The following is a summary of the highlights of the SMC Board of Trustees meeting of Jan. 12, 2010. The Board summaries are posted at http://www.smc.edu/apps/docs.asp?Q=586.

In addition, the meeting minutes, which provide all the official actions of the Board, are posted at http://www.smc.edu/apps/Pub.asp?Q=544.

Podcasts of the meeting are available at http://www.smc.edu/itunes.

NEW MEDIA-TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX: The Board heard an update on SMC’s proposal to build a Media & Technology Complex at the college’s Academy of Entertainment & Technology that would house communications, journalism, broadcasting – including KCRW – and film. The project is planned to be done in two phases – the first of which is a 430-space parking structure this year and the second of which would begin in fall 2011 and be completed by fall 2013.

WINTER SESSION ENROLLMENT: Vice President of Enrollment Development Teresita Rodriguez and Vice President of Academic Affairs Jeff Shimizu reported that enrollment for the winter session is basically on target – about half what it was a year ago. SMC cut its class offerings because of severe state budget cuts, but SMC is running the largest winter session in the state. Enrollment is at 1,131 full-time-equivalent students (FTES), down by about half from a year ago, but head count is down only about 30 percent because SMC limited each student to a maximum of five units for the winter session. No evening classes are being offered, nor are classes scheduled at the satellite campuses.

BUDGET: Vice President of Business & Administration Bob Isomoto reported that after historic cuts to education last year, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, in his state-of-the-state address last week and his proposed $83 billion budget for 2010-11, vowed to protect education. In the governor’s proposed budget, funding for K-12 is flat, and the community colleges are given some growth monies. However, with the proposed $8.5 billion in cuts, this $83 billion budget takes California back to 2004 spending levels. Some major points for the proposed community college budget include the addition of $126 million for 2.2% enrollment growth, reduction of $22.9 million for a negative cost-of-living adjustment (-0.38%), backfill of $39.3 million in property tax declines, and a reduction of $10 million from both EOPS and part-time faculty compensation.

PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE: The Board voted unanimously to hire former state Sen. Sheila Kuehl as a consultant to design and develop an SMC Public Policy Institute. The proposed institute – which originated with Trustee Nancy Greenstein – is still in its embryonic stages but is envisioned to be a forum for reports and public seminars on various current regional government and policy issues involving students, employees and the community. The six-month contract with Kuehl, from Jan. 1 through June 30, is for $5,000 a month. Half the start-up costs are being covered by private funds, and the other half is coming from the SMC Foundation and the SMC Government Relations and Institutional Communications budget.

2010-11 NONRESIDENT TUITION RATE: The Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2010-11 nonresident tuition rate at the higher of either $183 per semester unit (the state
average) or the highest nonresident tuition rate adopted by a contiguous community college district (the maximum would be $186).

**NOMINATIONS FOR CCCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board voted unanimously to nominate SMC Trustee Louise Jaffe to the state Community College Trustees Association Board of Directors. Jaffe was appointed to the CCCT board to fill a vacancy created by a trustee who was elected a mayor and she is running as an incumbent.

**EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT:** The Board voted unanimously to give final approval to a policy that brings the college into compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA).

**ZERO-WASTE EVENTS:** The Board voted unanimously to give final approval to a policy that would integrate zero-waste practices into all college events in which food and related materials are present. The industry standard for zero waste is 90 percent diversion of waste.

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION:** Board Recording Secretary Lisa Rose announced that the Board, in closed session, voted to release one academic administrator and authorized the Superintendent/President, or his designee, to provide the academic administrator with notice on or before March 15, 2010, that the academic administrator's employment will not be renewed at the conclusion of the 2009-10 fiscal year.

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