SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION

TUESDAY,
JULY 21, 2015

Santa Monica College
Board Room (Business Building Room 117)
1900 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, California

The complete minutes may be accessed on the
Santa Monica College website:
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MINUTES

The Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting/Study Session on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 in the Santa Monica College Board Room (Business Building Room 117), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL
   Rob Rader, Chair - Present
   Dr. Louise Jaffe, Vice-Chair - Present
   Dr. Susan Aminoff - Present
   Dr. Nancy Greenstein - Present
   Dr. Margaret Quiñones-Perez - Present
   Barry Snell - Excused Absence
   Dr. Andrew Walzer - Present
   Jonathan Eady, Student Trustee - Present

II. MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Public Comments - None

DISCUSSION

1. Superintendent/President Search Process: The Board of Trustees discussed the status of the Superintendent/President Search with Heather Renschler, CEO of Ralph Andersen & Associates, and Dr. Nicki Harrington, Senior Consultant. It was agreed by the Board of Trustees and Ralph Andersen & Associates that Dr. Harrington will be the lead consultant for the Superintendent/President Search and that the dates of the search committee meetings/interviews will be adjusted as needed to accommodate Dr. Harrington’s schedule.

2. Board Self-Assessment: The Board of Trustees discussed its Appraisal of College Performance and Self-Assessment results.

3. Board of Trustees Goals and Priorities, 2015-2016: The Board of Trustees drafted its Goals and Priorities, 2015-2016. They will be presented to the Board for approval at the August 4th meeting.

4. Joint Meeting with SMMUSD Board of Education, September 17, 2015: Per the Board’s direction, Superintendent/President Jeff Shimizu will work with SMMUSD Superintendent Sandy Lyons to set the agenda for the joint meeting on September 17th. They will prioritize the discussion topics and focus on one or two issues.

III. ADJOURNMENT: 8:57 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 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.
MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 3

Our Commitment to Access, Equity and Sustainability

Educational Advancement and Quality
1. Support a culture of evidence that fosters the use of rigorous methodology to monitor and improve institutional effectiveness and student progress.
2. Institutionalize initiatives that are effective in reducing the student equity gap, improving basic skills mastery in mathematics and English by, for example, deepening outreach into high schools, and expanding Summer JAMS and First Year Experience to include the development of pathways to transfer.
3. Strengthen and promote workforce/career technical programs and pathways such as EMERGE and the rebranding of the Academy of Entertainment and Technology, and improve CTE completion rates.
4. Support I3 and other innovative practices that address student need and increase student success.
5. Increase the number of full-time faculty members.

Fiscal Health and Internal Operations
6. Restore the financial health of the College through revenue-generation and cost control.
7. Ensure inclusiveness in the budget development process and transparency in budget communication efforts.
8. Build and maintain a reserve sufficient to protect against unforeseen circumstances.
9. Continue to implement the plan to safeguard post-retirement employee benefits.
10. Pursue and obtain appropriate external funding.
11. Enhance safety and emergency preparedness systems and procedures.

Community and Government Relationships
12. Foster community and government relationships and partnerships in fulfillment of SMC’s vision and mission.
13. Ensure the continued success of Emeritus College.
14. Participate in the Cradle to Career Initiative, make progress on the Early Childhood Education Center, and strengthen and expand programs and partnerships that serve SMMUSD students.

Facilities and Sustainability
15. Maintain progress on all SMC facilities construction and transportation projects.
16. Work with partner agencies to support safe, convenient pedestrian, bicycle and bus connections between the 17th Street/SMC Expo station and campuses.

Discussed at Board Study Session 7/15/2014
Approved: 8/5/2014