

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES
Special Meeting
February 29, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 29, 2012, in the Administration Building Board Room, Room 626, located at 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, CA 94534, by Board President Rosemary Thurston.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Board President Thurston requested Mr. Arturo Reyes, Executive Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs, to lead those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rosemary Thurston, President
Sarah Chapman, Vice President
Area #2 - Vacant
Denis Honeychurch, J.D.*
Pam Keith
Phil McCaffrey
A. Marie Young
Anamaria Eljach, Student Trustee
Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D., Secretary

Members Absent:

None

**Arrived after roll call.*

Others Present:

Peter F. Bostic, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement
Sandra Dillon, Consultant, Human Resources
J. Arturo Reyes, Executive Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs
Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent-President and Governing Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from members of the public.

6. REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED):

(a) Update on Budget

Facilitated by Yulian Ligioso, Vice President, Finance and Administration

Mr. Yulian Ligioso, Vice President of Finance and Administration, stated it was with deep concern that he shared the most recent budget update.

In a PowerPoint presentation, Vice President Ligioso began by stating the proposed tax initiative is the cornerstone of the Governor's 2012-13 budget proposals. Administration estimates the plan would return the state budget to balance. The budget also includes trigger cuts if the voters reject the initiative.

California faces a \$10.3B budget gap, with an existing 2011-12 \$4.1B deficit and 2012-13 \$5.1B deficit, with \$1.1B needed to rebuild reserves, totaling \$10.3B budget gap.

Vice President Ligioso explained a quick comparison of Scenario A (if Governor's tax initiative passes) and Scenario B (failure of tax package).

- Scenario A = \$0 net apportionment cuts; 0% workload reduction; 0 total FTES reduction.
- Scenario B = \$2.1 net apportionment cuts; 5.56% workload reduction; -473.21 total FTES reduction.

The community college system experienced a 2011-12 state budget *February Surprise*. The community colleges were hit with unexpected additional \$149M in budget cuts. These latest cuts threaten the elimination of even more classes and more faculty and staff layoffs.

**Trustee Honeychurch arrived at 6:42 p.m.*

Vice President Ligioso identified FTES and funding history for Solano College from 2002-03 through estimated 2012-13 with state apportionment dollars associated with each year.

The California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) funding priorities include Career Technical Education, Transfer, and Basic Skills. Solano College's strategic goals in addressing the budget gap include:

- Balancing operating revenues and expenditures by 2012-13.
- Preserve student access and services to extent possible.
- Designating/maintaining a “stability fund” to mitigate effects of mid-year cuts imposed by the state and anticipated continued fiscal challenges in 2012-13.
- Maintaining levels of permanent workforce, investing in professional development.

In order to address the needed reductions in the SCC budget, proposed reductions include:

- Updating “people and things” list
- Reviewing vacancy list
- Addressing Summer School
- Addressing Athletics Program
- Addressing Pool Closure
- Additional section reductions.
- Encroachments on General Fund, i.e., Theatre, Community Education, Contract Education, Child Care, SBDC

Focus on revenue generating enhancements could include:

- Educational Foundation
- Restructuring IT and Reprographics
- Grants
- International Students
- Utilities

Vice President Ligioso encouraged everyone who can to participate in the March in March scheduled March 5, 2012; Capitol Days advocacy events scheduled March 28 and April 24, 2012; contacting our state representatives and/or senators; and most importantly--voting in November.

A full and complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available for review in the Office of the Superintendent-President, the Office of the Vice President of Finance and Administration, and on the SCC Web site under Finance Department.

<http://www.solano.edu/administration/budget.html>.

Concerns from the Trustees included savings from Summer School, cost savings from building closures, course reductions, and course restoration. Dr. Laguerre was clear by stating irrespective of whether the tax measure passes or not, as an institution we must position ourselves to address our structural imbalance (however large or small) in the least painful manner.

- (b) 2012 Summer School
Facilitated by Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, gave an update on discussions that have been held relative to the 2012 Summer School program. Vice President Ligioso referred to opportunities that have been provided to the community, which have been expensive for the District due to ongoing few dollars available. The District is working with the Theatre Department to produce more performances by students as opposed to utilizing professionals. The entertainment value will still be there. Vice President Ligioso also drew attention to the fact that the College has been offering more classes than what we are being paid for. This concept began when at one time enrollments were down and we were attempting to grow ourselves out of losses and gain new status with the state for reimbursements at the 10,000 FTES level of apportionment.

Cancelling summer school classes will have a bad effect on students, faculty, and staff. It will impact students desiring to transfer or complete their degrees. However, cancelling summer school will help us retrieve excessive FTES that we have offered in the past. Regardless of the decision we make, it will be painful for all concerned.

Dr. Laguerre stated he must make a final decision in the next day or two.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Finance and Administration

(a) Personal Services Agreement

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

Board President Thurston recessed the special meeting at 7:25 p.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Board President Thurston called the Closed Session to order at 7:30 p.m.

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Sandra Dillon
Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39

- (b) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

10. RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING

Board President Thurston reconvened the Special Meeting at 8:29 p.m.

11. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President Thurston reported that the Board held Conference with Labor Negotiator, CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers-Local 39 in Closed Session, and no action was taken.

Board President Thurston reported that the Board discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in Closed Session. No action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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ROSEMARY THURSTON		JOWEL C. LAGUERRE, Ph.D.
BOARD PRESIDENT		SECRETARY

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