

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES  
March 2, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 6:30 p.m., in the Administration Building, Room 626, at 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534, 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  
James M. Claffey  
Pam Keith  
Phil McCaffrey  
Rosemary Thurston  
John M. Glidden, Student Trustee  
Tom Henry, Special Trustee  
Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D., Secretary

Members Absent:

Sarah Chapman

Others Present:

Peter F. Bostic, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement  
Yulian I. Ligioso, Vice President, Finance and Administration  
J. Arturo Reyes, Executive Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs  
Karen H. Ulrich, Director, Human Resources  
Thomas Watkins, President, Academic Senate  
Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent-President and Governing Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Keith 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) Foster Youth Success Pilot Program Update

*Facilitated by Maureen Mason-Muyco, Financial Aid Outreach Specialist; Tracy Fried, California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO); Karl Porter, Solano County Health and Human Services; and Becky Cruz, Solano County Office of Education*

Ms. Maureen Mason-Muyco and several partners from the community updated the Board on the College's efforts to support former foster youth. The California Community Colleges established the Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI) to assist foster youth in accessing and successfully completing college. The purpose of FYSI is to increase the number of California Community College students receiving degrees or vocational certificates who are former foster youth. When foster youth leave their foster homes, mostly at age 18, they need to manage their lives. Some end up at College and succeed. Many attempt to enroll and are not successful at doing that. The program at Solano College helps to bridge that transition for them.

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

(b) Speech and Debate Team Update

*Facilitated by Neil Glines, Speech Instructor; and Elizabeth Simas, Forensic Coach*

Instructor Neil Glines introduced those present from the Speech and Debate Team. In a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, the "speaking Falcons" and their accomplishments were highlighted. Over sixty individual awards have been won this academic year at six tournaments. Mr. Glines shared with the Board where our past students have transferred, further identifying their degrees earned, since 2000. The "speaking Falcons" will journey to the California State Championships in Woodland Hills March 16 – 20, and then onto the Nationals in Greenwich, Connecticut in April. There is no doubt they will continue to make us proud.

Mr. Lance Bubak will soon be transferring to the University of the Pacific on a forensic scholarship to finish his Bachelor's Degree. Mr. Bubak demonstrated excellence in a five-minute impromptu speech on medicinal marijuana dispensaries. There was a round of applause from those present in the audience.

Instructor Glines concluded by stating that the students have worked hard to complete the necessary work to go to state and national tournaments, asserting further it is their intent to bring

home national trophies. They cannot do this without adequate funds. Mr. Glines asked the Board for their help to unfreeze the funds in place for the Speech and Debate Team.

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(c) Sabbatical Leave Reports for the Academic Year 2009-2010

- *Erin Farmer – Fall 2009 – “The Use of Multimedia to Enhance Instruction and Increase Enrollment in Literature Courses”*

Ms. Farmer thanked the Board and her colleagues who were responsible for allowing her to take her sabbatical. She said, “In times of tight budgets, an opportunity such as this is like pure gold.”

In the past two years, in keeping with the mandate of the Basic Skills Initiative and led by the efforts of the Solano College Basic Skills Committee, the English Department has focused much time, energy, and resources on its basic skills curriculum and pedagogy with the expectation that this work will yield benefits in terms of student success, as well as higher enrollment and retention numbers. Meanwhile, the Department’s Literature elective course enrollments have been languishing.

Instructor Farmer made a very enlightening presentation to the Board on the work she did in providing Literature courses online. She impressed the Board with the quality and quantity of her work. Part of her sabbatical featured interviews and documentation of former students’ success after they transferred to four-year institutions.

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- *Ferdinanda Florence – Spring 2010 – “Sabbatical Report: Four Goals, Four Months”*

Ms. Florence stated the purpose of her sabbatical was fourfold. She completed the requirements for the Master of Fine Arts Degree in Painting at the San Francisco Art Institute. She developed three new courses - A studio art/lecture course entitled “Mural Painting – History Community, Practice” (Art 18), which was part of her initial proposal. Thirdly, Ms. Florence developed readers for her lecture courses, in place of traditional textbooks. Finally, she finished writing a 393-page, non-traditional textbook for Solano College’s Art Appreciation classes.

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Dr. Jowel Laguerre commended both Ms. Farmer and Ms. Florence for the fine work they are doing, for their excellent presentations, and for using their sabbatical leaves wisely.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

(a) Employment 2010-2011; Renewal of Faculty Contracts, Page 1

Board President Honeychurch reported that Dr. Laguerre has made the following specific correction to the Consent Agenda as follows: Item 7.(a), page 2, line 3, 2009-10 should read **2010-11**.

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Vice President Young to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

Board President Honeychurch announced that the Board would be holding conference with Legal Counsel to discuss one anticipated litigation case--Keenan & Associates.

Board President Honeychurch recessed the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Negotiator: Karen Ulrich  
Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39
- (b) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release  
(No additional information required.)
- (c) Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent-President
- (d) Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation  
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(b): One Case

Board President Honeychurch called the Closed Session to order at 8:05 p.m.

10. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President Honeychurch reconvened the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

11. 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.

The Board discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in Closed Session and took action not to extend the appointment or otherwise reemploy the following positions beyond June 30, 2011: Division Dean, Humanities and Division Dean, Health Occupations.

The following roll call vote for Resolution No. 10/11-28 not to extend the appointment of the Division Dean of Humanities was taken in Closed Session and passed as follows:

AYES: Trustee Claffey, Trustee Thurston, Trustee Keith, Vice President Young, Trustee McCaffrey, and Board President Honeychurch.  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Chapman

The following roll call vote for Resolution No. 10/11-29 not to extend the appointment of the Division Dean of Health Occupations was taken in Closed Session and passed as follows:

AYES: Vice President Young, Trustee Keith, Trustee Thurston, Trustee Claffey, and Board President Honeychurch  
NOES: Trustee McCaffrey  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Chapman

The Board discussed the Public Employee Performance Evaluation of Dr. Jowel Laguerre in Closed Session, and no action was taken.

Board President Honeychurch reported that the Board Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Anticipated Litigation through Keenan and Associates, Keenan Claim No. 445255, and elected to deny the claim.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
DENIS HONEYCHURCH JOWEL C. LAGUERRE, Ph.D.  
PRESIDENT SECRETARY

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