

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

ADOPTED MINUTES
Wednesday, April 5, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in the Denis Honeychurch Board Room, Room 626, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534, 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 United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Denis Honeychurch, President
Rosemary Thurston, Vice President
Amber Cargo-Reed
Karimah Karah, J.D.
Amanda Lopez-Lara
Quinten R. Voyce
A. Marie Young
Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D., Secretary
Sumiya Ragab, Student Trustee

Others Present:

Lucky Lofton, Vice President of Bond
Lisa Neeley, Vice President of Student Services
Susan Wheet, Vice President of Finance & Administration
David Williams, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Sandra Therrien, Executive Coordinator

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments on Closed Session items.

6. CLOSED SESSION

President Honeychurch called the closed session to order at 6:35 p.m.

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54957.6)
Agency Negotiator: Salvatore Abbate, Human Resources
Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39
- (b) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)
- (c) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d) of Govt. Code § 54956.9

7. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

President Honeychurch reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

8. REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board held Conference with Labor Negotiator and CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, and Operating Engineers-Local 39, and no action was taken.

The Board discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and no action was taken.

The Board held Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation and Initiation of Litigation and no action was taken.

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (CONTINUED)

Professor Jim DeKloe made the following comments:

Good evening Board of Trustees. I'm Jim DeKloe and I teach Biology, Biotechnology, and Biomanufacturing here at Solano College. I wanted to give a brief report on the progress of our biotechnology program, and also urge you to later vote to approve the proposed Dual Enrollment courses that are on the agenda. Offering these classes has been negotiated with Vacaville High School and Will C. Wood High School and they have the potential to expand our program.

In the beginning Solano College became the first college, two-year or four-year, with a biotechnology program that taught the skills and knowledge required for graduates to enter the manufacturing sector of the biotech industry. Other colleges offered "biotechnology" certificates and degrees, but all of them solely covered the skills and knowledge required to enter research – subjects that remained within their faculty member's comfort zone and culture.

Since those early days we have added high school articulations, two new certificates, and a Bachelor's degree (one of fifteen community colleges in California to pioneer this new mission). We added new faculty and staff. We have kept up with new innovations in this rapidly developing field. We added the Vacaville Biotechnology training facility. And we have collaborated with colleges, universities, non-profit organizations, academic consortia, government agencies, Manufacturing USA Institutes, and companies from across the country.

We have given tours of our facilities to delegations from over 30 states and 7 countries. We have served as representatives to local, regional, and national workforce committees and have served on advisory committees for high school, community college, university, and statewide and national non-profit programs. Faculty have given talks up and down California and in over 30 states. Expertise in training for manufacturing rather than research turns out to be valuable.

Solano College has always been at the forefront of new innovations. While remaining grounded in protein biomanufacturing, which remains the core of pharmaceutical biomanufacturing, we introduced training in single use technologies, algal biotechnology, synthetic biology, cell and gene therapies, and process automation.

With the Bachelor's degree we put together a true educational pathway: articulated high school classes flow into three certificates which, with added General Education courses becomes an Associate's degree. The Associates degree flows seamlessly into the Bachelors of Science. And we have negotiated a guaranteed admission into several graduate schools. We have negotiated with six different graduate schools who would like to consider our students for admission. So, there it is -high school to PhD – alpha to omega.

Exposure to the field →middle school curriculum →high school programs →college biotech stacked and latticed certificates →biotechnology Associates degree →Biotechnology Bachelors degree →graduate school →career placement

The pathway has multiple entry and exit points to enter industry. And all of the segments can be pursued part-time and while employed. Students enjoy a near 100% placement rate at each level, and this provides a career with a high starting salary and tremendous potential for upward mobility. The biotech faculty have given a presentation on this pathway to multiple audiences including the Community College League of California, the Community College Baccalaureate Association, the National Council for Workforce Education, and local audiences. We continue to form close relationships with multiple university graduate programs. The latest relationship is with Stanford's Laboratory for Cell and Gene Medicine.

Encouraging other Bachelor's Degrees and working with other College Programs

Moorpark College was approved to offer a Bachelors in Biomanufacturing. We helped Mount San Antonio College with their Bachelor's degree in Histotechnology and they were approved. This week Los Angeles Mission College's proposal to offer a Biomanufacturing was approved, and we have worked with Pasadena City College for their Stem Cells baccalaureate approval. We are also working with Los Angeles Pierce College, Compton College and Santa Monica College to help them develop a program that teaches Cell and Gene Therapy. We are working with community colleges in Texas, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. We are also working with several East Coast HBCUs.

Our students continue to enjoy a near 100% placement into industry – at every level of the program.

At the end of Fall semester 2022 we awarded our first the Cell and Gene Therapy Certificates – as far as we know this is first certificate of its type in the United States. We will share this curriculum with colleges from every region in the United States. The program also teaches the skills and knowledge required for students to pursue synthetic biology and stem cell manipulation and algae biotechnology. This is the first program of its kind in the United States.

COMPASS Grant Progress - \$2.9 million grant from the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (the Prop 14-funded California's Stem Cell Agency) and

This grant is from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine through their COMPASS program (Creating Opportunities through Mentorship and Partnership Across Stem cell Science). The title of the grant is IDEA-CBMS - Increase Diversity, Equity, and Advancement in Cell Based Manufacturing Sciences. This five year \$2,894,500 grant from the California Stem Cell agency (CIRM) will pay scholarships for at least 25 students. The students will also have a paid summer internship in a company or university that works with cell therapies or stem cells. We have been in close discussion with Stanford University's Laboratory for Cell and Gene Medicine, and have formed a tight relationship with them. Six students applied for their summer internship program and two were chosen – two out of four spots.

Solano College Continues to Play a Major Role in Economic Development

The City of Vacaville sponsored biotech-related events put on by the San Francisco Business News, and co-sponsored the California booth at the major biotech event of the year, the the BIO meeting in San Diego (Biotechnology Innovation Organization – the major trade organization for the field). Jim DeKloe helped work the California booth in San Diego, as he had the year before in Philadelphia. In each case the team met with many prospective biotech companies who were looking for a new location, and in each case the ability of Solano College to provide a workforce emerged as THE major attraction of our county.

For each biotech company who considered Solano County as a site, the company requested a tour of the Solano College biotech training facility and in several successful cases expressed that the presence of Solano College was the key feature of the region that caused them to choose to locate here.

High School Dual Enrollment

Biotech would like thank and complement the team: We would like to complement VP Susan Wheet – who has been a pleasure to work with. We would like to complement VPs David Williams and Lisa Nealy. And a special compliment to hard working Dean Joe Ryan. And we would like to thank the Superintendent President Celia Esposito-Noy.

And we urge you to vote in favor of the Dual Enrollment Proposal.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) **Draft Minutes for the Meeting Held on March 15, 2023 (Pending Board Approval)**

Human Resources

- (b) **Employment 2022-2023, Page 6**

Finance and Administration

- (c) **Personal Services Agreements, Page 8**

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

12. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) Ballot for California Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board of Directors Election for 2023, Page 10

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Ballot for California Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board of Directors Election for 2023 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (b) Approval of Board Policy 1110 Civic Center/Use of District Facilities, Page 12

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the Approval of Board Policy 1110 Civic Center/Use of District Facilities as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Human Resources

- (c) Resignation to Retire, Page 14

VP David Williams made the following comments regarding the retirement of Ed Goldberg:

Ed has taught several classes in the Administration of Justice program, including CJ 057, a specialty course in which he exposed students to various careers through impressive guest speakers, including police chiefs and FBI agents. Ed is a student-centered instructor who pours his all into creating a welcoming, dynamic, and inclusive environment. Ed is a facilitator for student learning, which puts students at the center of the learning environment.

According to one peer, 'Ed had always treated students with a friendly demeanor and openness. You can tell his students feel comfortable and he has fostered an environment which allows for inclusiveness and equity.'

Beyond the classroom, Ed has played an important role in several capacities, including serving as the interim police chief for the campus and serving on the hiring committee for the newly established Department of Public Safety. It is important to mention Ed's work beyond the campus, which has included writing comprehensive position papers and proposals in support of progressive, inclusive, and no-discriminatory policing practices as part of the national debate

about the levels of police violence towards minority communities He is using is voice and credibility within this area to put forward bold brave suggestions for change. He has been an invaluable member of our division and the wider Solano College community, and we wish him well in his retirement.

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the Resignation to Retire as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Finance and Administration

- (d) Approval of Contract to James Thomas Media LLC for Various Outreach and Marketing Services, Page 15

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Approval of Contract to James Thomas Media LLC for Various Outreach and Marketing Services as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bond

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Young to approve agenda items 12.(d) through 12.(i) in one motion as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (e) Contract Award to Waterworks Industries, Inc. for Construction Services for the Fairfield Campus Pool Deck Replacement Project, Page 39
- (f) Contract Award to Optima Inspections Incorporated for Project Inspection Services for the Fairfield Campus Pool Deck Replacement Project, Page 41
- (g) Contract Award to Ninyo & Moore for Material Testing & Special Inspection Services for the Fairfield Campus Pool Deck Replacement Project, Page 43
- (h) Contract Amendment #2 to Aedis Architects for Additional Professional Services for the Building 300 Modernization Project, Page 45
- (i) Equipment Order to Development Group, Inc. for Information Technology Infrastructure Project – Remaining District Wireless Refresh, Page 50

Academic Affairs

- (j) College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Agreements with Vacaville High School and Will C. Wood High School, Page 52

It was moved by Trustee Lopez-Lara and seconded by Trustee Cargo-Reed to approve the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Agreements with Vacaville High School and Will C. Wood High School as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

13. BOARD STUDY SESSION - NO ACTION REQUIRED

Student Services in a Post-COVID Environment
Presented by: Lisa Neeley, Vice President of Student Services

14. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

(a) On-Campus Housing Project, Page 98

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Karah attended the SOAR event and wanted to congratulate the VPs on doing a wonderful job. There were a lot in attendance supporting the program

Trustee Voyce commended Officer Luz Daniels on administering life saving CPR on a citizen on campus.

16. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

17. CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED IF NECESSARY)

18. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING (IF NECESSARY)

19. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Cargo-Reed to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.