



SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, March 3, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin Delta Community College District was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. Public Meeting, in the Board Room, Administration 103, 5151 Pacific Ave., Stockton, California.

Members Present: Steve Castellanos, Board President; Janet Rivera, Vice-President; Teresa R. Brown, Clerk; Mary Ann Cox; Taj M. Khan; Ted Simas; Jennet Stebbins; Valerie Novak, Student Representative

<p>I. Called to Order The Board meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board President Castellanos.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>II. Communications 1. Public Comments. No comments.</p>	<p>Public Comments</p>
<p>III. Recess to Closed Session Board President Castellanos convened to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. to discuss matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Motion: Rivera; Seconded: Simas. Vote: 7/0; motion carried.</p>	<p>Recess to Closed Session</p>
<p>IV. Reconvene Public Session Board President Castellanos reconvened the meeting at 6 p.m. with the following to report:</p> <p>This is to report that the Board of Trustees, in closed session voted 7/0 unanimous to release from classified employment the Senior Office Assistant in the Child Development Center, effective February 24, 2009.</p> <p>The Board met in Closed Session to consider and act upon the recommendations of the Superintendent/President regarding tenure for fourth year contract instructors. The Board voted 5/2 (two abstentions; Cox and Rivera) to grant tenure beginning in the 2009-2010 Academic Year to the following:</p> <p>Mathematics Instructor; Chemistry Instructor, Biological Sciences Instructor; Administration of Justice Instructor.</p> <p>The Board in Closed Session to consider and act upon the recommendations of the Superintendent/President regarding contract renewal for second year contract instructors. The Board voted 7/0 to grant third contract status for the 2009-2010</p>	<p>Reconvene Public Session</p>

and 2010-2011 Academic Years to the following:

Basic Skills Math Instructor; Art 3D Instructor; Chemistry Instructor; Music Instructor; Math/Science Learning Center Coordinator; Nursing Instructor (3); Reading/Writing Learning Center Coordinator; Counselor (2); Librarian; Baseball Coach/PE/Health Instructor; History Instructor; Humanities Instructor; English Instructor; Electrical Instructor.

The Board met in Closed Session to consider and act upon the recommendations of the Superintendent/President regarding contract renewal for first year contract instructors. The Board voted 6/1 (one abstention) to grant second contract status for the 2009-2010 Academic Year to the following:

Anthropology Instructor; Spanish Instructor; Dance Instructor; Biological Sciences Instructor (3); Communication Studies Instructor; Nursing Instructor; Engineering Technology Instructor; Electron Microscopy Instructor; Counselor; Aquatics/Water Polo Coach/PE Instructor; Reading Instructor; Mathematics Instructor; Computer Science Instructor (2); Learning Disabilities Coordinator; Asst. Football Coach; Photography Instructor; English Instructor; Welding Instructor; Economics Instructor; Reading and English Instructor.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Khan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

VI. Communications

Former student Omar Cardenas with M.E.Ch.A addressed the Board on the District's probationary status with the Accreditation Commission and read a letter from Montecuzumo Sanchez.

Public Comments

Jerris Smith, a student at Delta College read a letter to the Board regarding the ASBG's trip to Washington, D.C. stating that she felt that not all students benefit from ASBG activities and recommended an open dialogue with all students.

Director of Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics informed the Board that the men's and women's basketball teams will represent the College at the state level should they win their games this weekend. Ms. Paz stated that Jessica Dela Cruz and Mark Rutledge received MVP honors and Rich Ressa was named coach of the year.

VII. Report(s)/Informational Item(s)

Dr. Rodriguez introduced honored guest and former Delta College President Lawrence De Ricco and wife Alma De Ricco who were in attendance.

Report(s)/Informational Items

A. Report on Gateway Interior & Exterior Color Palette and Floor Plans.

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Vice President Lee Belarmino gave a presentation and

presented renditions of the Gateway Building. Longtime Delta College Art Instructor Roland Cheney provided a historical background of the College's original design. Tyler Babcock, Principal at MFDB Architects, Inc. also participated in the presentation. A copy of the Power Point presentation is available in the Office of the Superintendent/President.

- B. CAT Program Contextualized English Presentation. English Instructor, Dr. Ginger Holden gave a report on her conceptualized method of teaching English to the students in the Caterpillar Dealer program. Dr. Holden pointed out that by relating English learning concepts to the language used in the Caterpillar Dealer industry, students learn to apply these concepts to meet the standards of comprehension, reading and applying analytical skills necessary to be successful. A copy of the Power Point presentation is available in the Office of the Superintendent/President.

CAT Program
Contextualized English
Presentation.

- C. Accountability Reporting for the California Community Colleges (ARCC). Dr. Matt Wetstein, Dean of Planning Research and Institutional Effectiveness presented a comprehensive report on Delta College's most recent accountability data. Dr. Wetstein shared a Power Point where he pointed out the strengths and weaknesses of the College's success rates in the areas of student progress and achievement; pre-collegiate improvement to include ESL and basic skills. Dr. Wetstein explained the methodology used to obtain success rates and discussed the College's student profile in terms of ethnicity, age, and gender. Dr. Wetstein further discussed peer grouping and how this methodology is used to determine certain indicators such as student persistence rates, student progress and achievement, student completion rates of vocational courses and basic skills courses, etc. At the conclusion of Dr. Wetstein's presentation, the Trustees asked questions regarding the data and engaged in a discussion of what can be done to improve student success rates primarily in the African American and Mexican American groups. A copy of the Power Point presentation is available in the Office of Instruction.

Accountability Reporting
for the California
Community Colleges.

- D. Equity for All Update. Dr. Matt Wetstein, Dean of Planning Research and Institutional Effectiveness presented a report on the Equity for All Project his office worked on in the Fall of 2008. Dr. Wetstein shared background information regarding the project as a collaborative project with USC's Center for Urban Education and the Lumina Foundation. Dr. Wetstein discussed the purpose of the

Equity for All Update.

project which is to review educational outcomes broken down by ethnicity and gender; assessing educational outcomes using an Equity Index and; explained how the Equity Index is calculated. Dr. Wetstein concluded his presentation stating the progress that has been made on equity at Delta College since 2005 both overall and for students from underrepresented groups. Dr. Wetstein pointed out that there is still much need for improvement and that African American and Hispanic students continue to be underrepresented on key educational outcomes. A copy of the Power Point Presentation is available in the Office of Instruction.

- E. Affirm/Title V (Responses to Equity for All).
Dr. Charles Jennings, Dee Brown (Affirm), Joe Gonzales (Title V), and Cassandra Vives-Hernandez (Title V) gave a presentation on the progress of the grant funded program's at Delta College to increase student success. These programs include: TRIO, CCRAA, Title V – HIS and Affirm. A group of Affirm students attended the meeting and gave a brief presentation to the Board. A copy of the Power Point presentation is available in the Office of Instruction.

- F. Flea Market Report.
The ASBG pulled this report from the agenda.

VIII. Communications

Superintendent/President:

Dr. Rodriguez stated that what he hoped the Board takes away from the reports and presentations tonight was that the administration at the College has not been haphazard or accidental in responding to student success issues. Dr. Rodriguez stated that the administration has been in discussion with faculty and staff regarding the data on student success and although it is often difficult to look at the fact that the College is failing students on some of the issues presented tonight there is a great deal of passion to tackle the issues even though the data and the reports are not what we would hope to see. Dr. Rodriguez made mention of the strategic plan and the fact that external resources have been tapped to help the data get better but this is a long term issue the entire organization has to address. Dr. Rodriguez further stated that some issues regarding student success are progressing but much more work has to be done.

Dr. Rodriguez made mention of his invitation to attend the Stockton Thunder game to drop the first puck, but that he would attend the basketball game on campus instead this Saturday. Dr. Rodriguez informed the

Affirm/Title V (Responses to Equity for All).

Flea Market Report.

Communications

Superintendent/President
Dr. Rodriguez

Board of his campus visits with Greg Greenwood, namely a recent visit to the print shop where he was able to see the machinery they are now using that is in line with the green initiative. Dr. Rodriguez stated that he also toured admission and records and enjoyed that tour as both of these places are doing a fantastic job. Dr. Rodriguez suggested arrangements be made to take Board members on similar tours to which Board President Castellanos agreed.

Dr. Rodriguez informed the Board that the amount of board election fees this year was \$311, 152.30.

Board of Trustees:

Trustee Cox stated that she was elated about the reports that she heard tonight, and very proud to be a Board member, however, she still had to bring up a critical point regarding accreditation. Trustee Cox stated that Dr. Rodriguez was very supportive of the Title V grant when she first wrote it, but in terms of accreditation she felt the College was behind the times. Trustee Cox voiced concerns with the date of the accreditation letter and the response time. Trustee Cox informed the Board that she had spoken with a colleague of hers who told her that Delta College was the only community college to go down a level in accreditation status. Trustee Cox felt that recommendations from the accreditation in 2002 such as the counseling issue and staff evaluations should be easy to remedy, but the one area of real concern for her is the comprehensive strategic plan and how we tie it into the budget, student learning outcomes, Appreciative Inquiry and to facility needs on a short-term and long-term basis.

Dr. Rodriguez replied that the administration has not stopped working on the recommendations since we got the accreditation report last summer. Dr. Rodriguez stated that there has been progress made on the recommendations, however, after a conversation with Barbara Beno, President of the Accrediting Commission for Community and California Junior Colleges (ACCJC) revealed that the real issue the ACCJC had with Delta College was with the actions of the Board. Dr. Rodriguez continued that a report on accreditation will be given at the next board meeting.

Trustee Brown commented on the Stockton Record's editorial running of Dr. Rodriguez' reply to their erroneous editorial and the fact that they were willing to own up to their mistake. Trustee Brown felt that it is very important to respond to accusations regarding the College that are not correct and commended Dr.

Board of Trustees

Rodriguez for responding to the Record's initial article.

Trustee Brown stated that she and Trustee Stebbins attended a meeting with some of the Mountain House Community Service District members. Trustee Brown stated that the meeting was a chance for them to get to know one another and the doors of communication are open now. Trustee Brown thanked everyone for all of the information Trustees are getting at various meetings and mentioned a tour she took of the Disabled Student Services area. Trustee Brown recommended other Trustees taking tours of the College as soon as possible.

Student Trustee Valerie Novak spoke on the reports given at tonight's meeting and her excitement about the information presented.

Trustee Khan informed the Board of the Ad Hoc Committee meeting he attended with Trustee Rivera and Trustee Cox and their work on the evaluation documents of the Superintendent/President and the Board of Trustees. Trustee Khan strongly suggested to Dr. Rodriguez and the staff to work on as diligently as possible to get the College off of probationary status.

Trustee Simas concurred with the comments of Trustee Khan on the importance of working to get the College off probationary status. Trustee Simas stated that after tonight's reports he was very proud of the College.

Trustee Rivera asked if all instructors were on board with student learning outcomes. Dr. Rodriguez responded that he did not think that they all were.

Board President Castellanos spoke on the probationary status of the College and everyone's concerns regarding the matter. President Castellanos stated that everyone needs to work together and that there is work for all to tackle, including the Board. President Castellanos announced that the Board had met to kick-off a board strategic plan to work towards and thanked Dr. Wetstein for all of his work and the work of his staff on the data presented tonight.

Constituent Groups:

Academic Senate President, Janice Takahashi spoke on accreditation from the Senate's perspective touching on the counselor's issue and student learning outcomes. Ms. Takahashi stated that not all faculty understand student learning outcomes because not all faculty work on curriculum.

Constituent Groups
Academic Senate
Janice Takahashi

No comments.

Classified Senate
Joyce Giovanetti

No comments.

Management Senate
Jan Truscott

ASBG President Novak introduced the newest officer to the ASBG and gave a brief report on what monetary contributions the ASBG has made for students at large. Ms. Novak thanked Janice Takahashi for providing leadership training to the ASBG.

ASBG
Valerie Novak

CTA President Joe Gonzales stated that the faculty positions up for tenure that did not get approved for tenure would be cases the CTA will appeal.

CTA
Joe Gonzales

No comments.

CSEA President
Dana Baker

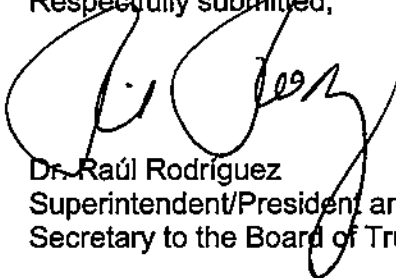
No comments.

POA
Mario Vasquez

Board President Castellanos adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Raúl Rodríguez
Superintendent/President and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees