The following is a summary of the Board of Trustees’ July 7, 2008 meeting:

SAFETY AND MODERNIZATION BOND MEASURE: The Board voted unanimously to put a $295 million bond measure on the Nov. 4 ballot that would fund capital projects designed to improve the teaching of science, nursing, math, technology, media, and emerging high tech fields. The bond addresses facility needs of many SMC academic and instructional departments, including Communication, Dance, Design Technology, Earth Sciences, English as a Second Language, Health Sciences, Kinesiology & Recreation, Library, Life Sciences, Math, Modern Languages, Music, Photography, Physical Sciences, and Workforce & Economic Development. The measure will need a 55 percent approval of Santa Monica and Malibu voters for passage.

MALIBU EDUCATIONAL FACILITY: The Board voted unanimously to authorize the payment of $2.5 million from proceeds from Measure S toward construction of a wastewater treatment plant in Malibu. The vote honors the college’s commitment to the City of Malibu to use bond proceeds for construction of water quality improvement projects because SMC plans to build an educational facility in Malibu, also with Measure S funds, that will increase the burden on Malibu’s storm water and wastewater systems.


WESTSIDE LIGHT RAIL PROJECT: SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang reported that SMC students, employees and trustees turned out in full force June 26 at the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board meeting to keep the proposed Exposition Light Rail Line to the Westside on track for funding. The MTA board decision at the June 26 meeting preserves priority for the Exposition extension for now. No further decisions are expected until after the November 4 election.

CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: The Board voted unanimously to appoint Ben Allen, Ida Jimenez y West and Christine Thornton to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee to two-year terms. It also reappointed Ralph Erickson and Sylvia Rose to second two-year terms.


ENTERING AND AMENDING CONTRACTS: The Board voted unanimously to conduct a first reading of a policy that authorizes the college president to contract...
for goods, services, equipment and rental of facilities and to accept grants as authorized by statutes for $50,000 or less; amend the terms and conditions of any contractual arrangement provided that the total expenditure of funds does not exceed $50,000; and agree to binding arbitration if the president determines that it is an appropriate course of action.

NEW SMC FACULTY:  The Board voted unanimously to approve the election of the following academic personnel starting August 19, 2008: Laura Campbell, English, Basic Skills Writing; Matthew Hotsinpiller, Reading; Yulia Kozlova, Music-Piano, Music fundamentals; Kevin Menton, English, Developmental/Transfer; and Sandra Rowe, Coordinator, Psychological Services. In a prior action on June 11, 2008, the Board unanimously approved the election of the following academic personnel also starting August 19, 2008: Alison Brown, Psychological Services Counselor, Aileen Huang, Accounting; Maribel Lopez, Developmental Math; Mario Martinez, Developmental Math; Eric Minzenberg, Cultural Anthropology Instructor; Valerie Narey, Biology/Microbiology Instructor; Sehat Nauli, Chemistry Instructor; and Sharon Teruya, Disabled Students-Learning Disabilities Specialist.

NEW ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE: The Board voted unanimously to approve the election of the following academic personnel with varying start dates: Kelley Brayton, Dean, International Education; Madjid Niroumand, Associate Dean, International Education; and Sonali Perara, Associate Dean, Outreach and Recruitment; and the following academic personnel with varying start and end dates; Larry McLaughlin, Acting Director, Bundy/Workforce Development; and Alexandria Rosales, Associate Dean Workforce Development. In a prior action on June 11, 2008, the Board unanimously approved the election of the following academic personnel with varying start dates: Albert Vasquez, Director, Police and Safety Services; and Michael Tuitasi, Vice-President, Student Affairs

MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Kiersten Elliott, the new president of the Management Association for 2008-09, reported that the organization will be meeting soon to plan its agenda for the upcoming year and that it will continue to present “Above and Beyond” awards to exceptional managers on a regular basis.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: In other actions, the Board unanimously voted to approve the acceptance of a Construction Talent Transfer Governor’s 15% Fund grant from the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency in the amount of $500,000 for the period of June 1, 2008 through January 30, 2010 to train local displaced workers for Green-Tech construction jobs; and the acceptance of a Career Technical Education and Community Collaborative grant from the California Community College’s Chancellor’s Office in the amount of $369,700 for the period of June 1, 2008 through January 30, 2010 to focus on frontline counselors, faculty, and administrators and initiate actions that result in a higher perceived value towards career and technical education. The Board also approved the retirements of Robert Adams, Student Affairs, Donald Corson,
Campus Police, Barbara Goldthwait, English; and Samuel Martin, Operations. In a prior action on June 11, 2008, the Board approved the resignations of Gina Cole, International Student Center, and Michael Jansen, Physical Science; and the retirement of Carmen Graham, TRIO.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned in the memory of Luella Hart, mother of Tom Kasch, computer operator, and mother-in-law of Darlene Kasch, information systems support analyst; Sam Levin, father-in-law of Steve Levine, interim media services manager; Cleotha Strong, aunt of Regina Jennings, CAHSEE project manager; John T. Whelan, music instructor at Emeritus College for 30 years; and Concepcion Ybarra, mother of Robert Ybarra, lead custodian.

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