

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
February 22, 2011

Call to Order A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President Dorothy Smith at 4:31 p.m., February 22, 2011, Clovis Center, 390 W. Fir, Room 308, Clovis, California.

Trustees Present Dorothy Smith, President
H. Ronald Feaver, Vice President
Richard Caglia, Secretary (Arrived at 5:15 p.m.)
William J. Smith
Ron Nishinaka
Isabel Barreras
Patrick E. Patterson
Tony Capetillo, Student Trustee, FCC
Kayla Urbano, Student Trustee RC

Also present were:

Deborah G. Blue, Chancellor, SCCCCD
Willard Wright, Interim Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, SCCCCD
Barbara Hioco, President, RC
Terry Kershaw, Vice Chancellor, NC
Tony Cantu, Vice President of Instruction, FCC
Cheryl Sullivan, Vice President, Administrative Services, RC
Michael Guerra, Vice President, Administrative Services, FCC
Deborah Ikeda, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, NC
Janell Mendoza, Associate College Business Manager, NC
Randy Rowe, Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, SCCCCD
Robert Fox, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development and Educational Services, SCCCCD
Ed Eng, Director of Finance, SCCCCD
Nina Acosta, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCCCD

Introduction of Guests Among the others present, the following signed the guest list:

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

Introduction of Guests Randy Vogt, Director of Purchasing, SCCCCD

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Gurdeep He'Bert, Executive Director, SCCC Foundation
John Bengtson, Director, Information Systems, SCCC
Greg Taylor, General Counsel, SCCC
Marilyn Behringer, Vice President, Instruction, RC
Michael White, Vice President, Student Services, RC
Christopher Villa, Vice President, Student Services, FCC
Bill Turini, RC Academic Senate President
Lacy Barnes, SCFT President
Joseph Libby, NCFE President
Monica Cuevas, Dean of Students, MC
Wil Schofield, Accounting Manager, SCCC
Richard Lindstrom, Director, Police Academy, FCC
Jothany Blackwood, Dean of Instruction, FCC
Paul Schlesinger, FCC Rampage
Paula Demanett, FCC Academic Senate
Lorena Robles, FCC Student
Sandra Zambrano, FCC Student
Cindy Quivalte, FCC MECHA
Michael Ballin, FCC MECHA
Mia Barraza Martinez, MECHA
Jesus Hernandez, FCC MECHA
Gloria Dominguez, FCC MECHA
Leonardo Torres, FCC MECHA
John Cummings, Vice President, Admission and Records,
SCCC
Sam Alvarado, Counselor, FCC
Daniel Gai, ASG, President
Sean Burdine, ASG
Rebecca Ashjian, ASG
Jane Harmon, Department Secretary, CC
Mirtha Watt, ASG
Kasey Oliver, CSEA President
Mike Wallace, CSEA
Jan Dekker, Dean of Instruction, RC
Claudia Habib, FCC Academic Senate
David Clark, Dean of Instruction, RC
Deborah Bristol, SCCC Foundation
John Fitzer, Interim Dean of Instruction, RC
Justina Perry, FCC ASG
Candy Hanson-Gage, Interim Director, CITD
Andrew Crider, Director, CTC
Diane Clerou, District Dean of Human Resources, SCCC
Cherylyn Crill-Hornsby, Administrative Aide, SCCC
Margaret Mericle, Dean of Instruction, FCC
Carolyn Drake, Dean of Instruction, FCC

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Jim Tucker, Dean of Instruction, FCC
Ernie Garcia, FCC Classified President
Kelli Hutchinson, Accounting Technician I, SCCC
David Good, Interim Dean of Instruction, FCC
Tom Gould, Groundskeeper, District Operations
Kelly Fowler, Dean of Instruction, WI
Ashok Nainpally, Dean of Instruction, FCC
Cris M. Bremer, Director of Marketing and Communications,
FCC
Janice Emerzian, District Director, Classified Professional,
DSP&S
Elba Gomez, Human Resources Analyst, SCCC
Sean Henderson, Director, College Activities, FCC
Kathleen Bonilla, Public Information Officer, FCC
Todd Martinez, Psychology Instructor, FCC
Doris Griffin, Dean of Students, North Centers
Tim Woods, Dean of Instruction, FCC
Lucy Ruiz, Public Information Officer, RC
Cynthia Moreno, Vida en el Valle/Fresno Bee
Susan Yates, Athletic Director, FCC
Ray Sanchez, Tutorial Coordinator, FCC
Lee Farley, Dean of Students, EOPS, FCC
Amanda Hopkins, Director, Consortium
Thalia Arenas, FCC Student
Charles Francis, Director, Training Institute
Judy Ramirez, EOPS, FCC
Michael Bourbonnais, Micro Computer Specialist, FCC
Shelly Conner, Director, Grants and External Funding, SCCC
Amy Brogan, North Centers
Natalie Culver-Dockins, Dean of Students, FCC Training
Institute

Delegations, Petitions,
and Communications

Fresno City College students Lorena Robles, Sandra Zabran, Jesus Garcia, Cindy Quiralte, John Essex, and Justina Perry addressed the Board of Trustees and expressed their concern regarding the elimination of classes.

Trustee Patterson stated he appreciated the input from the students and said decisions will not be made because of the board's actions, but will be a result of decisions made by the state of California. He said the district serves 4,500 students over what it is paid by the state. Students are the board's number one priority. He invited the students to stay and listen to the process of the budget study session.

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Dr. Blue thanked the faculty, staff and students for attending the budget study sessions on the campuses. She thanked the fiscal leaders in the district, administrators and staff who have worked on incredibly tight time lines to bring forth current budget information. She reminded the board of the August 26, 2010, budget workshop, at which the board directed the district to remain transparent and provide information on the budget. The district has followed that direction. In addition, at the August 26, 2010, meeting Dr. Blue committed to having a February 2011 budget session to discuss budget development, goals and priorities. Dr. Blue introduced Dr. Willard Wright and Mr. Ed Eng to present the budget information.

2010-2011 Budget
Presentation and
Discussion

Dr. Wright reviewed Board Policy 6200 with the board. Dr. Wright detailed three different funding scenarios. In the first scenario, the tax extension passes and minimum Proposition 98 funding remains intact. In the second scenario, the tax package fails and Proposition 98 is suspended. In the last and best case scenario, the tax extension passes and Proposition 98 remains intact.

Mr. Ed Eng reviewed enrollment management strategies based on the three budget reduction scenarios. He explained the impact on the budget of going over cap and provided examples of reductions needed for 1%, 2%, 3%, and 4% over cap.

President Smith stated the board puts students first. She reminded the audience that they will have an opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Caglia thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

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and Communications

Mia Martinez, student from FCC, asked the board if they will discuss how much, if any, of the reserve will be used to offset cuts. Dr. Blue stated that this is the purpose of the budget study session--to assist the board in making decisions regarding the budget.

Michael Ballin stated that the board needs to look at using reserves to offset any class cuts or fee increases. He recommended several options for using reserves to offset cuts.

Delegations, Petitions,

Paul Schlesinger recommended the board consider proposing a bond measure, such as Measure Z. He said it would give the district control of its finances. He also recommended using more

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fuel-efficient buses.

James Miser Jr. asked the board for support for the students' March 14 rally. He said that several community leaders plan to speak at this event. The rally will take place at City Hall. He thanked FCC student leadership and other student organizations that have worked on this effort.

Mia Martinez reminded the board to make students a priority.

Dr. Blue presented a sample budget resolution. The resolution is in support of the tax initiative that may be placed on the June ballot. She requested direction to put this resolution or a revised resolution on the March board agenda. Dr. Blue stated that Communications Council reviewed the resolution and recommended the language referencing the 20/20 Vision Report be removed until a more thorough review can take place by the various constituency groups within the district. Trustee Barreras stated that this language was recommended by the California Community College League. She agrees that the language regarding the 20/20 Vision should be removed. The consensus of the board is to place this on the March board agenda.

Trustee Willie Smith asked staff to address the importance of the issue of having a reserve.

Dr. Wright stated that the reserve has been used by the district to cover costs during a time when the state was unable to approve the budget. The district relied on the reserves to cover delayed payments from the state from July through November.

Ms. Barreras asked for clarification on how each campus decides what classes are eliminated.

Mr. Cantu responded that FCC looks at the current offerings and data in terms of what courses are needed in which transfer categories. It gives FCC an opportunity to look at the distribution of courses. The approach is to protect the basic skills and core courses. In the case of Fresno City College, the percentages of those courses have actually gone up.

Dr. Kershaw explained that the North Centers have been making cuts over the last two years and are at their target. They established a balance between career technology and basic skills courses, as well as a balance between day and evening classes.

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Discussion (continued)

The North Centers also monitor the balance to avoid duplication of classes at each campus.

Dr. Hioco added that Reedley College looks at past enrollments and past sequencing for majors. The college also identifies sections that have multiples and reduces those sections.

Mr. Smith asked if students participated in these discussions and decisions regarding the cutting of classes. The answer was no.

Ms. Smith advised the audience to direct any further questions regarding the budget to district staff

Mr. Patterson requested more information on FTES. He stated that it is important to note that the district does not set the cap. Funding, based upon FTES, is done at the state level. He reminded the audience that if the district goes over cap, it does not receive funding for those students. The district does not limit access to the campuses and has historically served students well over cap.

Mr. Patterson stated any cuts made should be of a permanent nature. He stated next year's budget will be worse. He does not want to consider temporary cuts such as staff development and training. He recommends that lottery decision packages be fully funded.

Ms. Smith stated that each board member has their individual option, but the entire board makes decisions.

Mr. Nishinaka asked if engineering classes were, in fact, cut as one of the earlier speakers indicated. Dr. Kershaw responded that no engineering classes have been cut.

Ms. Smith stated the power point presentation reviewed at this meeting would be available on the district website on February 23, 2011.

Ms. Barreras recently returned from the ACCT Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., where it was announced that Pell Grants are on the table for cuts. The proposed 15% cut would affect about 415,000 students in California. Ms. Barreras stated that she comes from the community college system and students are the number one priority. When cuts are made, the decision will be made with students in mind. She thanked

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Discussion (continued)

everyone for coming out and participating in the budget study session.

Mr. Smith stated there is very little the district can do about the decisions made by the state. The Board wants what is best for the students and the district. Mr. Smith stated the district might have to consider layoffs, outsourcing, and cutting classes. He said the Board needs everyone's help addressing these issues.

Ms. Smith stated she appreciates the leadership of the students.

Dr. Patterson reminded the Board and audience about the email address to leave budget reduction suggestions. The address is dollarsandsense@sccd.edu.

Dr. Blue stated the district will be looking at different options for cost containment, and will work on recommendations for the Board. She thanked everyone for their participation in this budget workshop.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Board.

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/s/ Richard Caglia

Richard Caglia

Secretary, Board of Trustees

State Center Community College District