

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES

October 21, 2009

**APPENDIX A**

Dr. Joseph Conrad, Interim Dean of Math/Science Division, began by saying, “Dorothy Hawkes was hired as a full-time mathematics instructor in 1988 after serving as an adjunct for several years. She has distinguished herself since then in ways unmatched by all but a very few faculty members. She has been awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award by the Academic Senate, as well as the Teacher of Year Award by the Alpha Gamma Sigma Student Honor Society, showing the respect both her peers and students have for her. She has earned that respect by being a clear, conscientious, and caring classroom instructor, and by serving the College in many ways, which included countless hiring committees, textbook committees, and union and other school-wide committees. Dorothy has for many years been the faculty advisor to Alpha Gamma Sigma. She is a charter member of FaBPAC, and is the President of the Scholarship Foundation.” (*Dr. Conrad invited the Board to the awards ceremony scheduled Friday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m.*)

Dr. Conrad commented that he could go on and on about Dorothy, but would like to take a moment to get personal. “One of the many hiring committees Dorothy served on was the one that hired me way back in 1994. She was the first person I met here at Solano and has been more significant than any other in my development as a faculty member. We have enjoyed many discussions on curriculum and classroom teaching. I will miss hearing her point of view. I will miss having someone who can find files that contain results from a poll taken in 1991. Her files are amazing and she actually can find stuff. Most of all, I will miss a great friend, and I wish her the best for her retirement.”

Board President Young invited Ms. Hawkes to respond and she stated that it has been a delight to get to know Dr. Laguerre as our new Superintendent/President, and is pleased with the direction we are going under his new leadership. When Ms. Hawkes first came to Solano College, there was a “college hour” in place when all work stopped and faculty, staff, and students got together to discuss what was happening at the College, to share ideas, and just got to know one another better. Ms. Hawkes stated she couldn’t think of a better retirement present than to have this opportunity restored. Instructor Hawkes thanked all concerned “for the ride” that she enjoyed while teaching at Solano College.

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Dean John Urrutia, Business, Computer Science, and Career Technical Education Division, began by saying, “I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and the gratitude of our Division for the twenty years of distinguished service provided by Dr. Don Hoggan. His history with Solano College began in 1989 when he joined the Solano College family as an adjunct faculty member. Within one year he accepted a full-time teaching assignment in Computer Sciences. Although he is qualified to teach business, management, marketing, economics & accounting, his passion has always been in Computer Science.

Dr. Hoggan’s dedication to his students is not only demonstrated in the classroom but also in his professional development. Ten years ago in the fall of 1999, Dr. Hoggan along with Professors Shatzer and Nordin worked together to develop the college’s online distance education program. The first 3 classes were developed and offered in the Spring of 2000. Today the online program has grown to 173 sections, and accounts for over 20% of our student enrollment.

Dr. Hoggan’s knowledge of computers was critical to the success of the initial development of this program. In the beginning, courses had to be written in HTML code which was and still is a tedious and time consuming endeavor. He began by enrolling in other college’s online courses to evaluate what worked, what he mostly found was what-didn’t-work. This was very useful knowledge in building the successful program that we have today, because he learned firsthand what-not-to-do in order to create a student centered learning environment.

Dr. Hoggan has a long standing history of service. He served on the Curriculum committee for ten year, the Online committee for seven years and many, many other committees. His many contributions to our college are long and distinguished, but his greatest legacy is the role he played in creating and developing our online program. Because of his efforts today thousands of students are able to access a quality online education at Solano and I thank him for the hundreds of personal hours he gave to planning, developing, and teaching in our online program.

We will miss Dr. Hoggan’s smile, enthusiasm and passion towards teaching and our College. We wish him the very best in whatever endeavors he pursues in the years to come.”

Dr. Hoggan responded by saying how much he has enjoyed working at the College and will miss the association of his colleagues, but that he hopes to be able to come back as an adjunct faculty member.

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Dean John Urrutia, Business, Computer Science, and Career Technical Education Division, began by saying, “I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and the gratitude of our Division for the twenty-nine years of distinguished service provided by Professor Charles Shatzer. Professor Shatzer has requested he receive no accolades for his service to our institution, although they are numerous.”