

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES  
May 20, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, in the Administration Building, Room 626, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534-3197, by Board President A. Marie Young.

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

At the request of Board President Young, Dr. Jeff Lamb, Academic Senate President, led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO STUDENT TRUSTEE FOR 2009/2010

Board President Young announced that the Board reserves the right to modify the order of business in the manner it deems appropriate; therefore, the Board would administer the oath of office to the new Student Trustee for 2009/10 later on the agenda.

4. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

A. Marie Young, President  
Denis Honeychurch, J.D., Vice President  
Sarah E. Chapman  
\*James M. Claffey  
\*Pam Keith  
Phil McCaffrey  
Rosemary Thurston  
David R. Brannen, Student Trustee  
Tom Henry, Special Trustee  
Dr. Robert Jensen, Interim Secretary

\*Arrived after roll call.

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ross Beck, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Communications  
Richard Christensen, Ed.D., Director, Human Resources  
Jay Field, Vice President, Technology and Learning Resources  
Robin L. Steinback, Ph.D., Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Lisa J. Waits, Ed.D., Vice President, Student Services  
Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent/President and Governing Board

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board President Young reported the specific correction to the Agenda, Item 10.(a), page 19, line 13, removing Program Developer, Contract Education and Community Services. This position was omitted from the informational item presented to the Board May 6, 2009, and will be brought back to the Board for information June 3, and approval June 17, 2009.

Moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey for approval of the Agenda as modified and corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

*Trustees Claffey and Keith arrived at approximately 7:08 p.m.*

6. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Board President Young recognized Richard Barnhart and Trung Bui, two young editors for the Suisun Valley Review (SVR), a publication by the students of English 58, offered each spring at Solano Community College. This is a course in the contemporary literary magazine which includes requesting and reviewing submissions, arranging contents and determining format. Instructor Michael J. Wyly is the course advisor. This class offers an opportunity for students to be editors of their own magazines with creative choices. Mr. Bui distributed to the Board members the latest edition of the SVR. A poem from the magazine was shared with the Board entitled *Poem*.

*“Somewhere along the way we forget to be beautiful and this is where all other deaths begin.”*

William Taylor, Jr.

The students extended thanks to the Graphics Department for their assistance with the technology improvements made within the magazine; Dr. Philip Andreini, Dean of the Humanities Department, and faculty and staff within the Division who lent their support and encouragement.

Board President Young thanked Mr. Trung Bui for sharing this very high quality magazine and for bringing it to the attention of the Board. The Board looks forward to seeing future editions. President Young inquired if this was on the student Web site and Mr. Bui responded by stating it soon can be viewed on MySpace. Trustee Keith suggested the magazine might make a human interest piece in one of the local papers. Trustee Chapman asked if something similar could be produced for an outside agency or group. Mr. Bui stated that the magazine itself is a final product as the result of classroom work. Ms. Chapman noticed the magazine costs \$6.00. Mr.

Bui commented that a trust account has been established and all monies received go into the production of next year's magazine.

Board President Young thanked the students for their comments to the Board.

Board President Young recognized Ms. Terri Pearson-Bloom, who requested to comment on negotiations.

Instructor Pearson-Bloom began by stating, "Tonight, a comprehensive contract package for 2007-2008 and 2008-2011 will come before you for ratification. The Solano College Faculty Association, together with CTA negotiation experts, spent a long time crafting a proposal to bring before the District that would address the needs of both the District and Association. The Association presented its proposal to the District on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. What ensued was an effective and productive negotiations session with both groups engaging in professional, respectful dialogue, while coming to a compromise that would allow this College to move forward. I want to stress the word compromise because there is always give and take that occurs and both sides did some giving to make this agreement happen. Overall though, both groups left feeling positive and satisfied to have accomplished such a critical task. This is a fair contract, which will allow faculty the opportunity to start and end a school year working under a current contract, which is something we have not been able to do at Solano for a very long time. This contract will also help our accreditation status because it will allow the College to plan its budget and recovery with real dollar amounts rather than projections. Finally, with this contract settlement going through 2011, our new president can come in and focus his attention on accreditation issues.

I want to take this moment and thank the District representatives, Superintendent/President Jensen and Human Resources Director, Dr. Rich Christensen, for their professionalism and dedication to resolving this contract. I appreciate, with new perspective, how tough Director Christensen's job is and how hard he works for Solano Community College.

I also want to thank the negotiation team members, Robert DaPrato, Michael Wyly, Sandra Rotenberg, and Rennee Moore, and CTA President Tom Grube, who helped craft the contract language and have spent many volunteer hours preparing for negotiations.

I hope the Board will now "close the loop" on negotiations by ratifying this contract and allowing this college to move forward in its recovery."

Board President Young thanked Ms. Pearson-Bloom for her comments.

7. **REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED):**

(a) Associated Students of Solano College (ASSC)

ASSC President Lillian Nelson reported that:

--on May 8<sup>th</sup>, the ASSC held its Recognition Dinner where all the ASSC members were recognized for their hard work.

--the students have moved back into the 1400 Building although not everything is finished in the spaces we are to occupy. Hopefully, it will be completed over the summer and will be ready for

our return in the fall. ASSC is waiting patiently for the 1400 Building Renovation accounting as promised by Dr. Jensen.

--the incoming Executive Committee met with Dr. Laguerre and discussed student access and student success stressing the need to maintain and even improve student support here on this campus. Discussion included extended childcare hours and better qualified tutors, especially for Reading, Writing, and Math. Also discussed was the College's need to offer, in a reasonable and timely manner, the courses needed for students to achieve their certificates and degrees. The unavailability of these required courses is a major barrier to our students graduating in the major of their choice. Many have had to change their major or go elsewhere to achieve it.

--ASSC Business Senator Andrew Cornelius gave a detailed report to ASSC and led a discussion on how FTES affects the College's budget and the need for the College to grow.

--the students are happy that the 2009 graduation commencement ceremony is taking place indoors in our newly renovated gymnasium. As usual, the ASSC is providing support. This support includes setting up the gym, donating water for the faculty, ushering attendees to their seats, and driving golf carts to aid the disabled and elderly in their journey from the parking lots to the gym.

--ASSC held its last meeting May 12, 2009. This will be the last ASSC report until the fall.

(b) Academic Senate

Dr. Jeff Lamb, Academic Senate President, reported that:

--the Academic Senate held a Celebration Tenure Tea in honor of all newly tenured faculty, which Dr. Jensen and Dr. Laguerre were able to attend.

--since this is the last Academic Senate report for the year, it would be his last opportunity to publicly thank Dr. Jensen for his many contributions to the College, for his positive mentoring, and exposure to his many "*Jensenisms*."

--both he and Dean Rota are serving on Dr. Laguerre's internal transition team and welcomed the opportunity to help coordinate the "different voices on campus" which will enable Dr. Laguerre to get to know the community. Dr. Lamb stated how honored he is to be able to help in this way.

--Dr. Laguerre will be meeting with the Academic Senate at the beginning of every meeting beginning next fall.

--the Senate has been reviewing the upcoming reorganizational plans that are going to occur July 1.

--a subcommittee called a Platform Evaluation Team is looking at options to meet our distance education needs that may possibly replace e-College.

--the Curriculum Committee has planned some training in the fall before they switch to a new curriculum management system. The committee is also looking to update their Curriculum Manual. Erin Duane will be the next Curriculum Committee Chair for the fall semester.

--the Senate reviewed Board Policies, Series 6000.

--the Distinguished Faculty Awards will be announced at graduation.

--the final draft of a Board Policy and Procedure for a Solano College Institutional Review Board was approved by the Senate and will move forward through the Shared Governance Council and eventually to the Board for approval.

--another document that has been approved is the Integrated Planning Process and will move forward to the Shared Governance Council for their review. With training in the summer for Deans and classified staff, it is hopeful the planning processes will begin in the fall.

*A full and complete Academic Senate report to the Board is available on the Academic Senate blog at [www.sccsenate.blogspot.com](http://www.sccsenate.blogspot.com).*

(c) Shared Governance Council

Dr. Lisa Waits, Vice President of Student Services, reported that the Shared Governance Council met on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, and discussed the proposed reorganizational charts for various sectors across the campus in order to meet our fiscal deficit, to be implemented July 1, 2009. Because the SGC will be meeting in the summer, all agenda items other than the reorganizational discussion were tabled to the next meeting.

Dr. Waits announced that she and Dr. Jensen went to three Vallejo High Schools and had an opportunity to meet with the principals. It was pure joy to meet with people who are passionate about their work and want to forge better connections between the high schools and the College. Other high school visits are scheduled in the near future.

(d) Superintendent

Superintendent Jensen reported that the first draft of the Show Cause Report has arrived for errors of fact and we have responded to the chairperson of the evaluation team accordingly with very minor changes. Mr. Henry and I, and possibly Board President Young, will have an opportunity to appear before the Commission to discuss the evaluation report and make any closing comments prior to the Commission's decision on our Show Cause Report on June 10, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. We have made significant progress, but still have a long journey towards addressing the concerns by the Commission.

We also received a letter from Dr. Beno providing Solano College an opportunity to provide the Commission with any information that informs the evaluation team of information or conditions and events that have been more fully addressed since the ACCJC Team Visit. I have asked the Executive Team and various individuals on campus to provide input. Our response to the ACCJC is due May 29, 2009.

Superintendent Jensen advised that Dr. Laguerre has met with senior staff regarding reorganizational proposals on two different occasions that addresses the \$2 million cuts. This information has gone through Shared Governance and FABPAC. At the next SGC meeting, we will get comments and clarification of previous discussions before implementation July 1, 2009.

Dr. Jensen reported a Classified Appreciation BBQ Luncheon was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> for the classified staff. Dr. Jensen commented that "people like me come and go, but the classified staff are the glue that holds the institution together. They are the first contact with students and the community and make us all look good." The senior staff flipped hamburgers and cooked hot dogs. Ms. Betty Austin from the Physical Education Department was recognized by her peers as Classified Employee of the Year.

At the May 6 Board meeting, Trustee Thurston reported to the Board on the inability of some students to register for classes and the different approaches the College offers its students relative to registration. Dr. Waits is gathering data on this issue and will report back to the Board in June.

- ***Measure G Financial Update***

Dr. Jensen introduced Ms. Teresa Ryland, CPA, of TRR School Business Consulting, who prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the Board on revenue and Bond funds, which included arbitrage rebate calculations, tie out of all Bond project revenues, and Bond accounting. Ms. Ryland recapped the passage of Measure G, which was passed by the voters in November 2002, with a 64.3% approval rating (only 55% was needed). The Bond measure authorized the issuance of \$124.5 million in general obligation bonds that were issued in two series: Series A for \$80 million and Series B for \$44.5 million. The Series A bonds were refunded, or refinanced, in 2005, generating a bond issuance premium of \$8.435 million (additional monies), which was deposited into the Bond project fund. Ms. Ryland discussed with the Board the arbitrage rebate calculations, Bond project revenue, and provided a summary of revenue. Ms. Ryland also outlined and identified her Bond accounting project for the district. Finally, Ms. Ryland reported that \$101,829,000 has been spent through March 31, 2009, leaving \$44,872,000 of project revenues yet to be spent.

Special Trustee Henry commented that he and Dr. Jensen will be coming to the Board in June with the recommendation to say “time out” and look at the remaining Bond projects left to be started as compared to how much money is left. There are some sizeable projects yet to be completed. This will be an opportunity for the Board and new leadership to affirm the priorities and perhaps reprioritize the projects. In the mean time, the projects underway will continue to move forward.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and Measure G Bond Project Summary are available for review in the Office of the Superintendent/President and the Office of the Interim Director of Fiscal Services.

8. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent/President

- (a) Minutes for the May 6, 2009 Regular Meeting and May 6, 2009 Special Meeting

Human Resources

- (b) Employment 2008-09 and Employment 2009-10

Administrative and Business Services

- (c) Warrant Listings

- (d) Increase to the District Budget, Resolution No. 08/09-36

Academic Affairs

- (e) Agreement Between Macro Plastics, Incorporated and Solano Community College District to Provide Introduction to Electricity and Electronics Training for Contract Education

Board President Young reported the following specific correction to the May 6, 2009, regular meeting minutes as follows:

Line 28, page 17, which reads, Trustee Thurston expressed concern with DVC busses traveling into Benicia and Vallejo and picking up approximately 700 students and transporting them to DVC, per an article she read in the paper. Trustee Thurston asked Dr. Jensen to investigate the transportation issue and how we might address this concern. The paragraph should read as follows: ***Trustee Thurston expressed concern about Benicia busses transporting 775 students to DVC according to an article in the Vallejo Times Herald. She asked Dr. Jensen to investigate the transportation issue and how we might address this concern.***

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Claffey to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

Board President Young recessed the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m., to call the special meeting to order.

*Trustee McCaffrey left the special meeting at 9:07 p.m.*

Board President Young reconvened the regular meeting at 9:16 p.m.

10. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO STUDENT TRUSTEE FOR  
2009/2010

Board President Young administered the oath of office to Lillian Nelson, newly elected Student Trustee for 2009-10. With the authority granted to Board President Young by the Constitution of the State of California, Lillian Nelson was proclaimed as duly appointed and installed to assume the duties as Student Trustee of the Solano Community College Governing Board.

There was congratulatory applause from those present.

11. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

(a) Proposed Revision of Section 4800.2 of Governing Board Administrative Leadership Group Board Policy 4800

Dr. Christensen, Director of Human Resources, expressed congratulations and welcomed Ms. Nelson back to the Governing Board.

Dr. Christensen presented the proposed revision of Section 4800.2 of Governing Board Administrative Leadership Group Board Policy 4800, indicating the Program Developer, Contract Education and Community Services, was omitted from the May 6, 2009, informational Board item and will return to the Board for information June 3. Dr. Christensen stated that the changes to the policy are reflective of Dr. Laguerre's vision for the College.

Student Trustee Nelson made reference to the May 6, 2009, special meeting minutes that stated "other than the basic clean up, there is nothing new about the policy and does not affect the encumbrance of current employees." Dr. Christensen stated that currently the Directors are not encumbered by this change. Ms. Nelson asked if the current directors met the requirements as educational administrators because they have to have a certain level of educational background and meet the standards of the Ed Code. Dr. Christensen responded that it is Dr. Laguerre's long-term vision that the centers become stand alone facilities with educational administrators to govern. Dr. Jensen stated there are options for classified employees who may not meet the criteria, depending upon how soon Dr. Laguerre wants to move toward his vision, i.e., different reporting relationships, give employees time to get the proper certification, to mention a few. At this point in time we do not know if we have Directors who will not qualify.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Vice President Honeychurch to approve the revision of Section 4800.2 of Governing Board Administrative Leadership Group Board Policy 4800 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Vice President, Administrative and Business Services Revised Job Description

Dr. Richard Christensen, Director of Human Resources, presented the revised job description for the Vice President of Administrative and Business Services, which is reflected to meet the needs of the District. The position is placed on Range 52 of the Administrative Leadership Group Salary Schedule. The job description was developed in collaboration with Special Trustee Henry and Interim Superintendent/President Jensen, which more accurately reflects the desired qualifications of the next Vice President of Business Services.

Trustee Thurston asked if any of the duties had changed, and Dr. Christensen responded that some had changed. The direction given to Human Resources was to create a job description that is more focused on accounting with hands-on operations, cash handling disbursements, etc. The expectation is to attract someone with a deeper background of fiscal systems of checks and balances, with emphasis on accounting and auditing and management of funds.



Moved by Vice President Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Chapman to approve the Vice President, Administrative and Business Services, revised job description as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative and Business Services

(c) Measure G Citizens Bond Oversight Committee 2008-09 Annual Report to the Governing Board

Dr. Robert Jensen introduced Mr. Bruce DuClair, Chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), who gave the annual report of 2008 to the Board. A full and complete reporting of Mr. DuClair's comments is available on the Solano College Web site at [www.solano.edu](http://www.solano.edu) (Governing Board – Minutes – May 20, 2009 – **Appendix A**).

Moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Vice President Honeychurch to accept the CBOC 2008-09 Annual Report. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Measure G Bond Projects: Change Orders Update

Mr. David Froehlich, Director of Facilities, presented fifteen change orders for Measure G Bond Projects that occurred prior to March 1, 2009. Board approval is requested for the 15 change orders for Vacaville Project (3); Building 1400 Student Center Project (5); Building 1700 and 1700B Gym and Adaptive PE Projects (5); and the Athletic Fields Project (2), respectively. It was noted that each change order that is identified in the field is classified as Potential Change Orders (PCOs) that are individually submitted, analyzed and agreed upon. All prices were negotiated with the respective contractors to obtain the best possible value for the District. All work was approved by the District representative and had been subsequently accomplished in a satisfactory manner by the individual contractors. A portion (approximately \$64,000) of the Errors and/or Omissions costs will be recouped from architect's fees for change orders that were deemed to be their errors and/or omissions.

Trustee Thurston commended Dr. Jensen and Mr. Froehlich for being diligent in this matter and is pleased that we are going to be saving some money for errors and omissions from the architects, and recommended that this process continue.

Trustee Chapman asked how the process of change orders worked and if the CBOC is involved. Mr. Froehlich created some scenarios of how change orders might occur and how solutions are arrived at, together with the various cost factors. Mr. Froehlich stated the charter of the CBOC is to make sure the District doesn't spend Bond money on anything other than measure projects. Trustee Chapman asked Dr. Jensen for a copy of the scope of responsibility for the CBOC and the ballot statement, i.e., what the Bond money can be spent on.

Trustee Chapman asked how the errors and/or omissions costs will be recouped and Mr. Froehlich responded by stating that at the time of final payment these monies would be withheld. The architects may elect to negotiate, and/or take us to court, but the bottom line is we expect we will recoup this money.

Trustee Keith thanked Mr. Froehlich for his hard work on this project.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Claffey to approve the change orders for the Measure G Bond Projects as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Student Services

(e) 2009-2010 Student Health Services Contract

Dr. Shirley Lewis, Director of Student Development, presented the 2009-10 Student Health Services Contract which will provide student health services for the period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. The maximum contract cost to the College is \$189,189.

Dr. Lewis commented that this year marks the 18<sup>th</sup> year the Health Center has been in operation (the Center was established in AY 1991-92). Over 2,000 students and over 400 faculty and staff use the services of the Student Health Center on an annual basis.

The 2009-2010 Health Services Contract, upon execution, will provide the following services to the college:

1 FTE Public Health Nurse (PHN) who administers and coordinates the student health program. A Health Services Assistant performs clerical, receptionist, and medical records functions. The contract provides for a minimum of 190 days to meet college and student needs, including outreach at our extended campus sites and the Children's Program.

The contract provides that SCC will pay personnel costs of \$151,749, including:

- 40% fringe (down from 46% in 2008-09)
- 21.18% in administrative countywide overhead (no increase this year), and
- An increase in Services and Supplies from \$4,400 in 2008-09 to \$5,300 in 2009-10 (an increase of \$900) for medicine and pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and mileage.

The total 2009-10 contract cost increased from \$184,023 in 2008-09 to \$189,189—an increase of \$5,166, or a 2.8% increase, due largely to increases in medical supplies.

Based on projected carry forward and income in the 2009-2010 AY, there is adequate funding to pay for this contract and program support.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the 2009-10 Student Health Services Contract for \$189,189 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

(a) Sabbatical Leave Report for 2007-08 Academic Year

Ms. Mary Gumlia, Co-Chair of the 2008-09 Sabbatical Leave Committee, introduced Mr. Marc Lancet, who reported on his 2007-08 academic year sabbatical leave project, *So this artist walks into a bar....*

Instructor Lancet stated his most recently sabbatical was the third sabbatical that he had been granted in his 25 years of teaching at Solano College. While his previous sabbaticals were focused on international cultural exchanges and researching techniques based in other countries, this sabbatical was focused internally on the Fine Arts program itself. Instructor Lancet stated he set his sights on improving what is already one of the best Fine Arts programs in Northern California, seeking to fill in perceived gaps in the program offerings.

Mr. Lancet briefly recapped his 1991-92 advanced research in wood-fired ceramics sabbatical in Shigaraki, Japan. He was one of two invited artists to open the visiting artists program at the internationally renowned Toge No Mori (Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park) in Shigaraki, Japan. Instructor Lance lectured, demonstrated techniques, and created a body of work that became part of the Toge No Mori's permanent collection and has been included in numerous exhibitions. This sabbatical planted the seeds that led to the building of the Dancing Fire Wood-kiln at Solano College in 1998. It laid the ground work for the writing of Japanese Wood-fired Ceramics by Marc Lancet and Masakazu Kusakabe. This book has become an international success and has been translated into German.

Instructor Lancet's 2001-02 sabbatical, Advanced Research in Western Contemporary Art in Contrast with Japanese Aesthetic Principles, was awarded the best Artist Residency of 2002 for all of England by Artworks, a national art and education organization. The award was presented in 2003. Collaborating with artist and teacher Allyson Diggle for six weeks, students of Gillingham School were paired with regional artists to create a public art sculpture entitled, "The Gillingham Totems" which is now on permanent display at Gillingham School. An exhibition of the art of Marc Lancet and Allyson Diggle was featured at the Sloan Art Center in 2003. This sabbatical allowed for the commencement of writing of Japanese Wood-fired Ceramics, a five-year effort. As a result of this sabbatical, an international exchange took place between the students and faculty of Gillingham School, Gillingham, England and Solano Community College.

During the 2007-08 sabbatical, Mr. Lancet stated that he pursued two main efforts. Each shared as its primary goal to enhance offerings in the Fine Arts Department of Solano College, as well as increase the experience and knowledge base that he drew upon as an instructor. To summarize his activities, Mr. Lancet developed classes vitally needed to (1.) create an Arts Professionalism emphasis, and (2.) create technical and special topics courses to further enhance our renowned Ceramic Art program. Mr. Lancet stated his original sabbatical proposal was to create four courses designed to aid a student in transitioning from Solano Community College to successfully entering a four-year degree program and eventually a Master's degree program in the fine arts and/or operating as an independent ceramic studio artist. Students often have difficulty making this transition because they lack training in the basics of professional practices. To compete as professional artists or applicants for Fine Arts master's programs, today's artist must be able to develop a body of art work, be able to document their art work and be familiar

with the professional practices of the fine arts field. Mr. Lancet reported that our curriculum lacks the courses to guide students through this transition.

Researching the topics of professionalism in the arts and ceramic art curriculum enhancements, Mr. Lancet discovered he could not accomplish all that he wished to on his sabbatical with the four new classes proposed. To enhance Solano College's curriculum offerings in these areas, he currently has nine courses in various stages of the curriculum development process. Solano College will begin offering the first of these courses in 2010. The classes for the Art Professionalism Series, Ceramic Courses, and Directed Inquiry Art Courses and curriculum changes were identified.

Mr. Lancet commented that when the Board sends him and his colleagues on sabbatical, the benefits are huge. Our colleagues do phenomenal things. Mr. Lancet concluded that the new curriculum created is going to be much more productive than any of his sabbaticals to date.

Board President Young thanked Mr. Lancet for his informative sabbatical leave report. There was a round of applause from those present.

A full and complete copy of Mr. Lancet's Sabbatical Report for 2007-08 is available for review in the Office of the Superintendent/President and in the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

- (b) Agreement Between Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., and Solano Community College to Continue to Provide Training Services After Inbev Purchase of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

Ms. Deborah Mann, Program Developer for Contract Education and Community Services, presented for information the agreement between Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., and SCC to continue to provide training services after the Inbev purchase of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

- (c) Education and Training Program for the Travis Firefighters

Ms. Deborah Mann, Program Developer for Contract Education and Community Services, presented for information the education and training program EMT basic course for Travis Firefighters. Students/Firefighters will use their Air Force Tuition Assistance to individually pay for their instruction. Each student will compensate the District for all educational services rendered at a flat rate of \$2,100 per student, for a total of \$31,500. The fee includes program development, coordination, instruction, books and materials, evaluation, and Certificate of Completion.

Ms. Mann stated this is the first of a series of training programs for the firefighters and hopes to take the class from a contract to a credit class.

Trustee Chapman asked how the firefighters are trained, and Ms. Mann responded by stating that there is a lot of hands on training, with lab work, conducted at the fire house on TAFB. The students will learn skills to take care of people who are hurt in fires.

### 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

### 14. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board President Young polled the Trustees as to their availability to attend a Board Retreat on Monday, August 10, 2009. (Trustee McCaffrey left the special meeting at 9:07 p.m.) All Trustees present indicated they would be available to attend a Board Retreat on Monday, August 10, 2009.

Trustee Thurston reported that on Saturday, May 9, 2009, she attended Congressman George Miller's Birthday Celebration in Pleasant Hill and was introduced as a member of the Governing Board. As First Vice President of the Vallejo Symphony, Trustee Thurston reported she is attending and coordinating Mini Concerts for all of the Vallejo and Benicia Elementary Schools during the months of April, May, and the first week of June. On May 14, 2009, Trustee Thurston attended the retirement celebration for faculty member, and Ethnic Studies Coordinator, Dr. Sanford Wright. Prior to the Board meeting, Trustee Thurston was happy to report that she awarded the Bill Thurston Ethnic Studies Scholarship to two very deserving students, Roosevelt Marshall and Teresa Rachal.

Trustee Thurston reported that a community member had called a scheduling conflict in the Tuesday-Thursday morning classes to her attention. She will provide the details to Dr. Jensen so he can please check to see if there is an error in the printed schedule. Because these two classes are completely out of sync with the rest of the campus, a person cannot fit in three classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Trustee Keith announced that she used to serve on the Napa/Solano Board of Directors for the YWCA, which is no longer in existence. Prior to the organization ceasing to exist, a "pot full of money" was discovered. This money was shared equally with another person, Ms. Joan Bennett, who served on the Board of Directors along with Trustee Keith. Trustee Keith was pleased to present to six women Solano College's share of the money, which will assist in them with the purchase of textbooks.

Trustee Chapman inquired as to how the Board is notified of events held on campus. She was informed that there are a variety of ways the campus is informed, one of which is a weekly facility use memo that is used campus wide; another is a \$ALL e-mail. Dr. Jensen will investigate how best to ensure that Board members get current and timely information for campus events.

Trustee Chapman reported that at the May 6, 2009, regular Board meeting she voted on a claim for property damage. Trustee Chapman advised since she wasn't on the Board at the time the damage was sustained that it would have been better for her to abstain.

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

April 2009

**23** – Attended the Vallejo Symphony Mini Concert, which was held at the Vallejo Charter School.

May 2009

**07** – President Young stated she was the guest speaker at a meeting of the United Democratic Club. The meeting was held at Seafood City in Vallejo and the topic was Accreditation Issues at Solano College. Trustee Thurston was also present. Attendees were directed to visit the College' Web site for updates on accreditation.

**11** – Attended the “Yes, We Can” Vallejo City Unified School District Willie B. Adkins Scholars Program, 2009 Spring Conference and Thank You Dinner which was held at Jesse Bethel High School.

**14** – Attended the Retirement Celebration for Dr. Sanford Wright, Ethnic Studies Coordinator and Political Science instructor.

15. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

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BOARD MINUTES.05.20.09.FINAL

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A. MARIE YOUNG

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APPROVED  
DR. ROBERT JENSEN

BOARD PRESIDENT

INTERIM SECRETARY

**SCCD Board minutes are summarized per *SCCD Board Policy 1045 and 1046*. To listen to the full deliberation of the Board, please contact the Office of the Superintendent/President within thirty (30) days.**