

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, in the Santa Monica College Board Room, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS

A CALL TO ORDER – 5:32 p.m.

B ROLL CALL

Louise Jaffe, Chair - Present

David Finkel, Superior Court Judge (Ret.), Vice-Chair - Present

Dr. Susan Aminoff - Present

Dr. Nancy Greenstein – Excused Absence

Dr. Margaret Quiñones-Perez - Present

Rob Rader - Present

Dr. Andrew Walzer - Present

Seth Smith, Student Trustee – Excused Absence

II. PUBLIC SESSION - ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS

C Pledge of Allegiance – Eric Oifer

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Howard Stahl

Bernie Rosenloecher

IV. MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

#1 Budget Workshop

- Two Budget Scenarios
 - Governor's May Revise
 - Legislative Conference Committee Budget Proposal
- Review of Budget Principles, Adopted April 30, 2007
- SMC Budget Goals
- Cost Reduction/Revenue Enhancement Tactics
 - DPAC Discussion Items (DPAC Members)
 - Collegewide Recommendations (BudgetIdeas@smc.edu)

Superintendent/President's Summary of the Discussion

Superintendent/President Chui L. Tsang reported that the input from the Board together with the information from the State is helping staff in the development of the budget scenarios over the next month or so. At this point, based on the State Legislature's Budget Conference Committee Proposal, SMC will move forward and carry a \$1 million operating deficit in 2009-10. The goal is to end up with a reasonable fund balance as presented for this year and next year, even if SMC does not receive Federal bail out funds after 2009-10. He reported the following efforts to try to close the budget gap of \$1.14 million the college will face under the Conference Committee proposal.

- Continue to look at the input coming from the Budget Planning Subcommittee and DPAC and the suggestions from the campus community to develop a list of actions;
- Work with the managers and departments to develop cost savings in their areas;
- Look at contracts that need to be reduced
- Offer courses for all semesters, however, the winter session will be reduced by half (still a robust offering);
- Look at physical education and activity courses that the Chancellor's Office wants to reduce.

Dr. Tsang closed by stating that he will be engaging the college to make sure that the process is transparent and the budget will be presented to the Board after it is looked at by the college community.

#2 Review of Board Policies on Contracts

V. **ADJOURNMENT:** 7:50 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Ricardo Sanchez, a Santa Monica College nursing student who passed away before his graduation.

The next regular meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 7 p.m. (5:30 p.m. if there is a closed session) in the Santa Monica College Board Room and Conference Center, Business Building Room 117, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.