The Governing Board Audit Subcommittee met prior to the Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in Room 138 at the Vacaville Center to discuss the Measure G Financial Audit and Performance Audit.

The Governing Board Accreditation Subcommittee met prior to the Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m., in Room 138 at the Vacaville Center to discuss the Accreditation Self-Study Report.

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 16, 2011, in the Multi-Use Room of the Vacaville Center, at 2001 North Village Parkway, Vacaville, CA 94688, by Board President 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
Phil McCaffrey
A. Marie Young, Vice President
Sarah E. Chapman
James M. Claffey
Pam Keith
Rosemary Thurston
John M. Glidden, Student Trustee
Tom Henry, Special Trustee
Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D., Secretary

Members Absent:
None

Others Present:
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board President Honeychurch modified the order of business in the manner appropriate for the meeting by advising Announcements and Items from the Board would be discussed before Closed Session.

Board President Honeychurch advised that Superintendent-President Laguerre made the following specific correction to the agenda as follows: Attachment for Item 11.(d), pages 38 and 39, has been replaced with new language. A copy of the corrected Initial Proposal from the SCCD to the Solano College Chapter CCA/CTA/NEA was given to the Board Members at their places and made available to the public on the press table.

A copy of the correction to the attachment for Item 11.(d) is available for review on the Solano College Web site at www.solano.edu (Governing Board – Minutes – March 16, 2011 - Appendix A).

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

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Board President Honeychurch recognized Mr. Sean Sullivan, ASSC Student, who asked the following question: “Are there plans to install Photovoltaic or other energy resources of electricity at the Vacaville Center?”

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, responded by stating that the College is looking at sustainability opportunities. We want everything we do to incorporate sustainability. The next Governing Board Agenda will include an item to approve the sustainability approach. While we cannot be specific at this point in time, plans are in progress.

6. REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED):

(a) Associated Students of Solano College (ASSC)

Ms. Jaezzel Gomez-Jemera, ASSC Governing Board Representative, reported that:

--the candidacy forms for this year’s election of ASSC officers are available until Friday, March 18, 2011, in the Student Development Office.
--the ASSC passed a resolution in support of California Community Colleges budget priorities and principles, passed and adopted March 15, 2011. Ms. Gomez read the resolution to those present.

_A copy of the resolution is available for review on the Solano College Web site at www.solano.edu (Governing Board – Minutes – March 16, 2011 - _Appendix B_)._ 

(b) **Academic Senate**

Dr. Richard Kleeberg, Secretary of the Academic Senate, reported on behalf of Thomas Watkins, Academic Senate President, that:

--the Curriculum Committee is a subcommittee of the Academic Senate and the items being presented to the Board for approval are perhaps the most important activity of the Senate. The Senate maintains the curriculum to the standards that are necessary very well. Dr. Kleeberg thanked Ms. Erin Duane for her work as Curriculum Committee Chair.

--during August Flex Cal, for the first time, an entire day will be devoted to Basic Skills. The Senate has been working to revitalize and perhaps reform activities during Flex Cal to bring forward more instructional-related activities. Basic Skills is an area where there is still work to be done. Dr. Kleeberg thanked Dr. Susanna Crawford, Basic Skills Coordinator, and Chair (Flex Cal Committee) Charles Spilner, who have devoted a great deal of time to put forth activities beneficial to faculty.

--the Senate has been working for more than a year to update the Senate Constitution and Bylaws, which have been woefully obsolete. The amended Constitution and Bylaws will be presented for information to the Senate next Monday.

(c) **Shared Governance Council**

J. Arturo Reyes, Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, reported that:

--the Shared Governance Council met March 9, 2011.

--Dr. Lamb, Accreditation Liaison Officer, gave an Accreditation Update.

--PERT is continuing their efforts to link student learning outcomes and Program Review to strategic goals and outcomes.

--there was an enthusiastic presentation by Peter Bostic, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, on the upcoming 65th Jazzy Anniversary. Sponsorships and tickets are now available.

--the SCC strategic/operational proposal process came to fruition on March 3 when the Superintendent-President’s Cabinet approved two strategic proposals for the 2011-12 academic year. The Foster Youth Success Initiative Pilot Program was funded to support foster youth success. The Mandatory Orientation Program will be implemented using existing resources to increase the probability that entering students will be successful at SCC through participating in in-person or online orientation.

(d) **Superintendent**
Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Mr. Peter Bostic, introduced each of the 2011 Solano Community College OSHER Scholarship recipients as follows:

**Chelsea Abreu** is currently working towards transferring to a four-year institution to obtain her Bachelor’s Degree in History. She then plans to attend law school to obtain her Juris Doctorate. A former foster care youth, Chelsea wants to advocate for other former foster youth who have transitioned out of foster care but have little voice in the policies that affect them.

**Gordon Battles** is also working towards transferring to a four-year institution, hopefully U.C. Davis or U.C. Berkeley. He wants to obtain his B.A. in Sociology and then pursue his Master’s Degree, hoping to someday start a program in the Arts for underprivileged children and teens.

**Gaylynn Cohen-Roberts** is working towards attaining her A.A. Degree in Business, after which she hopes to attend a four-year institution to achieve her B.A. in Computer Science. Her career goal is to have a private online business as well as work with a non-profit online business organization for disability advocacy. Gaylynn cares for her disabled family members, including her 25 year old disabled son who requires 24-hour supervision.

**Chika Ekwenna** is a native of Nigeria and plans to become a doctor. She has worked and volunteered in many hospitals and clinics, both in Africa and America, and wants to be able to give to patients the same happiness she has witnessed doctors giving to patients when they arrive in pain but end up leaving the hospital satisfied and happy. Chika hopes to become a person capable of helping others through pain and grief.

**Maria Fuentes**’ goals are to obtain her A.A. Degree in Accounting and Micro Computer Applications at SCC and continue on to complete her Doctorate in Psychology. She hopes to become a Psychiatrist at a mental hospital.

**Maleka Harrison Brown** is currently working on attaining her A.A. Degree at SCC and planning to transfer to California State University, Sacramento to finish her education and obtain her teaching credential. She is a member of the MESA Program at SCC. Maleka does volunteer work at Laurel Creek School, where she also serves on the School Site Council, and is looking forward to becoming an advocate for CASA, an organization that mentors and represents foster youth.

**Vincent Iarocci**, after his business failed because of the recession, returned to college to continue his education to become a more saleable commodity in the job market. He is enrolled in the Criminal Justice and Computer Forensic programs at SCC, pursuing a new career in the field of Cyber Criminology. As a student in SCC’s occupational and education course, Vincent has acquired an internship position as an IT Assistant for the “Children’s Nurturing Project”, which provides him hands-on experience in the area of business information systems and security.

**Hardeep Kahlon** (not present), has spent most of her life observing her grandmother suffer from breast cancer and her parents deal with multiple health problems. Hardeep was inspired to become a nurse by watching the nurses care for and help cure her family members.
Kaliva Morgan’s educational goals are to complete her coursework at SCC and transfer to CSU East Bay to attain her Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree in Journalism. Currently Kaliva works at the Benicia Patch online newspaper where she writes articles and produces pictures to be placed on their Web site. This job allows her to get direct, hands-on experience for her future career in journalism. Kaliva also has experience in childcare, legal filing, and housekeeping.

Mr. Bostic concluded by stating, “These scholars will be introduced at the 65th Anniversary celebration, and when you hear their full story, you will be as excited as Bernard Osher. These are exactly the students he was looking for when he established his scholarship program.” Board President Honeychurch and Superintendent-President Laguerre congratulated each recipient and awarded them their $1000 scholarship if they are a full-time student and $500 if they are a part-time student.

- Student and Faculty Member Vacaville Center Experience Presentations

Dr. Shirley Lewis, Dean of the Vacaville Center, introduced the Mr. Sean Sullivan and Ms. Genele Rhodes, who relayed their experiences at the Vacaville Center.

- Student – Sean Sullivan

Mr. Sean Sullivan began by stating the Vacaville Center is very useful to him. It is convenient because it is close to home and provides access to computer labs, a learning center, and teachers. His ability to ride a bike to school is a godsend because he can’t afford the time or expense of driving from Fairfield to the Center and back again. The Center provides access to teachers, allowing him to speak with them outside of the classroom. The Center offers computer labs, which allow him to access the Internet, word processors, and other utility programs. The computer lab is Sean’s only access to e-mail. Another service the Center offers is the Learning Center, which provides access to the Library and peer groups which enhances student learning and study. The school’s library offers a selection of reference books and texts for students to read in the Learning Center. A duty Librarian and Math instructor are available for assistance and advice. Mr. Sullivan concluded that he is very glad he has the opportunity to attend classes at the Vacaville Center.

There was applause from those present in the audience.

- Faculty Member – Genele Rhoads

Instructor Rhoads began by stating she has been teaching Math at SCC since 1993 and full-time since 1997, and is very happy to be at the Vacaville Center. She said, “We have a place that is inviting to students, and is especially convenient for students who live nearby.” According to a survey conducted, approximately two-thirds of students who attend the Vacaville Center live in Vacaville. Ms. Rhoads’ favorite place is the Learning Lab, which serves students for 20 hours per week. Instructors are available to help students work on various software programs. Another nice feature is the multi-purpose room, where the Annual Math Education Conference is held. Instructor Rhoads shared a PowerPoint presentation on the recent Math Educators of Solano County Conference, which was held on Saturday, February 26, 2011.
There was applause from those present in the audience.

Board President Honeychurch thanked Mr. Sullivan and Instructor Rhoads for their presentations to the Board.

Executive Vice President Ligioso gave a brief budget update on statewide (recent) events, adjustments and targeted balances for 2010-11, an estimated budget for 2011-12, and budget planning options with an adjusted estimated budget balance of $3,439,403. A copy of his report is available in the Office of the Superintendent-President and the Office of the Vice President of Finance and Administration.

- Accreditation Status Update

There was no report.

- Banner Update

There was no report.

- Institutional Advancement Update

There was no report.

- Measure G Bond Program Update

There was no report.

- Special Trustee Report

There was no report.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Jowel Laguerre made the following specific correction to the Minutes of March 2, 2011, by adding the following sentence to paragraph 1 on page 3: Trustee Keith acknowledged the many accomplishments of the Speech and Debate Team over the years, which is an indication of our faculty’s outstanding work.

Superintendent-President

(a) Minutes for the Meeting of February 16, 2011, and Board Study Session of March 2, 2011

Human Resources
b) Employment – 2010-2011; Gratuitous Service; Employment 2011-12 – Request for Reduced Workload

Finance and Administration

(c) Warrant Listings

Academic and Student Affairs

(d) Second Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Automation Services to the Solano Community College Library by the County of Solano Library Department

(e) Request for Approval of Curriculum Actions as Submitted by the Curriculum Committee, a Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Moved by Vice President Young and seconded by Trustee Thurston 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.

9. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Finance and Administration

(a) Measure G Bond Financial and Performance Audit for 2009-2010

Trustee McCaffrey, Chair of the Governing Board Audit Committee, reported that the subcommittee met prior to the meeting with Ms. Terri Montgomery from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. LLP (VTD).

Ms. Terri Montgomery thanked the Audit Committee for the opportunity to go through both audits with them. Ms. Montgomery presented the Measure G Bond Financial and Performance Audit for 2009-2010 (last of 09-10 audit reports). Proposition 39 requires that the local community college Governing Board conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed in the ballot language and to conduct an annual, independent audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all the funds have been expended for school facility projects. Ms. Montgomery stated there were no exceptions to either report. One observation/recommendation was to do some clean up work in old accounts payables.

Moved by Vice President Young and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Measure G Bond Financial and Performance Audit for 2009-2010. The motion carried unanimously.
(b) Proposed Agreement with Seliger + Associates for Grant Writing Services

Mr. James DeKloe, BioSci/Biotechnology Instructor, Math/Science Division, presented the agreement with Seliger + Associates to provide the District with professional grant writing services in preparing a grant proposal to the Department of Labor’s Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program (TAACCCT). The TAACCCT provides community colleges and other eligible institutions with funds to expand and improve its ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less.

The District is proposing to be the lead institution in a consortium of California Community Colleges that will train students for jobs in the emerging biotechnology field. This Biotechnology Consortium will also include City College of San Francisco (CCSF), Laney College, Mira Costa College, Ohlone College, and the BayBIO Institute. This grant will develop some new curricular components, but will mainly provide an opportunity to disseminate successful approaches to teaching like CCSF’s Bridge to Biotech program that has brought residents from San Francisco’s underserved neighborhoods into the biotech field.

Mr. DeKloe stated this company writes grants in the format the Department of Labor requires. The consortium maximum amount we expect to apply for is $20 million.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey to approve the Proposed Agreement with Seliger + Associates for Grant Writing Services. The motion carried unanimously.

Academic and Student Affairs

(c) Agreement Between the California EMS Academy, Inc., and Solano Community College District to Provide Special Education Services

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, presented the Agreement Between the California EMS Academy, Inc., and Solano Community College District to Provide Special Education Services.

Moved by Vice President Young and seconded by Trustee Chapman to approve the Agreement Between the California EMS Academy, Inc., and Solano Community College District to provide Special Education Services. The motion carried unanimously.

Information Systems

(d) Contract with Oracle for Database Software Support

James Ennis, Interim Chief Information Systems Officer, presented the Contract with Oracle for Database Software Support. The District needs to continue support but is recommending elimination of the intermediary (SunGard) by contracting directly with Oracle for support. The
proposed Oracle contract provides for the same level of support as the previous contract at a cost of $90,906.83, for a savings of approximately $21,333.17.

Moved by Vice President Young and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Contract with Oracle for Database Software Support. The motion carried unanimously.

10. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS – ACTION MAY BE TAKEN
   (a) Award of Contract for the Replacement of the Fairfield Campus SID Irrigation Pumping and Distribution System (IPDS)

Mr. David V. Froehlich, Director of Facilities, presented the Award of Contract for the Replacement of the Fairfield Campus SID Irrigation Pumping and Distribution Systems (IPDS). There is urgency in our ability to irrigate; thus, the recommendation to award contract for the replacement of the SID irrigation pumping and distribution system (IPDS) to Weeks Drilling and Pump Co. of Sebastopol, California, in the amount of $56,590.

Moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve the Award of Contract for the Replacement of the Fairfield Campus SID Irrigation Pumping and Distribution Systems (IPDS) to Weeks Drilling & Pump Co., in the amount of $56,590. The motion carried unanimously.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED
   (a) Elections Issues

Mr. Lindsey McWilliams, Solano County Assistant Registrar of Voters, updated the Board members on current elections issues and provided helpful explanations on matters of mutual concern, specifically potential foreign language requirements and increased costs, potential loss of SB 90 funding for school district vote by mail costs, and California Elections Code §12283 requiring schools to make available space for polling places.

Mr. McWilliams stated that Solano Community College has been a great partner in the past and thanked the District for their efforts on behalf of the citizens in Solano County.

The census data was released to California last Wednesday, and the first data does not match our districts very well. The County has increased by 18,000 people in the last ten years. Mr. McWilliams shared that he suspects due to the increase in Latinos that the Department of Justice will require a language requirement on the ballot, which will increase the cost of holding elections.

The County is watching the Governor’s proposals very closely and there should be news next week if there will be a special election on June 7. November 8, 2011, will be the next regular election.

(b) Sabbatical Leave Report for the Academic Year 2009-2010
Mr. George Daugavietis, Math/Geography Instructor, presented his sabbatical leave report for the academic year 2009-2010, “Proposal to Develop an Academic Course on the Geography of California.”

Instructor Daugavietis began by stating during the spring 2008 semester, the Math/Science faculty voted to make a full-time Geography/GIS (Geographic Information Systems) teaching position the number one hiring priority for the 2009-2010 academic year. As it turned out there were no new hires. It should be noted that with five to six new hires expected for 2011-2012, the Divisions were asked to prioritize their hiring preferences. The Math/Science Division again voted to make Geography/GIS number one. However, when prioritized against the requests from all the divisions, Geography/GIS is number nine and most likely will not be filled for 2011-2012.

Mr. Daugavietis stated it made sense to him that this would be a perfect time for Solano College to expand its geography course offerings. The creation of a California Geography course would be a logical extension of the geography department’s offerings in anticipation of the next full-time hire in the division.

A course on the geography of California must recognize the importance of California from the dual perspectives of the physical and cultural landscapes. It was no surprise to Instructor Daugavietis that contemporary textbooks on the geography of California are limited.

Since this course completed the approval phase through the Curriculum Committee in April 2010, it is possible the course will be taught for the first time in fall 2011, unless budget constraints prohibit it from being taught.

Instructor Daugavietis showed a PowerPoint of photographic materials taken during his travel periods spent continuing to develop and compile supplemental materials for the course.

There was applause from the audience. Board President Honeychurch thanked Instructor Daugavietis for his report to the Board.

(c) Accreditation Survey Results

Dr. Chris Myers, Interim Director of Research and Planning, presented the Accreditation Survey results, which was conducted in the fall of 2010. The purposes of the surveys were to assess the respondents’ perceptions of the degree to which the college is fulfilling the accreditation standards of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, and the students’ opinions of their college experience. The results are intended to support the Accreditation Self Study, as well as provide information that can be used for assessing and improving Solano College’s programs and services. The report highlights Solano College’s strengths and areas needing improvement identified by the survey results, as well as makes recommendations for improvement.
A copy of Dr. Myers’ PowerPoint presentation is available for review in the Office of the Superintendent-President and the Office of Research and Planning.

(d) Presentation of the District’s Initial Proposal to Solano College Chapter CCA/CTA/NEA

Ms. Karen Ulrich, Director of Human Resources, presented the District’s initial proposal to Solano College Chapter CCA/CTA/NEA, as the District and the Solano College Faculty Association (SCFA) are preparing to enter into negotiations for a successor agreement for the period of 2011-2012. Pursuant to Government Code Section 3547, public comment on such proposal shall be received at the next Governing Board meeting scheduled for April 6, 2011.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

13. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

- Vice President Young reported that she attended the following College and community events:

*February 2011*

26 – 7th Annual Math Educators of Solano County (MESC) Mini-Conference, which was held at the Vacaville Center of SCC. Several of the excellent workshop presenters are Vice President Young’s former mathematics colleagues—Dr. Dorothy Hawkes and Carlos Esteve. Kudos were extended to Instructor Genele Rhoads, who is also a former Math colleague and the current president of MESC, for her leadership role in sponsoring this conference.

26 – Continentals of Omega Boys and Girls Club (COBGC), Southern College Tour Crab Dinner and Gold Party Fundraiser. This event was held at the COBGC in Vallejo.

28 – Vallejo Chamber of Commerce Good Morning Vallejo Event, which was held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Vallejo.

*March 2011*

04 – Vallejo City Unified School District 33rd Annual Educators’ Night, which was held at the Vallejo Elks Lodge, No. 559, in Vallejo.

05 – Solano County Democratic Central Committee 45th Annual Crab Feed, which was held at the Portuguese Hall in Benicia.

08 – Participated in the planning committee meeting for the 23rd Vallejo Juneteenth Celebration. This event will be held in Vallejo on June 18 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. Vice President Young is the Education Coordinator for the event.

10 – Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer, which was held at and hosted by Courtyard by Marriott in Vallejo.

12 – Benicia-Vallejo Branch of the American Association of University Women’s fundraiser, which was a Motown tribute concert by *The Best Intentions*, benefitting Tech Trek, AAUW’s scholarship program to send 7th grade girls from Vallejo and Benicia middle schools to
a week-long residential science and math program. Trustee Thurston and Vice President Young are members of the AAUW.

12 – Teen Expo at SCC, which was sponsored by the Solano Collaboration for HIV/AIDS Awareness.

- Trustee Thurston reported that she attended the following College and community events:

**February 2011**

- 26 - Continentals of Omega Boys & Girls Club Southern College Tour Crab Feed Dinner to raise money for their tour at the end of March.

**March 2011**

- 05 – Solano County Democratic Central Committee 45th Annual Crab Feed, which was held at the Portuguese Hall in Benicia.
- 08 – Participated in the planning committee meeting for the 23rd Vallejo Juneteenth Celebration, which will be held in Vallejo on June 18 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Trustee Thurston is the treasurer for the group.
- 10 – Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer, which was held at and hosted by the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Vallejo.
- 12 – Benicia-Vallejo Branch of the American Association of University (AAUW) Women fundraiser, which was a Motown tribute concert by The Best Intentions, benefiting Tech Trek, which is AAUW's scholarship program to send 7th grade girls from Vallejo and Benicia middle schools to a week-long residential science and math workshop.

- Trustee Chapman reported that she attended the following College and community events:

  -- Annual Math Educators of Solano County (MESC) Mini-Conference, which was held February 26, 2011, at the Vacaville Center.
  --Vacaville City Select Committee. The City Manager reported on the future of redevelopment funds that will potentially be lost to the city and county.
  -- Teen Expo at SCC, held March 12, 2011.
  --Boys and Girls Club of Vacaville Bowl-a-Thon.
  --Haiti Tec – two academies will arrive next month to visit the College to discuss partnership collaboration. There is a lot of support for this effort. They will also be presenting at a conference in Louisiana in April.

Board President Honeychurch recessed the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

14. 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.)

Board President Honeychurch called the Closed Session to order at 8:25 p.m.

15. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President Honeychurch reconvened the regular meeting at 10:09 p.m.

16. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

Board President Honeychurch reported that the Board discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in Closed Session, and no action was taken.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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BOARD MINUTES.03.16.11.FINAL

_________________________________  APPROVED _________________________________
DENIS HONEYCHURCH, J.D.  JOWEL C. LAGUERRE, Ph.D.
BOARD PRESIDENT  SECRETARY

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