



MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

October 14, 2014



1. Call to Order / Open Session

President McKean called the study session of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:32 am and led the Board members and audience in the flag salute.

Board members present:

Mark McKean, President
Jack Minnite, Clerk
Jeff Levinson
Edna Ivans
Steve Cantu
Len Falter

Board members absent:

Nina Oxborrow, Vice President
Kimberlie Raulino, Student Trustee

Administrators present:

Frank Gornick, Chancellor
Ken Stoppenbrink, Deputy Chancellor
Stu Van Horn, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Workforce Development
Carole Goldsmith, President, West Hills College Coalinga
Don Warkentin, President, West Hills College Lemoore
Becky Cazares, Director of Human Resources
Dave Bolt, Vice President of Educational Services, West Hills College Lemoore
Stephanie Droker, Vice President of Educational Services, West Hills College Coalinga
Sandy McGlothlin, Vice President of Student Services, West Hills College Coalinga
Sylvia Dorsey-Robinson, Vice Pres. of Student Services, West Hills College Lemoore
Frances Squire, Executive Director of West Hills Community College Foundation
Keith Stearns, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic and Information Services

A. Introduction of Guests

There were no guests introduced at this time.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments made at this time.

2. Study Session

A. Student Success Goals – Dr. Frank Gornick reported that the District is now a member of the Education Advisory Board. He shared slides from the Education

Advisory Board, State of the Union, Next-Generation Pathways. The information covered for-profit enrollment and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). The average cost per credit for MOOCs, community colleges, for-profit, and continuing education was discussed. He shared the historic student makeup, a surge in high risk student groups, and the hypothetical future student body. Completion rates and enrollment were discussed.

Dr. Van Horn discussed the timeline for the Baccalaureate degree program, the proposals from the colleges, and the substantive change reports that will be necessary. He stated that we have some work to do. The nursing degree proposal is still in play, as well as the ag bundle. At this time it is unclear who gets to choose which degree is accepted. Dr. Van Horn reported that he will meet with the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium (CVHEC) later this month to discuss working together concerning this matter.

Dr. Van Horn provided information on student success goals. He reviewed the District's mission and vision statements, along with the District's strategic goals. Dr. Van Horn discussed the statewide student success initiatives and the West Hills Community College District student success initiatives that have been implemented. Discussion took place regarding taking time to discuss the goals and focusing attention on the issues.

Trustee Cantu arrived to the meeting at this time.

B. Planning Cycles/Timelines – Dr. Gornick discussed the draft timelines and planning cycles for strategic planning, student success, and accreditation, stating that updates will be made. Trustee Minnite questioned how the District will address the inflow of fighter jets in Lemoore. Mr. Warkentin responded that before the new planes arrive there will be a transfer from the East Coast to the West Coast. This will be an opportunity for us to capture enrollment. The naval air base commanding officer is willing to work with us on developing ways to serve the new population.

C. Board of Trustees Self Evaluation Policy and Procedure – Dr. Gornick commented on making some changes and updating the evaluation tool based on examples from the Community College League. He stated that a new rating process will be proposed at an upcoming Board meeting.

Trustee Levinson left the meeting at this time.

D. Facilities – Discussion took place concerning facilities and increasing the match for projects, allowing the District to move up on the schedule. With regard to the residence halls, it was reported that we are still waiting for the state to release the authority for Coalinga to address the issue. It was also reported that we are nearing the time to go out to bid on the student center. The biggest change made to the project was the downsizing of the kitchen.

Trustee Levinson returned to the meeting at this time.

Discussion took place concerning the request for bids. It was explained that the project is still the same cost.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the study session was adjourned at 10:34 am.

Jack Minnite
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

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