



WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees
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MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

January 11, 2005



CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION

President Levinson called the study session of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:02 a.m.

Board members present:

Mark McKean
Nina Oxborrow
Jeff Levinson
Edna Ivans
Bill Henry

Board members absent:

Jack Minnite
Steve Cantu
Willie Lee, Student Trustee

Administrators present:

Frank Gornick, Chancellor
Ken Stoppenbrink, Interim Vice Chancellor of Business Services
Anthony Tricoli, President, West Hills College Coalinga
Don Warkentin, Interim President, West Hills College Lemoore
Dave Bolt, Dean of Educational Services, West Hills College Lemoore
Susan Kincade, Dean of Learning Resources
Keven Backman, Interim Director of Human Resources

Introduction of Guests

There were no guests introduced at this time.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made at this time.

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

San Joaquin Valley Community Colleges Consortium Meeting Update - President McKean reported that a meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Community Colleges Consortium (SJVCCC) was held last week. The group took action on a letter of support

for Pauline Larwood’s nomination to the Board of Governors. In addition the Board discussed their support of Proposition 98 and their opposition to the California Performance Review recommendations.

West Hills College Lemoore Presidential Search Process – Dr. Frank Gornick reported that the web page for the Presidential Search process is being developed. The position will be announced on the website and via email, as well as in a couple of national publications. Applicants will find links to videos, demographics of the community, and the composition of the committee on the web page along with the application instructions and process. Dr. Gornick reported that we will use the “Noah’s Ark” approach for the committee: 2 members each from faculty, classified, administrative and Board of Trustees. 1 student will also serve on the committee. President McKean and Trustee Henry are the Board members recommended to serve on the committee. Dr. Gornick has asked the Academic Senate and CSEA to appoint members to the committee. Trustee Oxborrow requested to see the qualifications and standards expected of the Presidential Search candidates. Dr. Gornick stated that he will keep the Board abreast of the process.

Trustee Levinson commented that the previous presidential search for West Hills College Coalinga was a very beneficial process. He stated that he enjoyed working with the committee members. It is a process that allows people to contemplate the issues and what the campus and community need. Dr. Gornick reported that advertising will begin at the end of January or beginning of February. The Board of Trustees will be asked to approve the list of committee members at the January Board meeting. Dr. Gornick stated that he hopes to have the Board approve the new president in May.

Financial Aid Report on Pell Grant Changes – Ms. Jill Stearns, Director of Financial Aid, provided information on Pell grant changes. She reported that Pell is the federal level of financial aid and is a grant. The qualifications are being changed in 2005-2006. She stated that she does not think it will significantly impact our students as the changes deal with taxes. The cap on the Pell grant is \$4,050 per year. Income must be in the neighborhood of \$22,000 for qualification.

Accreditation Update – Dr. Anthony Tricoli provided a brief update on the accreditation process for West Hills College Coalinga. He reported that the self study is done and the visit will occur in March.

Mr. Don Warkentin distributed a self study update for West Hills College Lemoore and provided a brief summary of their progress to date.

FISCAL SERVICES

Budget Assumptions – Mr. Ken Stoppenbrink distributed a state budget update snapshot and highlights of the Governor’s proposed 2005-2006 budget. Mr.

Stoppenbrink stated that it is an aggressive budget and if it passes we will be in much better shape.

Mr. Stoppenbrink provided an update on e-commerce and Dr. Gornick commented on accounts receivable. Mr. Stoppenbrink explained that we have implemented a new procedure whereby notices are sent out reminding students to pay their fees or they will be dropped from classes. Discussion took place regarding the process and how it works.

Bond Planning/Projects - Dr. Gornick provided a presentation on bond planning and projects. Discussion took place and a bond projects list was distributed and discussed.

Much discussion took place regarding new programs at the Coalinga campus and what Coalinga would be getting in terms of the bond. Trustee Oxborrow commented that it looks like all Coalinga will be doing is patching, painting and repairing and not doing anything new. She questioned what Coalinga will be getting for their dollars. Discussion continued on the bond projects and Dr. Gornick reported that the list will be refined for future discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 12:55 p.m.

- Existing Litigation (as per Government Code Section 54956.9(a)). Names of cases: Grant v. West Hills Community College District, et al; West Hills Community College District v. Doucette, et al
- Discussion of land acquisition/disposition of property (as per Government Code Section 54956.8). Property: Coalinga, California; Lemoore, California; Firebaugh, California

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Nina Oxborrow
Clerk of the Board of Trustees