

SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JOINT MEETING WITH THE ASSOCIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008
MINUTES

The Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Clarita Community College District and the Associated Student Government was called to order on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 by President Ernie Tichenor, in the Staff Dining Room of the Student Center, College of the Canyons, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California.

Members Present: Mr. Bruce D. Fortine
Mrs. Michele R. Jenkins
Mrs. Joan W. MacGregor
Mr. Ernest L. Tichenor
Mr. Scott Thomas Wilk

Associated Student Government Members Present: Ms. Jaime Meriwether, President, Associated Student Government
Ms. Sandra Miliotti, Executive Vice President
Ms. Anne Marre Bautista, Vice President, Activities
Mr. Nick Bales, Officer of Marketing and Information
Ms. Allison Devlin, ASG Co-Advisor/Director of Student Development and Campus Activities

Special Presenters/ Others Present: Dr. Dianne Van Hook, Superintendent-President (departed 2:30 pm)
Dr. Mitjl Capet, Assistant Superintendent/VP, Instruction
Mr. Jim Schrage, VP, Facilities Planning, Operations and Construction
Ms. Beth Asmus, Dean, Special Programs
Dr. Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine, Co-Chair, Sustainable Development Committee
Ms. Sue Bozman, VP, Marketing, Communications and Public Relations
Mr. Michael Joslin, Dean, Student Services
Ms. Kelly Dapp, ASG Co-Advisor and Coordinator, Cougar Mentor Program
Ms. Kristianne Toledo, Student Services Specialist III (Student Resource Center)
Mr. Michael Dermody, President, Academic Senate
Ms. Lynne Mayer, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tichenor declared a quorum by the Board of Trustees at 1:34 pm. The Board moved to Closed Session in Private Dining Room #1.

**Quorum Established
(1.1)**

In Closed Session, the Board discussed:

1.2a Conference with Labor Negotiator
Santa Clarita Community College District Representative: Ms. Diane Fiero
Confidential Classified Employees
(pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)

**Closed Session
(1.2)**

Those present in Closed Session were *Capet*, Fiero, Fortine, Gribbons, Jenkins, MacGregor, Schrage, Tichenor, Van Hook and Wilk.

The Board returned from Closed Session and announced no action had been taken. Open Session was called to order in STCN-132 (Staff Dining Room) at 2:34 pm. by Mr. Tichenor and Ms. Miliotti.

Mr. Tichenor asked Mr. Schrage to lead the flag salute.

**Flag Salute
(1.3)**

President Tichenor and Ms. Miliotti welcomed all present and invited members of the audience desiring to address the Board to so indicate and they would be recognized. It was noted that due to Ms. Meriwether's laryngitis, Ms. Miliotti would be chairing this meeting for the ASG, and Dr. Capet was the administrator in lieu of Dr. Van Hook.

**Welcome Guests
(1.4)**

The Board and the ASG officers moved approval of the Agenda for the meeting, with the additional information for Item 3.1.

**Approval Of Agenda
(1.5)**

Motion: MacGregor Second: Wilk Record of Board Vote: 5-0

The Board moved approval of the minutes from February 6, 2008.

**Approval of Minutes
(02/06/08)
(1.6)**

Motion: Wilk Second: MacGregor Record of Board Vote: 5-0

Mr. Tichenor asked the members of the audience to introduce themselves.

**Recognition
(1.7)**

Ms. Devlin highlighted the operating budget for the ASG, in particular forced costs. She also provided information about the services offered by ASG from the student support fee. It was noted we need to stay within this budget and perhaps other entities within the College should bear some of the costs, as we would not want to increase this cost to our students for a number of years. The Board moved Approval of Increase to the Student Support Fee.

**Approval of Increase to
the Student Support Fee
(2.2)**

Motion: Jenkins Second: MacGregor Record of Board Vote: 4-0-1
(Abstain: Wilk)

Ms. Bautista provided an overview of the ASG accomplishments and activities since fall 2007 and discussed their goals and planned activities for spring 2008. Ms. Miliotti then provided information on the ASG's advocacy efforts for Prop 92, Focus the Nation, Progressive Student Alliance, and Voter Registration drives. The Board added that it would be great to have a student or two as a part of the upcoming advocacy events in Sacramento and Washington DC, as their voice is always important to our legislators. Both presentations are made a part of these minutes as if fully set forth herein.

**Update on Associated
Student Government
Activities and District
Advocacy Efforts
(2.1)**

Information on the efforts of sustainable operations at COC and the joint efforts with the ASG was presented by Ms. Cheng-Levine. She discussed their ongoing efforts within the college and in the community, as well as their plans and next steps in curriculum development, campus activities and student involvement. Her presentation is made a part of these minutes as if fully set forth herein.

**Follow-up on Activities
Related to Sustainable
Operations and Approval
of Joint Board
Resolution 2007/08-15: In
Support of the
Development of
Environmental Studies
and Sustainability
Curriculum at COC
(2.3)**

The ASG officers moved Approval of Joint Board Resolution 2007/08-15: In Support of the Development of Environmental Studies and Sustainability Curriculum at College of the Canyons (Motion: Bales; Second: Meriwether).

Ms. Asmus provided information on the proposed textbook rental program, which is currently offered by a dozen community colleges across the nation. This is a program which would provide assistance to special population students (DSPS, EOPS, etc) for textbooks. They are planning a pilot program with a control group and will identify the courses and applicable books which will qualify. The Board and the ASG felt this would be a good idea, and there was a brief question and answer period. This PowerPoint presentation is hereby made a part of these minutes as if fully set forth herein.

**Information on the
Proposed Textbook
Rental Program
(2.4)**

The Board moved Approval of Personnel Schedule PERS 2007/2008-13.

**Approval of Personnel
Schedule PERS
2007/2008-13
(3.1)**

Motion: MacGregor Second: Fortine Record of Board Vote: 5-0

Ms. MacGregor congratulated Mr. Brezina, who was in the audience, and noted she is looking forward to meeting the new Chief Development Officer, Mr. Murray Woods.

Mr. Schrage was at the meeting and provided a verbal overview of the many construction and expansion projects happening at College of the Canyons including the coffee kiosk, the cafeteria remodel and the plans for the Bonelli Hall breezeway. His presentation is hereby made a part of these minutes as if fully set forth herein.

**Update on Campus
Construction Projects
and Facilities
(2.5)**

Ms. Dapp and Ms. Toledo provided information and background on the idea of implementing a College Ambassador Program at COC. They discussed their roles, possible outreach activities, and community and campus events where their services could be utilized. There was a brief question and answer period. The Board noted they thought this was an exciting and beneficial program where students could help get the word out in the community about the College.

**Discussion on the
College Ambassador
Program
(2.6)**

There were no comments.

**Comments By Members
of the Audience on Any
Item Not on the Agenda
(4.1)**

Mr; Tichenor thanked the ASG officers for being a part of this meeting and noted the Board appreciates their time and energy. The ASG thanked the Board for sharing their ideas with them and for having these joint meetings. Mr. Tichenor announced the next Business meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12 and will be held in the Staff Dining Room (STCN-132). Closed Session will be held at 1:30 pm, Open Session at 2:30 pm.

**Announcement of Next
Meeting (03/12/08) and
Adjournment
(5)**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Mr. Scott Thomas Wilk, Clerk
Board of Trustees
Santa Clarita Community College District

Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook
Superintendent-President
College of the Canyons

Entered in the proceedings of the District _____