

**-SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

ADOPTED MINUTES
Wednesday, November 4, 2020

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, November 4, 2020, in the Denis Honeychurch Board Room, Room 626, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534, by Board President Voyce.

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

President Voyce led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Quinten R. Voyce, President
Denis Honeychurch, J. D., Vice President
Sarah E. Chapman, Ph.D.
Karimah Karah, J.D.
Michael A. Martin
Rosemary Thurston
A. Marie Young
Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D., Secretary

Others Present:

Shannon Cooper, Psy.D., Vice President of Student Services
Robert Diamond, Vice President of Finance and Administration
LaNae Jaimez, Academic Senate
Lucky Lofton, Executive Bond Manager
David Williams, Ph.D., Vice President of Academic Affairs
Sandra Therrien, Executive Coordinator

Agenda Item 10.(b) Employment 2020-2021, Page 5: Under Short-Term/Temporary/Substitute, Jaime Cortez’s assignment should read: “Temporary Custodian” and the Amount of pay should read “\$13.62/hour”

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Chapman and seconded by Trustee Honeychurch to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (CLOSED SESSION)

6. CLOSED SESSION

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

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54957.6)
Agency Negotiator: Mary Jones, 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 Voyce 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)

There were no comments from members of the public.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) Draft Minutes for the Meeting Held on October 21, 2020 (Pending Board Approval)

Human Resources

- (b) Employment 2020-2021, Page 5

Finance and Administration

- (c) Personal Services Agreements, Page 6
- (d) Notice of Completion for Construction Services for the Fairfield Campus Baseball & Soccer Field Bleacher Replacement Project, Page 9

It was moved by Trustee Karah and seconded by Trustee Martin 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) Resolution No. 20/21-14 In Support of Black Lives Matter, Page 11

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Chapman to approve Resolution No. 20/21-14 In Support of Black Lives Matter as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

AYES: Board President Voyce, Vice President Honeychurch, Trustee Chapman,
Trustee Karah, Trustee Martin, Trustee Thurston, and Trustee Young

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Human Resources

(b) Resignation to Retire, Page 14

Prior to the motion, Vice President David Williams provided the following comments regarding Isaias Jacobo:

Isaias Jacobo is resigning from the District after 20 years as a full-time Spanish instructor. Before that, he paid his dues working here for years as an adjunct instructor while also working for his alma mater, Pacific Union College, as an administrator. He received his bachelor's degree from Pacific Union and his master's degree from UC Davis. As a young man, he did some work on the land where Solano College now stands. This memory prompted him to remark, after he was hired, that coming to Solano to teach felt like "coming home." A talented artist, he lives in Angwin with his wife, Nancy. They have two children.

Fall 2020 was a rough semester for Isaias, and transitioning to online teaching for the first time was probably the least of it. Catastrophic wildfire forced the couple to evacuate their home on two separate occasions, and they ultimately spent some 25 days away from home. Luckily, their house survived the fire, but once they were able to return, they were without electricity for almost two weeks. To teach, Isaias had to go to an evacuation center, where they helped him find a space to work in and access wi-fi. These were extreme challenges, which he met with his characteristic steady hand and calm demeanor.

Isaias loved being in the classroom and sharing his love for Mexican culture with students. His classes were famous for making tortillas and for performing funny scenes from a telenovela called ¿Que Hora Es? He started a student interest group called SOL, helped organize Cinco de Mayo and Latinx graduation events with Michelle Arce, and participated with enthusiasm in the annual Foreign Language Night, singing with his students. Isaias may be a quiet person who rarely talks about himself, but he's a terrific listener, serving as a kind of counselor figure to his thousands of students—and they loved that about him.

Longtime colleague Margaret Abel-Quintero remembers Isaias as "a nice, steady, even-tempered person to work with; a gentle person who was very passionate about his culture and very fond of his students. He liked talking to them and encouraging them on their life path. He liked to sing with them and talk about Mexico." As a colleague, she said, he would take any assignment without complaint, and she routinely saw him on campus working long hours, "morning, noon, and night." When the School of Liberal Arts held a student recruitment event a few years ago, Margaret says, Isaias brought his "little comal" to demonstrate tortilla-making, explaining how to mix the masa, shape the tortilla, and teaching the history, as well, something he did in class each semester. He loved to do hands-on demonstrations, appreciating how much this kind of teaching spurred his students' interest and enthusiasm, and this particular one would fill the hallways of the 700 building with an appetizing smell.

Liberal Arts Dean Neil Glines, who notes that he and Isaias were hired as full-timers at the same time, regrets that his last scheduled evaluation session with Isaias was supposed to be one of these famous tortilla-making sessions, but the scheduled evaluation had to be postponed indefinitely once the pandemic started. We wish “Renaissance man” Isaias many happy years of retirement to devote to his family, his art, his home improvement projects—and hopefully traveling, too, whenever it’s safe again.

¡Buena suerte y disfrute su jubilación!

Vice President David Williams provided the following comments from Lisa Neeley, Dean of Applied Technology and Business regarding Mike Goodwin:

***Professor Mike Goodwin**, US Air Force veteran and retired law enforcement officer, is described by his colleagues as a “consummate professional,” a “great mentor,” and a “steady hand.” As the lead Criminal Justice instructor, Mike’s fellow instructors characterize him as “someone who is honest, forthright, and definitely the ‘go to’ person to bounce things off of or approach with a problem.”*

Long-time SCC colleague and friend, Keith Twitchell, remarks that he has “observed Mike’s teaching style, professionalism, and most of all, his total commitment to the betterment of all his students. He is always current in his knowledge of the many changes constantly taking place in law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. I can’t recall how many times over the years Mike and I discussed the always changing CJ horizon, always seeking better ways to help our students further their academic and vocational careers.”

This sentiment is echoed by students who flock regularly to his popular classes over the years, and rate him highly during student evaluations. In fact, according to Rate My Professor, the most common tags attributed to Professor Goodwin’s classes are “amazing lectures,” “inspirational,” and “respected.” One student noting enthusiastically, “he will literally make you want to go to class and learn!”

In my very short time here at the college I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Professor Goodwin, finding him to be dedicated to his students’ success, extremely knowledgeable, collaborative, forward looking and incredibly authentic. Prior to COVID-19 we had animated and robust discussions about the latest course he developed in the area of multi-cultural policing, and the critical need to move the conversation about how we teach the administration of justice forward.

Solano Community College is richer for Mike Goodwin’s service, and his presence leaves a lasting impact on the District, his colleagues and our students.

Vice President Shannon Cooper provided the following comments regarding Nancy DiPasquale:

Nancy has spent the past 30 years working in the FA Department at Solano and during that time she has helped countless students through the process and onto their goal of graduation. Nancy has always served students with a smile and has been a true team player. We are happy for her decision to retire and to go out and enjoy life. She will be missed!

It was moved by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Resignation to Retire as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Academic Affairs

- (c) Clinical Experience Agreement Between Solano Community College District and CARE4EM, Vallejo, California, Page 15

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Chapman to approve the Clinical Experience Agreement Between Solano Community College District and CARE4EM as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

13. BOARD STUDY SESSION - NO ACTION REQUIRED

Nursing Program Update

Presented by David Williams, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Sheila Hudson, Dean of Health Sciences

14. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Chapman congratulated Trustees Voyce Martin, and Thurston as they continue on the Governing Board for the next four years.

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 Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Voyce to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.