

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES
December 1, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Board Study Session of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, in the Administration Building, Room 626, at 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 flag of the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Denis Honeychurch, J.D., President
A. Marie Young, Vice President
Sarah E. Chapman
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:

None

Others Present:

Peter F. Bostic, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement
James Ennis, Interim Chief Information Systems Officers
J. Arturo Reyes, Executive Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs
Roy V. Stutzman, Consultant, Finance and Administration
Karen H. Ulrich, Director of Human Resources
Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent-President and Governing Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Board President Honeychurch recognized Ms. Adrienne Conde, Ms. Julie Gonzalez, Ms. Gail McNally; Ms. Lynn Gregerson, Mr. Kevin Brimmerman, Ms. Melisa Byrd, and Mr. Ashton Cusick, who requested to comment on the Badminton course.

*A full and complete report of comments made by Ms. Adrienne Conde, Ms. Julie Gonzalez, Ms. Gail McNally; Ms. Lynn Gregerson, Mr. Kevin Brimmerman, Ms. Melisa Byrd, and Mr. Ashton Cusick are available for review on the Solano College Web site at www.solano.edu (Governing Board – Minutes – December 1, 2010 - **Appendix A**).*

Board President Honeychurch asked Superintendent-President Laguerre to report back on the status of the Badminton course. Dr. Laguerre stated that he will look into the Badminton situation, but also commented that had he known these concerns were forthcoming, it would have been appropriate for the Dean of the Physical Education, Athletics, and Wellness Division to be present to hear the comments made.

Trustee Claffey asked if there is an association that has standards for the Badminton lines. Ms. Gregerson responded by saying yes, there are National Badminton Associations, and they govern this. One of the problems in having meets at the College is the color of the lines. An outside group volunteered to pay for the cost of repainting the lines and they were denied. There is nothing that has to change except the color of the lines.

6. REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED):

(a) Environmental Sustainability

Facilitated by Dr. Betsy Julian, Dean of Math/Science Division

Dr. Betsy Julian, Dean of Math and Science Division, presented to the Board a PowerPoint on the Sustainability Advisory Council, a newly established council on campus. Sustainability is the development, education, and other activities that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. It includes three key components: environment, economics, and social equity.

The Sustainability Advisory Council is comprised of students, staff, faculty from many disciplines, and administration. Sustainability indicators included: energy, water, land use, resource use and waste management; buildings, education, community connections, and transportation.

Dr. Julian identified what we at Solano College are already doing by promoting student clubs and activities, promoting a Green and Clean Day, making available Green Education classes

through a grant; identifying a possible grant for an alternative fuels project, classroom projects and activities, and providing Flex activities for faculty.

One pillar of the College's efforts toward sustainability is the signature of a document called the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. Six hundred and seventy-six (676) signatures have been collected to date. Colleges and universities that exert leadership in addressing climate change will stabilize and reduce their long-term energy costs, attract excellent students and faculty, attract new sources of funding, and increase the support of alumni and local communities. Dr. Julian encouraged the Board to support the College's signature to this commitment.

The next step is to draft a resolution for the Board to approve in terms of policy and being able to bring faculty, staff, and students on board with this commitment.

A full and complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available for review in the Office of the Superintendent-President and in the Office of the Dean of Math and Science Division.

(b) The Completion and Student Success Agenda (National and California)
Facilitated by Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation on the Community College Completion Agenda: Converging of Forces.

This presentation was based on three distinct reports and efforts at the national and state level. Each report encourages community colleges to ramp up their graduation numbers to meet the intellectual, scientific and workforce demands of the nation. Two reports asked the colleges to produce more college graduates. All the documents suggest that we cannot and will not achieve much greater success if we do not close the achievement gap of minority and poor students. The Superintendent-President shared with the Board that to accomplish these goals will require difficult and courageous conversations.

With the completion agenda as a national imperative, community colleges have an obligation to meet the challenge while holding firmly to traditional values of access, opportunity, and quality. Identified in the Call to Action are what *we believe*, what *we commit*, and what *we ask*.

Conclusion includes review and update of the District's Strategic Plan and *Educational Master Plan* to guide the preparation of a new Master Plan (last prepared in 2002); looking critically at the needs of the District through long-range planning, and establishing a capital improvement financing program for further consideration by the District.

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

Dr. Laguerre introduced Dr. Chris Myers, Interim Director of Research and Planning, who gave a detailed report on the Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges (ARCC) 2010 results for Solano Community College.

*A copy of the full and complete report to the Board by Dr. Chris Myers is available for review on the Solano College Web site at www.solano.edu (Governing Board – Minutes – December 1, 2010 - **Appendix B**).*

(c) Long-Term Planning and Resources

Facilitated by Rosa Perez, Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc.

Dr. Rosa Perez stated it was her pleasure to meet with the Board and community leaders that are so focused on student success, and especially on the importance of equity and accountability. While we are in times where it seems so easy to get stuck in conversations about scarcity and limitations, Dr. Laguerre, his team, and the constituent group leaders at Solano College are rising to the challenge to consciously improve the student experience and outcomes in this District. Honestly, if the community colleges in this state cave in, give up hope, what is our state going to do?

Our community colleges are the largest provider of lower division college education. We are the only segment of higher education that is proud and not ashamed to have a focus on job training and retraining. Community colleges provide quality support services for low income students, English language skills for a growing number of immigrants, and are proud of the partnerships that keep community colleges vitally attached to local residents and economic development.

Dr. Perez stated that she is a principal with Caldwell, Flores, Winters, Inc. The firm is located in Emeryville, California. It has been her pleasure to be the lead in dialogue with President Laguerre, Executive Vice President Reyes, and other campus leaders over the past couple of months exploring financial resource enhancements that might help the College work towards its vision even in difficult economic times.

Dr. Perez stated that she wants to reassure the Board that they recognize that proper planning and building relationships and trust within the College and throughout the various external communities is essential now more than ever. While the environment has been very positive for general obligation bonds with a high approval rate made evident this November, we are most committed to promises being fulfilled to faithful, trusting taxpayers and to ensuring that new resources are aligned with college strategic planning efforts that are respect for transparency and inclusion. There is nothing worse then passing a bond and then having disagreements over spending because there was no proper planning, nor linkages to the College goals and vision for student success and economic development. Dr. Laguerre has made it abundantly clear that Solano College will not move forward without strong communication, integrative strategic planning and accountability to the Board.

Joining Dr. Perez was CEO, Ernesto Flores, who addressed the Board, together with Program Executive Steve Castellanos. Steve served for five years as the State Architect where he oversaw all functions of the Division of State Architecture (DSA). At DSA, he oversaw over a thousand K-12 and community college construction project plans annually to ensure quality and compliance. Steve oversees our firm's program management approval and implementation

services. Steve is also trustee for San Joaquin Delta College. Patricia Rafael is a program manager in the program and implementation unit of our firm, assisting school and community college districts with both Educational and Facilities master plans.

Dr. Perez turned the presentation over to Mr. Ernesto Flores who presented to the Board a PowerPoint on facility planning and financing program, showing the possibility of another Bond is real and that the College should be planning for this opportunity to happen at the next November general elections.

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

7. NON-CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

(a) Set Date, Time, and Place for Annual Organizational Meeting

Superintendent-President Laguerre presented this item for the purpose of setting the date, time, and place for the Annual Organizational Meeting.

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Keith to set Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at **7:00 p.m.**, in Room 626, of the Solano Community College campus, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California, for the annual organizational meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board. At this time, the Board will elect a President, Vice President, and appoint a Secretary for 2010-11; establish dates, times and locations of the Governing Board meetings, and select a representative to the Solano County School Boards Association. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Revised Board Policy and Procedures - Conflict of Interest - Series 1000 - Board Policy No. 1019

Superintendent-President Laguerre presented the proposed revised Board Policy and Procedures (for informational purposes only); Board Policy No. 1019, Conflict of Interest – Series 1000.

Moved by Vice President Young and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the revised Board Policy – Conflict of Interest – Series 1000 – Board Policy, No. 1019. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Proposed New Board Policy and Procedures – Emeritus – Series 4000 - Board Policy No. 4003

Superintendent-President Laguerre presented the amended proposed new Board Policy and Procedures (for informational purposes only), Board Policy No. 4003, Emeritus – Series 4000.

Moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Vice President Young to approve the proposed new Board Policy – Emeritus – Series 4000 - Board Policy No. 4003, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Thurston, Chair of the Board Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, commented that the subcommittee has not reviewed this policy thoroughly and may recommend changes at a future meeting, but supports the language as presented at this time.

Academic and Student Affairs

- (d) Resolution Proclaiming December 1, 2010 as World AIDS Day at Solano Community College, Resolution No. 10/11-12

Mr. Mostafa Ghous, Director of Student Development, presented the resolution proclaiming December 1, 2010, as World AIDS Day at Solano Community College, Resolution No. 10/11-12. World AIDS Day, observed December 1 of each year, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV/AIDS on this day. Since 1995, the President of the United States has made an official proclamation on World AIDS Day. Governments of other nations have followed suit and issued similar announcements.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey to approve the resolution proclaiming December 1, 2010, as World AIDS Day at Solano Community College, Resolution No. 10/11-12. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE – John M. Glidden concurred.

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

8. INFORMATION – NO ACTION REQUIRED

- (a) Solano Community College District Governing Board Calendar of Board Meetings for 2011

Superintendent-President Laguerre presented for information the Solano Community College District Governing Board calendar of Board meetings for 2011. This information will return to the Board for approval at the December 15, 2010, Board meeting.

Board President Honeychurch asked the Board how they feel about the 6:30 p.m. start time for meetings and to think in terms of change before the next meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, stated how proud we are of faculty and staff who worked hard to help us work through the Banner 8 conversion, especially those who worked over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Dr. Laguerre introduced our new Vice President of Finance and Administration, Mr. Yulian Ligioso, who was present in the audience.

The Board Audit Subcommittee will meet at 4 p.m., on December 15, 2010, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield. The Board Annual Dinner will be held at the same location beginning at 5 p.m. The regular Board meeting will convene at 7 p.m., a departure from the usual 6:30 p.m. start time.

Board President Honeychurch recessed the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

10. 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 8:30 p.m.

11. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President Honeychurch reconvened the Regular session at 8:40 p.m.

12. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President Honeychurch reported that the Board took action to eliminate the confidential position of Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. The motion carried with the following roll call vote.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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DENIS HONEYCHURCH, J.D.
BOARD PRESIDENT

APPROVED _____

JOWEL C. LAGUERRE, Ph.D.
SECRETARY

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