Campus Reports

Mr. Cantu reported on the following topics from Fresno City College. Copies of the report were provided for the Board and interested attendees.

- The FCC Early Childhood Education and Educator's Club is collecting coats for young children ages 0-12. Distribution of coats will be on December 10 at the FCC CDC.
- Fresno City College, along with the State Center Community College Foundation, hosted over 80 retired faculty and staff in the OAB for lunch on December 3. Of special note, the first ever Alden K. Edgar Distinguished Service Award was given to Gerry and Sherian Eckenrod, both retired deans from the business division. The award is in memory of Mr. Edgar, whose career as a member of the FCC business division faculty spanned 24 years.
- Philosophy instructor Bob Boyd was chosen by his peers to be FCC's nominee for this year's statewide Hayward Award for Excellence in Education. Mr. Boyd's name will be forwarded to the state for consideration. Four recipients, representing each area of the state, will be announced in January.
- *Hope for the Holidays*, a project that helps students, was a huge success. Mr. Cantu thanked SCCC Foundation board

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members Chris Morse and Bob Bagdasarian for their generous donations. This year 322 students were awarded food gift cards for local grocery stores.

- Dr. Ashok V. Naimpally, dean of instruction for math, science and engineering, co-authored a book entitled *Lifelong Learning for Engineers and Scientists in the Information Age*.
- The FCC wrestling team will defend its title in the state championships, December 9 and 10, at Santa Rosa Junior College. If FCC wins again, it will give head coach Paul Keyshaw seven state titles, which will be a record. Coach Keyshaw has won three state titles while coaching at Moorpark and three at FCC in 2006, 2008, and 2010.

This season, the Rams football, and the men's and women's soccer teams all claimed their respective conference titles. The FCC football team went 10-1, losing the Northern California championship to City College of San Francisco, 57-13.

Dr. Capet reported on the following topics from Reedley College. Copies of the report were provided for the Board and interested attendees.

- Students in the Forestry Program cut Christmas trees for the cities of Orange Cove, Reedley, and Sanger. The trees are decorated and displayed downtown. Students also assisted in placing the trees on frames that protected branches during the trip to the Central Valley.
- The Reedley College Child Development Center has achieved National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation. This high honor is only achieved by 8% of the child development centers in the country. There will be a reception to celebrate this accomplishment on December 13.
- The website *StateUniversity.com* has ranked Reedley College number three in California for campus safety.
- The annual Reedley College holiday luncheon will be held on December 16.

Dr. Kershaw reported on the following topics from the North Centers. Copies of the report were provided for the Board and interested attendees.

- Willow International student Steven Rowley was the guest speaker at the Clovis Kiwanis Club meeting on November 9. He founded the Veterans' Club and Service Center on the Willow campus. Mr. Rowley is a veteran, having served one year in Iraq, nine years in the National Guard, and three years in Special Forces, including Afghanistan.

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- Madera Center student Joe Torres has won \$500 in a contest from Vista Higher Learning for a video clip he submitted on the importance of learning a foreign language. Joe was one of six winners picked from the nearly 200 entries received from students at other colleges and universities.
- A graduation ceremony for SCCCD Leadership State Center Class XI for classified professionals was held on Friday, December 2 at Fresno City Hall. Congratulations to the North Centers' graduates Steven Estes, Mario Gonzalez, and Dan Hoffman.
- The Willow International Community Choir presented its annual performance on December 2 at the Willow International Center. The Willow Choir will also be performing on December 16 with the choir from Clovis East High School. Dr. Kershaw thanked Trustee Feaver for attending.
- The annual Posada Estudiantil Universitaria event will be held in December at the Madera Center. The event is sponsored by the Aztlan Spanish Club and is open to students, parents, family members, and individuals from the community.
- The Madera Center's Licensed Vocation Nursing (LVN) program will be holding their pinning ceremony on December 15.
- Oakhurst Center coordinator and instructor, Vikki Piper, received a certificate of appreciation from the Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce for her dedication, service, and commitment to the Oakhurst community.

Chancellor's Report

Dr. Blue reported the following:

- FCC alum Gary Soto has been selected as one of the 2012 recipients of the American Association of Community Colleges outstanding alumni awards. The award is given annually to former community college students who are making outstanding contributions to their career fields and communities. Mr. Soto has been a tremendous supporter of community colleges and credits his time at FCC for his success as an author, poet and filmmaker. Mr. Soto is the first nominee from SCCCD to receive this prestigious national honor. Mr. Soto will be honored at the gala awards dinner during the annual AACC conference in Orlando on April 23.
- The modernization of the OAB has been recognized by the American Institute of Architects. This merit award was featured in the December 2011 issue of *AIA Newsletter*. Judges comments included in the newsletter: "This is a marvelous Rip Van Winkle story, and we are amazed they were able to revive it. This is obviously a very patient,



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thoughtful renovation.” The time, effort, and generosity of many help make this historic treasure an award-winning showpiece in the Valley.

- Dr. Blue gave an update on “Colleagues in Conversation.” She initiated it to keep communication lines open between the campus communities and the chancellor. Informal sessions are held on-site and open to anyone wanting to attend. There is no set agenda and topics are driven by interests of those attending. Two sessions were held last week (FCC and Willow) and Reedley is scheduled for early spring. This is a great opportunity to strengthen relationships, gather input and ideas, and hear what is on people's minds

Academic Senate Report

Bill Turini, Reedley College Academic Senate president, reported the following:

- The senate participated in accreditation related activities during the month of October.
- On a district level, the senate is involved in discussions regarding the revisions of three administrative regulations, the operating agreement for the proposed district strategic planning committee, and the development of a district resource allocation model. He recognized Linda Cooley, Jim Gilmore and Richardson Fleuridor for their work on these committees.
- Mr. Turini attended the state academic senate community college plenary session in San Diego. He attended sessions addressing faculty roles in assessment, local budget challenges, transfer degrees, accreditation, program revitalization, pending legislation and the draft student success taskforce recommendations. The state academic senate adopted 60 resolutions.
- Mr. Turini introduced Jeff Ragan, who was recently elected Reedley College academic senate president. He begins his term in January. Mr. Turini congratulated Dr. Kershaw and Mr. Rowe on their upcoming retirements. He thanked them for their willingness to meet with the academic senate, which made for a productive relationship between the senate and the district.

Classified Senate Report

Ernie Garcia, Fresno City College classified senate president reported the following:

- The senate met to discuss the recent staff development day. The survey results were very positive. He recognized committee members Suzi Nitzel, Kathy Bonilla, Nileen Clark, Debra Hendricks, Phila So, Patricia Gonzalez, Fran Catlapp for their hard work. The guest speaker at the event was Herb

Classified Senate Report  
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Breen, the rugby coach for Roosevelt High School. He was featured in a recent article in the Fresno Bee. The senate made a sizable donation for *Hope for the Holidays*. The next meeting is December 14.

Budget Update

Mr. Ed Eng provided information on the budget forecast. He presented three different possible scenarios, depending on the shortfall predictions. December 15, 2011, will be the date the trigger cuts will be determined.

Consent Agenda  
Action

Mr. Feaver announced that consent agenda items 11-140G and the exhibit for item 11-30HR have been amended and copies provided.

Mr. Patterson requested that items 11-146G through 11-151G be pulled for separate discussion.

It was moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Caglia that the Board of Trustees approve consent agenda items 11-140G and 11-30HR, as amended; and 11-31HR and 11-141G through 11-145G, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Patterson stated he is concerned about Mr. Calhoun's statements to the Board. He supports international education but is concerned about the costs to the district and the selection process.

Dr. Blue introduced Mr. Robert Fox, acting associate vice chancellor, who facilitated the process.

Mr. Fox stated the only cost to the district is schedule C. The students cover the costs of the trip. The exception is a \$1,500 cost identified in item 11-150G for an experimental class. Mr. Fox stated the selection process is transparent. The process is faculty driven and the written procedures are underwritten by a committee. It is the same process as previous years. Mr. Fox said Mr. Calhoun's statements are his opinion, not fact.

Ms. Smith stated she expects the process to be transparent. Ms. Barreras asked if this is the same process the district has used in previous years. Mr. Fox replied, "Yes."

Mr. Smith asked that in the future, if it is known that an item is going to be challenged, that the district be prepared with rebuttal information.

Consent Agenda  
Action  
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Mr. Coronado stated that these programs are very important and students look forward to them.

Mr. Patterson stated he does not understand the process. He asked if there was district oversight for all the campuses. He would also like an explanation of the educational benefit for the student and the district. Dr. Blue stated Patty VanVleet is the districtwide coordinator for international education and studies abroad. Mr. Fox oversees the process at the district level. Dr. Blue said administration will provide the board with more clarification of the process.

It was moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Barreras that the Board of Trustees approve consent agenda items 11-146G through 11-150G, with the caveat that the Board will come back and look at what the criteria is for selection.

The motion passed as follows:

Ayes - 6  
Noes - 1 (Richard Caglia)  
Absent - 0

Mr. Paterson had the same concern regarding cost for item 11-151G. Mr. Fox stated the board has already approved the grants for this item. This item is asking for board approval of the contract.

It was moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Trustees approve consent agenda item 11-151G

The motion passed as follows:

Ayes - 6  
Noes - 1 (Richard Caglia)  
Absent - 0

Employment,  
Retirement, Academic  
Personnel  
[11-30HR]  
Action

approve academic personnel recommendations, items A through C, as amended

Employment, Change of  
Status, Transfer,  
Resignation, Retirement,

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

Classified Personnel  
[11-31HR]  
Action

Review of District  
Warrants and Checks  
[11-140G]  
Action

review and sign the warrants register for the following accounts:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>For the Period of:</u>
District	\$14,904,986.28	October 19, 2011 to November 28, 2011
Fresno City College Bookstore	161,625.84	October 15, 2011 to November 15, 2011
Reedley College Bookstore	124,511.08	October 15, 2011 to November 15, 2011
Fresno City College Co-Curricular	104,877.34	October 13, 2011 to November 14, 2011
Reedley College Co- Curricular	77,059.43	October 14, 2011 to November 15, 2011
Total:	\$ 15,373,059.97	

Consideration of Report  
of Investments  
[11-141G]  
Action

accept the Quarterly Performance Review, as provided by the County of Fresno, for the quarter ending September 30, 2011

Consideration to  
Authorize Agreement  
with California  
Community Colleges  
Chancellor’s Office for  
Perkins Statewide  
Advisory Committee for  
Agriculture and Natural  
Resources, Reedley  
College  
[11-142G]  
Action

- a) adopt Resolution No. 2011-24 authorizing the agreement on behalf of Reedley College, with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to coordinate and participate in the Perkins Statewide Advisory Committee for Agriculture and Natural Resources, with funding in the amount of \$38,000 for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012;
- 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  
Resolution Authorizing  
Agreement with

- a) adopt Resolution No. 2011-25 authorizing the district, on behalf of the Fresno City College Cal-Pro-NET Center, to enter into an agreement with the California Department of

California Department of  
Education for Child and  
Adult Care Food  
Program Promoting  
Integrity Now, Fresno  
City College  
[11-143G]  
Action

Education, Nutrition Services Division, for the Child and  
Adult Care Food Program Promoting Integrity Now curricula  
for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, with  
funding in the amount of \$313,081.78;  
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  
Approve SCCC  
Foundation Fundraising  
Event  
[11-144G]  
Action

approve the State Center Community College Foundation Board's  
recommendation to host the *Toasting the Arts* event, including the  
serving of wine and beer, at the OAB West Courtyard on April  
28, 2012

Consideration to  
Approve Curriculum  
Proposals, Spring 2012  
through Fall 2012,  
Fresno City College and  
Reedley College  
[11-145G]  
Action

approve the Fresno City College and Reedley College curriculum  
proposals as presented

Consideration to  
Approve Study Abroad  
Program, Vietnam and  
Cambodia, Winter 2012  
[11-146G]  
Action

approve the offering of the winter 2012 program in Vietnam and  
Cambodia and approve Dr. Brandy Anglen as the instructor for  
this program

Consideration to  
Approve Study Abroad  
Program, Italy, Summer  
2013  
[11-147G]  
Action

approve the offering of the summer 2013 program in Italy and  
approve Marcy Davidson and Amanda Taintor as instructors for  
this program

Consideration to  
Approve Study Abroad  
Program, Vietnam and  
Laos, Summer 2013  
[11-148G]  
Action

approve the offering of the summer 2013 program in Vietnam and  
Laos and approve John Cho and Victor Yang as instructors for  
this program

Consideration to  
Approve Study Abroad  
Program, Madagascar,  
Summer 2013  
[11-149G]  
Action

approve the offering of the summer 2013 program in Madagascar and approve Rodney Olsen and Brandy Anglen as instructors for this program

Consideration to  
Approve Study Abroad  
Program, London,  
Winter 2013/14  
[11-150G]  
Action

approve the offering of the winter 2013/14 program in London, England, and approve Ken Zamora as the instructor for this program

Consideration to  
Approve Center for  
International Trade  
Development Proposed  
Schedule of Activities  
and Travel Expenses  
[11-151G]  
Action

approve the schedule of activities and related travel expenses to be underwritten by the appropriate funding agencies:

December 31, 2011 – January 12, 2012	The University of Colorado CIBER, Faculty Development Project, China: A New Phase in Economic Growth and Development – Todd McLeod and Dennis Mohle (FCC Faculty) to participate in and travel to China. The CITD is funding each faculty \$2,000 and is applying for scholarships through CIBER.
April 17 – 20, 2012	Specialty Crop Grant Outbound Trade Mission to Singapore – 2 staff members
May 20 – 26, 2012	STEP Grant, Outbound Agricultural Trade Mission to Asia (China & South Korea) – 2 staff members
June 1 – 7, 2012	Specialty Crop Grant, Outbound Trade Mission to Taiwan – 2 staff members
August 20 – 24, 2012	STEP Grant, California Trade Promotion to South Korea and China – 2 staff members

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

Process for  
Announcement of Board  
of Trustee Appointment  
to the Personnel  
Commission  
[11-84] Action

Randy Rowe described the background and details of the process for announcement and selection of the Board’s appointment to the Personnel Commission. He reported that the administration is recommending a committee comprised of up to three board members plus the associate vice chancellor human resources, the dean of human resources, and a campus vice president of

Process for  
Announcement of Board  
of Trustee Appointment  
to the Personnel  
Commission  
[11-84] Action  
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administrative services interview the candidates. This committee would forward two finalists to be interviewed by the chancellor and the board president.

In addition, the appointment procedures in the Ed Code and Personnel Commission rules direct the district to appoint its commissioner during the window between 30 days and 45 days of the announcement. To accommodate this, a special board meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2012, at which an administrative recommendation will be made for the Board's consideration and announcement. The appointment would be made during the March 6, 2012, meeting. The district's current personnel commissioner, Ron Manfredi, will be able to serve until that time.

Mr. Smith said this is different from the previous appointments to the commission. The interviews took place in closed session.

Mr. Taylor said it is his opinion that interviewing in closed session presents Brown Act issues and he advises the board against it. He said the interviews do not fit the Brown Act exception, because personnel commissioners are not public employees. Mr. Patterson said he does not agree with Mr. Taylor's opinion. He is requesting an opinion from the Attorney General's Office.

Ms. Barreras stated she prefers to have three board members and the Chancellor on the committee, who will make a recommendation to the Board for consideration. She does not recommend the additional layer of interviews to include administration.

Ms. Smith stated it is the board's decision who to appoint as commissioner.

Mr. Patterson has concerns that there are privacy issues for the candidates. Dr. Blue said the committee has the opportunity to ask more pointed questions during the interview process. Mr. Patterson stated he does not like the process.

A motion was made by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the committee comprised of three board members and the Chancellor to conduct interviews of the Personnel Commission candidates, and make a recommendation to the Board for consideration.

Process for  
Announcement of Board  
of Trustee Appointment  
to the Personnel  
Commission  
[11-84]  
Action  
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The motion carried unanimously.  
Trustees Barreras, Willie Smith and Dottie Smith will serve on  
the committee

Public Hearing and  
Consideration to Adopt  
New Trustee Area  
Boundaries  
[11-85]  
Action

Gregory Taylor and Dr. Jeanne Gobalet of Lapkoff and Gobalet  
Demographic Research, Inc., presented the draft trustee area  
boundaries to the Board and recommended the Board conduct a  
public hearing to solicit comments from interested members of  
the public. Following the close of the public hearing and the  
Board's discussion of the draft plans, the administration  
recommends that the Board adopt a final trustee area plan.

Dr. Gobalet introduced draft plan 4 to the Board.

Mr. Smith asked if anyone from the general public contacted Dr.  
Gobalet or Mr. Taylor about concerns with plans. Mr. Taylor said  
he has spoken to Venacio Gayona about the plans in general, but  
nothing specific.

Public Hearing

At 6:46 p.m. President Feaver opened the public hearing to solicit  
comments from interested members of the public.

Mr. Gayona renewed his concern about gerrymandering in district  
5. He said that deviation is still a concern and would like to see it  
less than 5 percent. He stated that territories should be more  
compact. He said that the plans split areas as a community of  
interest. Compactness, contiguity, community of interest and  
deviation should be a concern of the Board.

Ms. Smith asked if the plans are within the guidelines of the law.  
Mr. Taylor said yes, the Board adopted criteria that complied with  
federal law.

**Mr. Nishinaka asked Mr. Taylor if the district addressed Mr.  
Gayona's concerns regarding area 5. Mr. Taylor stated Mr.  
Gayona's recommendations were taken into consideration  
however, it was determined that implementing the suggestions  
would a negatively impact the viability of a new trustee area  
plan.**



Public Hearing and  
Consideration to Adopt  
New Trustee Area  
Boundaries  
[11-85]  
Action  
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Mr. Feaver closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board adopt trustee area plan # 4.

Mr. Feaver asked for a roll call vote.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Isabel Barreras		X
Richard Caglia	X	
Ron Nishinaka	X	
Pat Patterson	X	
Dottie Smith		X
William Smith	X	
Ron Feaver	X	

Public Hearing on  
Transfer of Funds for  
Flexible Categorical  
Programs  
[11-86]  
Action

Ed Eng reported that the State of California experienced severe drops in revenue during the past several years and has seen an increased demand placed upon the services funded by the state, including the community college system. In an effort to provide assistance, the Legislature sought, in some areas, to provide additional local control and decision making in a small number of programs. In doing so, the Legislature added Section 84043 to the Education Code in order to provide flexibility for districts for some categorical programs for fiscal years 2009-10 to 2014-15. The programs are listed below.

<b>Categorical Program Within the Flexibility Category</b>	<b>Percentage of 2009- 10 Funding Cuts</b>
Academic Senate **	Not Applicable to District
Childcare Tax Bail Out	Not Applicable to District
Equal Employment Opportunity	56% Cut
Economic Development **	50% Cut
Apprenticeship	51% Cut
Part-time Faculty Office Hours	Not Applicable to District
Part-time Faculty Health Insurance	Not Applicable to District
Part-time Faculty Compensation	51% Cut
Transfer Education and Articulation **	100% Cut
Matriculation - credit	51% Cut

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Matriculation - non-credit	53% Cut
Physical Plant and Instructional Support	100% Cut

\*\* The chancellor may restrict allocation for these programs provided to support statewide and regional functions.

A summary of the categorical flexibility language is as follows:

1. Districts are allowed to redirect funds from any of the categorical programs listed in this board item to support any other categorical programs funded in the state budget.
2. Before exercising this flexibility, districts are required to discuss the redirection of the funds at a regularly scheduled public meeting and take testimony from the public.
3. Districts exercising this funding flexibility are relieved of all state statutory, regulatory and provisional requirements associated with the 12 programs contained in the flexibility category.
4. For categorical programs in the flexibility category, funding allocations for each district are set at the same amount received by the district in 2008-09, less the 2009-10 cuts. The total funding for the district in 2008-09 was \$5.0 million. It dropped to \$2.2 million in 2009-10 and will continue at this amount through at least 2014-15.

In analyzing both the district's level of budget cuts to these programs and the provisions of the statute that relieve the district of all state statutory, regulatory and provisional requirements associated with the 12 programs contained in the flexibility category, it has been determined redirection of significant amounts of funding away from any of the 12 programs would further diminish the effectiveness of the programs. The analysis further recognizes the importance of the relief from the various mandated requirements of the programs. It is, therefore, recommended State Center Community College District Board of Trustees redirect \$1 from the Apprenticeship Program to the Equal Employment Opportunity Program and hold a public hearing on this redirection of funds to take testimony from the public as required by Education Code Section 84043.

Public Hearing

At 7:01 p.m. President Feaver opened the public hearing on the redirection of \$1 from the Apprenticeship Program to the Equal Employment Opportunity Program, as required by Education Code Section 84043. There being no public comment, Mr. Feaver closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Mr. Patterson that the Board authorize the administration to redirect \$1 from the Apprenticeship Program to the Equal Employment Opportunity Program. The motion carried unanimously.

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Reedley College student trustee Kayla Urbano reported the following:

- The annual Veteran's Day service was held on November 10. Trustee Ron Nishinaka attended the event.
- Reedley College competed against Fresno City College in the Battle for the Pump football game. Reedley College ASB won the "Battle of the Gavel" competition against Fresno City College ASG during halftime.
- During the month of December, ASB and FAST clubs are collecting canned foods for donation. The ASB is also collecting coats for a local social agency.
- Students will be celebrating Santa Lucia Day on December 13.

Fresno City College student trustee Christopher Coronado provided a detailed end of semester written report for the Board and highlighted the following:

- ASG is working with State Student Senate for California Community Colleges as a result of the recommendations from the student success taskforce
- FCC held a town hall meeting on November 13. Over 200 students attended the meeting.
- The survey of students is complete. About 1/3 of the students responded. The primary concern was the increase in student fees.
- Worked with FCC administration to extend the hours of the library through Monday and Tuesday of finals week.
- Congratulated the FCC football team on a great season.
- ASG is working on a grant called "Going the Distance" for a fundraising event in which half the proceeds will go to the Foundation.

Trustee Dottie Smith reported the following:

- Attended the Foundation donor appreciation dinner.
- Attended the classified professional leadership graduation, along with trustee Ron Feaver and Ron Nishinaka.
- Attended the student activities Thanksgiving dinner.
- Attended the diversity conference in Orlando, Florida.

Trustee Isabel Barreras reported the following:

- Attended the first Muro de Honor at Arte Americas. She

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recognized Dr, Teresa Patterson and the Latino Faculty Association. The honorees were Celia Maldonado, Gary Soto, Frank Quintana. She thanked the board for supporting this important award. Ms. Smith said she regrets not being able to attend the Muro de Honor, due to the conflict with the Diversity conference.

Mr. Willie Smith reported the following:

- Attended the CCLC conference in San Jose, where he participated in a session presented by Chancellor Blue on effective strategic planning. It was a great session. He also attended a session presented by Coast Community College who developed software to assist with student success. Mr. Smith said one of biggest complaint he hears from students is the lack of counselors available to help them with guidance for career development. It is called coastpathways.com. Mr. Smith hopes that the district will look into this software to assist our students.

Mr. Ron Nishinaka reported the following:

- Attended the veteran's ceremonies at both Reedley and Fresno City College
- Attended the Muro de Honor ceremony
- Attended the Leadership State Center graduation ceremony.
- Participated in the Fresno City College presidential search committee
- Attended the Fresno City College classified staff development day luncheon
- Attended the graduation of police academy class 124.
- Attended the Reedley College automotive advisory committee meeting

Future Agenda Items

None

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None

Closed Session

President Feaver stated that in closed session the Board would be discussing:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [SCFT Full-Time Bargaining Unit; SCFT Part-Time Bargaining Unit, California School Employees Association Bargaining Unit, and SCCCD Peace Officers Association]; Randy Rowe, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Mr. Feaver called a recess at 7:25 p.m.

Open Session

The Board moved into open session at 9:18 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

President Feaver stated there was no action to report from closed session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Board.

Richard Caglia /s/

Richard Caglia

Secretary, Board of Trustees

State Center Community College District

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