

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES
Board Study Session
March 3, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Board Study Session of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in the Administration Building, Room 626, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, CA 94534-3197, by Board President Denis Honeychurch.

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

Board President Honeychurch led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Denis Honeychurch, J.D., President
A. Marie Young, Vice President
Sarah E. Chapman
James M. Claffey
Phil McCaffrey
Rosemary Thurston
Lillian M. Nelson, Student Trustee
Tom Henry, Special Trustee
Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D., Secretary

Members Absent:

Pam Keith

Others Present:

Philip Andreini, Ph.D., Dean of Humanities, in the absence of Robin L. Steinback, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Ross Beck, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Communications
Trudy Largent, J.D., Interim Director, Human Resources
Carey Roth, Vice President, Administrative and Business Services
Lisa J. Waits, Ed.D., Vice President, Student Services
Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent/President and Governing Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Vice President 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) Image Campaign Concept and Proposal

Facilitated by Stephanie Kruse, KPS/3, Marketing; and Dilenna Harris, Harris Consulting Public Relations & Marketing

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

(b) Accreditation

Facilitated by Dr. Jeff Lamb, Academic Senate President, and Ms. Tracy Schneider, SLOs Coordinator

- Report for Fall 2010
- Self-Study Report for Fall 2011

Dr. Jeff Lamb, together with Ms. Tracy Schneider, gave an update on accreditation, which included the timeframe for the upcoming visit and Special Report in October 2010 and the Self-Study in 2011; composition of the Accreditation Committee and Steering Committee; a recap of the standards, and how the Board can contribute to help move the College off sanctions, which is to become an excellent Board as suggested by the Board President, review and update the Code of Conduct if needed, become a resource to Standards I and IV, and adhere to the recommendations from previous ACCJC reports.

A full and complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available for review in the Office of the Superintendent/President.

(c) Calendar

Facilitated by Dr. Lisa J. Waits, Vice President, Student Services

Dr. Lisa J. Waits, Vice President, Student Services, presented the draft 2010-2011 academic calendar. It was noted that the calendar meshes well with the majority of local high schools and addresses the Chancellor's Office requirement for number of instructional days. This item will return to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

(d) Federal Education Budget

Facilitated by Mr. Carey Roth, Vice President, Administrative and Business Services, and Ms. Nalini Srinivasan, Director of Fiscal Services

Vice President Carey Roth introduced Ms. Nalini Srinivasan who presented President Obama's proposed education budget for fiscal year 2011, noting the President is making education a major exception to top austerity measures. For the second year in a row, President Barack Obama has proposed that education be the most prominent exception to the administration's promise of a net freeze on nondefense discretionary spending in 2011. As part of the plan, Congress has been asked to make the Pell Grant the main Federal Aid program for low-income college students, an entitlement that receives an automatic budget allocation each year to meet the number of students who qualify. There was agreement the College needs to educate students better of Pell Grant opportunities.

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(e) Upcoming Events

Facilitated by Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent/President

- Faculty Dinner in April 2010 (*March 31, 2010*)
- Student Dinner in May 2010 (*May 5, 2010*)
- Staff Dinner in June 2010 (*June 2, 2010*)

In lieu of study sessions in April, May and June, Superintendent/President Laguerre asked the Board to consider meeting with faculty, students and staff over dinner, allowing the Board an opportunity to interact with each of the constituency groups. Noting that there is only one Board meeting in April, the recommendation was made to schedule the first dinner with faculty on March 31, 2010. Dr. Laguerre assured the Board the dinners would be structured in such a way as to provide good interaction with opportunity for questions and answers. Special Trustee Henry commented this would be an excellent opportunity that would tie to the College's mission and values. There was consensus from those present to schedule the dinners as proposed— March 31, 2010 (for faculty); May 5, 2010 (for students); and June 2, 2010 (for staff).

Board President Honeychurch recessed the Board Study Session at 7:14 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Trudy Largent, J.D.
Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—
Local 39
- (b) Public Employee Performance Evaluation
(Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D., Superintendent/President)

Board President Honeychurch called the Closed Session to order at 7:20 p.m.

8. RECONVENE BOARD STUDY SESSION

Board President Honeychurch reconvened the Board Study Session meeting at 8:15 p.m.

9. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

Board President Honeychurch reported that the Board discussed the public employee performance evaluation of Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent/President in Closed Session, and no action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board Study Session was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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DENIS HONEYCHURCH, J.D.
BOARD PRESIDENT

APPROVED _____

JOWEL C. LAGUERRE, Ph.D.
SECRETARY