

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES

February 18, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, in the Administration Building, Room 626, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534-3197, by Board President A. Marie Young.

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

At the request of Board President Young, Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

A. Marie Young, President
Denis Honeychurch, J.D., Vice President
James M. Claffey
Pam Keith
Phil McCaffrey
Stephen Murphy, J.D.
Rosemary Thurston
David R. Brannen, Student Trustee
Tom Henry, Special Trustee
Lisa J. Waits, Ed.D., Interim Secretary

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ross Beck, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Communications
Richard Christensen, Ed.D., Director, Human Resources
Jay Field, Vice President, Technology and Learning Resources
Don Mourton, Ph.D., Interim Vice President, Student Services
Robin L. Steinback, Ph.D., Vice President, Academic Affairs
Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent/President and Governing Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board President Young reported that the following corrections were made to the Agenda as follows:

Item 9.(a), Page 12, line 2, which should read as follows: The CSEA ratified the agreement on ~~January 31, 2009~~, which should read as **January 23, 2009**. Page 12, line 4, ~~Approval~~ should read **Disapproval**.

Item 9.(a), Page 13, line 21, delete the following sentence: ***An additional on-schedule increase of any pro-rata savings resulting from a switch by faculty from Blue Shield to HealthNet in 2008-2009.***

Item 9.(a), Page 14, line 16, add the following date: Reclassification **by 4/30/09**.

Item 9.(a), Page 14, line 18, correct the following date: As of ~~7/31/07~~, seniority is determined by date of hire, which should read as **7/01/07**.

Item 9. (a) Solano Community College District and the California School Employees' Association, Chapter #211 Collective Bargaining Agreement Openers 2007-08 through 2009-10 was tabled for discussion and action after Closed Session.

Board President stated it was noted by Trustee McCaffrey that the Non-Consent Agenda was numbered from 9. to 11. omitting 10.

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Keith for approval of the Agenda as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Honeychurch arrived after roll call at 7:06 p.m.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Board President Young recognized Cherkara Brooks, a freshman in high school, and a Solano Youth Theater (SYT) student.

Ms. Brooks began by commenting that she has been a part of the Solano Youth Theatre's theatrical program for almost eight years and that it has been an honor to be a part of such an amazing group, where she has learned singing, dancing, and acting. Ms. Brooks stated it was when she turned three that she began to know that theater, and musical theater in particular, was her love and passion and where her heart was. Ms. Brooks lost her father at 8 months of age and her mother at age seven, and it was the theater that gave her reason to keeping going on with life. Her grandmother has been by her side and is the person who introduced her to the theater. Ms. Brooks is currently choreographing a show for the third time, completing her 23rd show, and constantly going out for more auditions, based on her higher level of self-confidence and courage. Ms. Brooks reported that she has a 4.0 in her college classes and 4.17 at Vanden High School. Ms. Brook concluded her comments by stating she hopes the Board has seen the value of the theater program.

Board President Young thanked Ms. Brooks for her comments.

Board President Young recognized Ms. Brenda Olmstead who requested to speak on the Solano Youth Theater.

Ms. Olmstead made comments on behalf of her daughter who has been performing with the SYT since she was 13 and absolutely loves it. The SYT experience has given her an opportunity to express herself, build self-esteem, as well as learn to work well with others. She has been fortunate to have diligent directors to work with. Her daughter will be graduating from Rodriguez High School with a 4.0 GPA and is looking forward to coming to Solano College. She feels privileged to have been a part of the SYT, and wants to major in Bio Science at Solano, with a minor in theater.

Board President Young thanked Ms. Olmstead for her comments.

Board President Young recognized Ms. Shalana Thomas who requested to comment on the proposed budget cuts. Ms. Thomas began by stating that the Solano College Theater has provided not only her family, but her friends, with a fresh form of entertainment. It is an exciting way of escape from the over populated movie theater. All of the Solano College Theater Association (SCTA) productions that she has attended have allowed her to appreciate the local talent from actors and the technical skill from the production staff. She indicated she has enjoyed a range of plays that have swept her “off her feet” from musicals, to dramas, and comedies. SCTA can only be described as an audience interactive thrill ride that you can’t get from a TV screen. Ms. Thomas commented she loves the fact that she lives near a local theater that allows artistic exposure for people of all ages without having to constantly travel to the city. In short, SCTA and their productions are a beautiful part of the College, and that her family and friends enjoy them as an alternative to the basic Friday night movie. They truly are a special part of the community.

Board President Young thanked Ms. Thomas for her comments.

Board President Young recognized Mr. Nathan Day, who requested to speak on proposed budget cuts. Mr. Day, the current artistic director and instructor at Rodriguez High School, graduated from Solano College in 1996. Mr. Day commented on the importance of the production staff and how easy it is to put them on the “chopping block.” Without a production staff, the theater isn’t able to produce its scenery or costumes or have the proper technical effects it needs for the level of production SCT is accustomed to producing. If you lose your production staff, you lose your program. The students wouldn’t have an arena in which to practice their craft, improve their voices and interact with the audience. When it comes to the SYT, it is a vital part of this community. Dozens and dozens of students from Rodriguez High School are involved in SYT productions. Without the production staff, the SYT becomes defunct. It is not just the community that is losing its theater, or the college that is going to be minimized—we are talking about future students at Solano College where the SYT provides them an opportunity to see what happens on a college campus. That may be the spark for them to want to learn other things.

Board President Young thanked Mr. Day for his comments.

Board President Young recognized Instructor Marc Pandone, Instructor, Art Department, who requested to speak on good news.

Mr. Pandone gifted the Trustees 2009 calendars from the Napa County Resource Conservation District, featuring photographs and text by Ken Stanton (Hiking in Napa County's Watersheds). Mr. Pandone announced that he was appointed to the Napa Watershed Information Conservation Center (WICC) Board by a Supervisor and was elected Chair by the members of WICC.

The good news is that last June, two former Solano students graduated with their Masters in Fine Arts: Sonia McNally from U.C. Berkeley with her B.A., with honors in painting, and Irman Archibald, who came to Solano from San Luis Obispo with a B.S. Mr. Archibald had all the "smarts to go to medical school," began taking art classes, and applied to U. C. Davis, got into the graduate program, received his M.F.A. degree, and is now applying for work. Mr. Pandone stated that yesterday, a young student named Maria Cannon asked for a letter of recommendation a few weeks ago, went to the California College of Arts in Oakland with her portfolio and got accepted. All of her foundation classes were waived, which proved that she succeeded at Solano College. Mr. Pandone stated how proud he is of the entire faculty who assisted her, as well as with Maria's accomplishments.

Board President Young thanked Mr. Pandone for his comments.

Board President Young recognized Ms. Sheryl Scott, Administrative Assistant in the Career Technical Education Division, who requested to speak on the audio in the Board Room. She began by stating that the audio in the Board Room is very poor. Our Board is the only board that does not have microphones for their board members. Some of the Board members are soft spoken as well. The audience sometimes has a difficult time hearing the speakers. Ms. Scott requested that consideration be given to "mic-ing" the Board Room.

Board President Young thanked Ms. Scott for her comments.

Board President Young recognized Dr. Gene Thomas, who requested to speak on the proposed budget cuts, felt compelled to make a comment relative to Dr. Waits' e-mail sent earlier in the day. The association has no interest in lobbying the accrediting commission to appeal our situation here. In fact, he said, the faculty does not want to appeal because they agree with the accreditation findings that there are governance, fiscal stability, and leadership problems. Faculty really wants to do something to help the College with its challenges. The faculty has found there seems to be a lot of confusion among the student population about what is actually happening at Solano, and referred to the recent Sunday Daily Republic. We see students everyday. The association would like to send a message that "we are here—we are accredited—we are offering classes this summer—this fall—classes will transfer—and you can get financial aid." We have people who are working on all the problems that we have here at Solano.

Dr. Thomas mentioned that many of our students are from lower socio-economic backgrounds and cannot afford to attend four-year schools during their freshman and sophomore years. He

mentioned a former student of his who was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, which enabled her to pay her bills and keep attending Solano. “We do good things. We are here for students and we want them to be successful. The faculty wants to work together. We want open and honest communication.”

Board President Young thanked Dr. Thomas for his comments.

Dr. Sanford Wright requested to speak to on Item 9.(i) Resolution Proclaiming February 2009 as Black History Month at Solano Community College, Resolution No. 08/09-23. His comments were deferred to later on the agenda.

6. REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED):

(a) Associated Students of Solano College (ASSC)

Lillian Nelson, ASSC President, reported that:

--in lieu of a report, the new student government leaders were present in the audience and were asked to introduce themselves to the Board:

Preston Barker – Associate Member – PR Committee/Student ID Committee – Political Science Major
Riley Scoville – Associate Member – PR Committee – Clinical Nutrition Major
Kylie Schubert – Business Senator – FABPAC Representative – International Relations Major
Andrew Cornelius – Business Services Senator – FABPAC Representative – Business Major
Cecilia Panduro – Student Services Senator – Chair Student Election and Issues – Major Undeclared
Erica Vasquez – Career Technical Senator – PR Committee – Criminal Justice Major
Ruben Chavez – Governing Board Representative – Student Election Committee – Political Science Major
Kathryn Robinson – Associate Member – PR Committee – Music Major
Anthony Hoang – Associate Member – Safety Committee Representative – International Business Major
John Wesley Wood – Social Science Senator – Business Major
Michael LaRiviere – Legislative Advocate – Writing Letter Chair/PAC Committee – Bio Technical Major

(b) Academic Senate

Dr. Jeff Lamb, Academic Senate President, reported that:

--the Academic Senate and faculty association met last week to discuss accreditation and how we will find our points of contact as we move forward with a single voice.

--an informational meeting will be held tomorrow, February 19, 2009, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Rooms 402/403, regarding accreditation to inform faculty of progress made.

--relative to accreditation, the Board would be amazed at the onslaught of e-mails he gets from faculty and staff asking, “What can I do?” I have been working with Dr. Waits, Dr. Steinback, and Tracy Schneider to create the overall structure for how we are going to write the special report. A workflow wiki has been developed for faculty and staff to see the progress made. The overall structure consists of two co-chairs and a core group of faculty and staff that works consistently together. Unfortunately, due to the quick turnaround, students are not involved this time around. The next time around students will be front and center.

--the Senate has been dealing with the formation of the integrated evaluation planning and budget development process, which relates to recommendations 1, 3, and 4 and dialogue improving institution effectiveness and planning. There are good faculty and staff pulling together to make this plan work and the Board will be kept updated as it progresses.

Trustee Murphy stated he has been on the Senate blog (www.sccsenate.blogspot.com) and that everyone should check it out. It reflects the positive focus that is coming from the institution

Trustee McCaffrey inquired if the integrated evaluation planning and budget development information will be placed on the Senate blogspot, and Dr. Lamb responded in the affirmative.

(c) Shared Governance Council

Jay Field, Vice President of Technology and Learning Resources, presented the Shared Governance Council report from the meeting held February 11, 2009. The SGC followed through with their planning process as planned out. The strategic proposals were presented and discussed and the SGC voted to send all seven proposals to FABPAC for their potential fund consideration.

Dr. Lamb distributed a new flow chart for the Solano College Integrated Evaluation, Planning and Budget Development Process, which came as a result of his attendance at the Accreditation Institute. The purpose is to strive to make the connection from the classroom to the planning process to the budget. A committee is meeting to refine the process—all of which are good steps the College is taking in the area of planning.

(d) Superintendent

Dr. Lisa Waits, Interim Superintendent, gave a PowerPoint presentation that featured the retiree celebration held in the Heritage Courtyard with a ribbon cutting and luncheon on February 6, 2009.

A faculty success story was featured. Dr. Richard Kleeberg, Professor of Law and Management, in the Business and Computer Science Division, also teaches his Legal Environment of Business (BUS 18) at U.C. Davis. In June 2008, Dr. Kleeberg was nominated for the 2008 Academic Federation Award for Excellence-in-Teaching at U.C. Davis. This award is the highest teaching honor that U.C. Davis offers for part-time faculty. Although Dr. Kleeberg was not one of the two part-time professors chosen, the fact that he was one of only eight faculty members nominated is still worth noting. Congratulations were extended to Dr. Richard Kleeberg.

Dr. Waits reported that our educational program designed to train water and wastewater treatment plant operators won the annual Public Education Award from the California Water Environment Association's (CWEA) San Francisco Bay Section. Special thanks were extended to Dean Bob Johnson, Deborah Mann, Dean David Redfield, Jim DeKloe, Pei-Lin Van't Hul, and April Yamaguci on this accomplishment.

- *Accreditation Update*

A wiki has been established for broad editing access to the Accreditation Report. Dr. Lamb was credited with helping with the structure, and he also developed the Tutorial YouTube video. The Board was encouraged to look at the wiki, especially around Board governance, as a way of writing to the report. Links for access to the wiki could be sent to the Board of Trustees. Vice President Honeychurch commented that making entries by individual Board members might create problems if they are not filtered before going out to the site. Dr. Waits responded that the Board will need to talk about how they will have input into the process into the governance section of the report.

- ***Recovery Matrix***

Dr. Waits reported that Nora O'Neill has worked diligently on the recovery matrix in terms of structure. It has been changed from Word to Excel, and Nora has worked hard at keeping the campus updated with the information. A wiki has been established for broad editing access, together with a Tutorial YouTube video. Minutes are being taken in the various meetings that provide evidence that we need to complete this work. Point people are assigned to each of the cells and the matrix is reviewed weekly at Executive Council.

Dr. Waits concluded her report by thanking everyone for allowing her to serve as Interim Superintendent/President and that this was her last regular Board meeting. Dr. Waits advised she will be returning to the Office of Student Services as Vice President, effective March 1, 2009. Dr. Robert D. Jensen will be assuming the position as Interim Superintendent/President, effective March 1, 2009, and will be welcomed by the campus community at the March 4, 2009, Board meeting. Dr. Waits stated she is looking forward to working with him.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

- (a) Employment – 2008-09

Administrative and Business Services

- (b) Warrant Listings
- (c) Construction Change Order No. 1 Approval for Quality Sound – Bid No. 08-003
- (d) Construction Change Order No. 2 Approval for Quality Sound, Inc. – Bid No. 08-001

Trustee Keith inquired about the salary for David Froehlich, Director of Facilities, (ALG). Dr. Christensen responded that he has been hired as the full-time Director and is placed on the uniform salary schedule.

Trustee Keith inquired about how Ms. Teresa Ryland, independent contractor, is being funded. Dr. Waits responded that she will be paid from Bond money. Dr. Waits reminded the Board that Ms. Ryland is being hired as a result of the perceived need for analysis of our Bond funds, per

recommendation #1 of the EdMAC Report. She will help reconcile the Bond account and do an analysis of our expenditures.

Trustee Keith inquired about Ms. Reagan Romali, consultant to support and assist current Fiscal Services staff in performing day-to-day functions. Dr. Waits responded by stating she is a replacement for Ms. Joanne Schulz, hired as a consultant through Leadership Solutions. After a death in her family, she was not able to provide such support. The original contract was for \$20,000. Ms. Romali will take up the rest of the approved contract for \$19,000.

Trustee Thurston made an inquiry about Item 7.(c) Change Order for Quality Sound, a regulatory agency requirement. She asked if this is a new requirement. Mr. Lester Young responded that this is requested by the DSA field inspector. It was not a question of knowing when the code was in place, but to respond to the request of the DSA Field Inspector's request for additional work for approval.

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Keith for approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

9. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

- (a) Solano Community College District and the California School Employees' Association, Chapter #211 Collective Bargaining Agreement Openers 2007-08 through 2009-10

Tabled for discussion after Closed Session.

Administrative and Business Services

- (b) Final Acceptance and Notice of Completion for R-E Corporation, Boiler Replacement Project, Bid No. 08-007

Mr. Stan Dobbs, Independent Contractor for Maintenance and Operations Department, presented the notice of completion for R-E Corporation, Boiler Replacement Project, Bid No. 08-077 and recommended final acceptance of the project.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey to approve the final acceptance and notice of completion for the R-E Corporation, Boiler Replacement Project, Bid No. 08-077. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Final Acceptance and Notice of Completion for J.W. and Sons, Inc., Building 1800-A, Bid No. 08-002

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey to approve the final acceptance and notice of completion for the J.W. and Sons, Inc., Building 1800A, Bid No. 08-002. The motion carried unanimously.

- (d) Final Acceptance and Notice of Completion for Walsh Electronic Systems Technology, Vallejo Center Security System, Bid No. 08-004

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Vice President Honeychurch to approve the final acceptance and notice of completion for Walsh Electronic Systems Technology, Vallejo Center Security System, Bid No. 08-004. The motion carried unanimously.

- (e) Professional Services Agreement with Independent Inspections, Inc., for Measure G Chiller Addition Project

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Murphy to accept the agreement with Independent Inspections Services, Inc., for professional services for the Chiller Addition, not to exceed \$3,400. The motion carried unanimously.

- (f) Professional Services Agreement with Karl Studinger Inspection Services, Inc., for Measure G Building 100 Interim Remodel

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Keith to accept the agreement with Karl Studinger Inspection Services, Inc., for the Measure G Building 100 interim remodel inspection, not to exceed \$33,750. The motion carried unanimously.

- (g) Approval to Seek Replacement Member to the Measure G Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Dr. Lisa J. Waits, Interim Superintendent/President, presented the request to the Board to seek a replacement member to the Measure G Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. A member, Jan Cox-Golovich, who was appointed in August 2007, resigned from her position and the District seeks a replacement member to represent a civic/business organization from the Benicia area.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey to seek a replacement member to the Measure G Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- (h) Bid #09-006, Covering Printing, Mailing and Delivery of the Following: 2009 Summer and Fall Schedule of Classes, 2010 Spring, Summer and Fall Schedule of Classes, 2009-10 and 2010-11 Fall and Spring Community Services Bulletin (VISTAS), 2009-11 Catalog

Mr. Ross Beck, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Communications, presented Bid #09-006, requesting authorization to advertise and receive bids for the printing, mailing, and delivery of the following: 2009 Summer and Fall Schedule of Classes; 2010 Spring, Summer, and Fall Schedule of Classes; 2009-10 and 2010-11 Fall and Spring Community Services

Bulletin (*VISTAs*); and 2009-11 Catalog. Mr. Beck reported that Ms. Laura Scott, Purchasing Specialist, helped to put the bid package together.

Moved by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee to McCaffrey to authorize to advertise Bid #09-006 for the printing, mailing, and delivery of the identified College Schedule of Classes, Vistas, and Catalog. The motion carried unanimously.

Academic Affairs

- (i) Resolution Proclaiming February 2009 as Black History Month at Solano Community College, Resolution No. 08/09-23

Board President Young recognized Dr. Sanford Wright, who requested to comment on Resolution No. 08/09-23.

Dr. Sanford Wright thanked the Board for considering the February 2009 Black History Month at Solano Community College resolution written by ASSC student Anthony Rivera, with assistance from Dr. Shirley Lewis. Dr. Wright stated that a bright spot in the Accreditation Report was the positive recognition of the Ethnic Studies Program. This is appropriate as it puts us in sync with other educational institutions. We are indeed fortunate to have had on this campus past and present members who have made black history and major national contributions. Tomorrow morning, February 19, 2009, Dr. Willard Wright, former Vice President of Administrative and Business Services, and currently the Vice Chancellor of Yuba Community College District, will be making a presentation on *The History of African American Medical Schools from 1900-1910*, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., in the Board Room.

Board President Young thanked Dr. Wright for his comments.

Dr. Sanford Wright, Ethnic Studies Program Coordinator, presented Resolution No. 08/09-23, proclaiming February 2009 as Black History Month at Solano Community College.

Moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve Resolution No. 08/09-23 proclaiming February 2009 as Black History Month at Solano Community College. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE – David R. Brannen concurred.

AYES – Trustee Claffey, Trustee Thurston, Trustee Keith, Trustee Murphy, Vice President Honeychurch, Trustee McCaffrey, and President Young

NOES – None

ABSENT – None

Student Services

- (j) Resolution Proclaiming March 2009 as Women's History Month at Solano Community College, Resolution No. 08/09-24

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve Resolution No. 08/09-24, proclaiming March 2009 as Women’s History Month at Solano Community College. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE – David R. Brannen concurred.

AYES – Vice President Honeychurch, Trustee Keith, Trustee Murphy, Trustee Thurston, Trustee McCaffrey, Trustee Claffey, and President Young

NOES – None

ABSENT – None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

(a) Budget Information Review

Dr. Lisa J. Waits, Interim Superintendent/President, presented updated information on the budget reduction impacts report. This information was originally submitted to the Board for their review at the February 11, 2009, special meeting, together with the structural deficits. The list is currently being reviewed by FABPAC. It was placed back on the agenda for the Board’s comments. Dr. Waits stated she hopes the Board has had an opportunity to read the document, think about it, and is prepared to discuss it further.

Special Trustee Henry added, as expressed at the last meeting, that this is global thinking and doesn’t encompass everything we have to consider and that there may be items that ultimately the Board may choose to remove. Time is of the essence. Dr. Waits and I thought it would be important to bring it back to the Board for specific thoughts, he said, and now is the opportunity to express those thoughts. We are serious that if there are items that we didn’t think of that should be considered and deliberated that the Board needs to have input and advise us of them. The various stakeholders at the institution are being asked the same questions.

Trustee Keith commented that the way the item was worded she was led to believe that someone was going to tell her something rather than her tell someone and was not prepared to discuss it as requested. Special Trustee Henry responded that at the last meeting the request was made for the Board to review the information and provide their thoughts tonight. If the Board isn’t prepared, it will be put on the agenda again in March, as well as at each regular Board meeting thereafter, to make sure the Board has input, whether specifically or generally.

Vice President Honeychurch stated to the speakers of the Solano Youth Theater, speaking for himself only, that he will make every effort to do everything he can to save the Solano College Theater program through this process. We have a tough road ahead of us on a number of fronts, but that is his position, and stated further he thinks there are other members of the Board who share his thoughts.

Board President Young stated that she was in agreement with Trustee Keith, thinking someone was going to give the Board a report and not ask for input and suggested that the item be worded differently.

Trustee Thurston stated she hopes we keep our Mission Statement firmly in front of us at all times, and that if we do have to make cuts that they are kept as far away from the classroom as possible. We can't make strong cuts in the academic area if we are serving students.

Trustee Keith piggybacked Vice President Honeychurch's comments about the theater. The theater program reaches out into the community in ways we cannot know, she said, and is in agreement that no one wants to cut music and art from our programs. Trustee Keith also agrees with Trustee Thurston that all cuts should be as far away from the students as possible.

Student Trustee Brannen stated that he is sure no one wants to make any of the proposed cuts. As Student Trustee, Mr. Brannen stated he wants to make sure the College theater program is around for future generations; however, if cuts need to be made, the Board needs to have the courage to make them.

Special Trustee Henry apologized for the agenda item wording. However, this is the type of discussion that is critical to our mission in addressing deficits. There is a deficit. There is a debate where the line is, but there is a structural deficit. In the last ten years the smaller piece of the pie has already been cut. Now we are in crisis. For every cell where people are represented, the Board is going to hear the same passion (referring to the comments made earlier on the SYT). Trustee Thurston helped frame this discussion by pointing to the Mission Statement. If we are going to get to the structural deficit, ultimately it gets to people and programs, and this discussion is important. We will have to prioritize, and that line will have to be drawn on what the reductions require. I would be remiss, he said, if I didn't communicate this to you.

Dr. Waits stated the importance of preserving cash and at the next meeting an item for consideration of the Board will be a resolution for TRANS—a short-term mechanism for cash flow.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

13. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Thurston reported that she attended the following community events:

February

12 – Attended the Valero Benicia Refinery Reception for the distribution of charity funds to children's charities, and received a check on behalf of the Vallejo Symphony to sponsor Mini Concerts in Vallejo and Benicia elementary schools.

14 – Attended the Solano County Democratic Crab Feed, and was introduced as a member of the Solano College Governing Board. Trustee Thurston presented their prestigious Wyman Riley Award to this year's recipient, Teena Miller of Vallejo. Trustee Thurston stated her late husband, Bill, was the first person to receive this award.

Trustee Keith advised many community constituents signed the ASSC petition opposing budget cuts.

Trustee McCaffrey, with the new hire of a Director of Facilities, thanked Stan Dobbs for filling in as the Interim Independent Contractor for the Maintenance and Operations Department. Trustee McCaffrey also thanked Interim Superintendent/President Waits for “diving in” head first back in October to help the College.

Trustee Murphy thanked Dr. Gene Thomas for his comments. One area of confusion that seems to be consistent is classes and whether or not they will be transferable. Any credits currently being earned will always be transferable.

Student Trustee Brannen reported that we are here for the long term and that we are going to save this College.

Board President Young reported that she attended the following community events:

February

11 – Attended the Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce Installation Luncheon at the Courtyard Marriott, Vallejo.

14 – Attended the Solano County Central Democratic Committee 43rd Annual Crab Feed held at the Portuguese Hall in Benicia.

Board President Young recessed the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Richard Christensen, Ed.D.
Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39
- (b) Public Employee Performance Evaluation
All Contract Faculty
- (c) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
(No additional information required.)

Board President Young called the Closed Session to order at 8:32 p.m., and adjourned the Closed Session at 9:14 p.m.

15. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President Young reconvened the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

16. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

Board President Young reported that the Board discussed Public Employee Performance Evaluations for contract employees on the tenure track in Closed Session and no action was taken.

Board President Young reported there was discussion of public employee discipline/dismissal/release in Closed Session and no action was taken.

17. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

- (a) Solano Community College District and the California School Employees’ Association, Chapter #211 Collective Bargaining Agreement Openers 2007-08 through 2009-10.

Dr. Lisa Waits, Interim Superintendent/President presented former Item 9.(a) Solano Community College District and the California School Employees’ Association, Chapter #211 Collective Bargaining Agreement Openers 2007-08 through 2009-10.

Dr. Waits recommended that the Board not approve this item. Dr. Waits stated we have spent time talking about the structural deficit of the institution, which has been discussed at FABPAC and other information about budget reductions. It is not prudent at this time to approve the openers as submitted.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Vice President Honeychurch not to approve the SCCD and CSEA Chapter #211 collective bargaining agreement openers for 2007-08 through 2009-10 as presented, based on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent/President. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE – David R. Brannen abstained.

AYES – Trustee Keith, Trustee Murphy, Trustee Thurston, Trustee McCaffrey, Trustee Claffey,
Vice President Honeychurch, and President Young

NOES – None

ABSENT - None

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

LJW:js

BOARD MINUTES.02.18.09.FINAL

APPROVED

A. MARIE YOUNG
PRESIDENT

LISA J. WAITS, Ed.D.
INTERIM SECRETARY

SCCD Board minutes are summarized per *SCCD Board Policy 1045 and 1046*. To listen to the full deliberation of the Board, please contact the Office of the Superintendent/President within thirty (30) days.