



BOARD REPORT

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The governing board of the San Diego Community College District is comprised of 5 elected members and 1 student trustee position. Members of the Board:

Mary Graham; **Rich Grosch** (president); **William H. Schwandt**;
Maria Nieto Senour, Ph.D.; and **Peter Zschiesche** (executive vice president).
The Secretary to the Board: **Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.**, Chancellor.

The students filling the student trustee position on a rotating basis:
Robert M. DeMartini, **Brittany Forester** and **Sebastian Law**.



February 12, 2009

SPECIAL REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC

Several Board members commented on their recent visit to legislators in Washington, D.C., as part of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit. The Board members, Chancellor Constance Carroll, and Govt. Relations Director Rich Dittbenner attended workshops and accompanied the trustees in meeting with Congressional representatives to emphasize the need to pass the President's Stimulus Package and provide support for states like California. The group also advocated for increases in Pell Grants for students, infrastructure funding, and increased funding for the Workforce Investment Act.

Student Trustee **Robert DeMartini** said he appreciated the opportunity to join fellow Board members and Student Trustees in Sacramento to meet with Legislators on state budget issues. Trustee **Maria Nieto Senour** called for ways to assist foster youth through instructional programs.

Trustee **Peter Zschiesche** requested consideration of a proclamation at the next Board meeting regarding the San Diego Port Commission's plan to promote sustainability and reduce pollution along the Port's waterfront. He also asked that staff provide a report on the Apprenticeship Program's success rate. Trustee **Bill Schwandt** complimented everyone involved in the recent Board Retreat.

Trustee **Rich Grosch** emphasized the need for continuing District participation in advocacy at the state and national levels. Trustee Grosch ended his report by inviting everyone to attend the special ceremony for Assembly Member Marty Block that followed the Board meeting during which former Senator Dede Alpert will administer the oath of office to him for the second time, this time within the 78th Assembly District.

Chancellor **Constance Carroll** reported that versions of President Obama's Reinvest in America Stimulus Package had passed the House and Senate and seemed to be on their way through a conference committee compromise to approval of a final plan by the two houses and signature by the President. The current version would provide about \$10 billion for specific California projects. Dr. Carroll also commented that approval of a state budget seemed to be imminent as well, with a vote possible as early as Friday. A compromise proposal at the state level includes a mixture of budget reductions (many of which the SDCCD has already made), increased revenue through taxes, and borrowing. The budget details as they impact the SDCCD will be shared with the SDCCD community as soon as they are available.

BOARD ACTIONS

At its meeting of February 12, 2009, the Board of Trustees:

- Approved a resolution to excuse Trustee Bill Schwandt from attendance at the January 22, 2009, Board Meeting, due to illness.
- Accepted and appropriated a 5% increase to the TRIO/Student Support Services grant for Miramar College, bringing the total to \$248,063, and a \$2,500 Solar Turbines, Inc. grant for City College engineering software.
- Received and budgeted grants for Districtwide programs, including \$39,000 from the state for the Tech Prep Coordination Project and \$8,000 from the SDSU Research Foundation for basic skills math.
- Accepted and appropriated two \$187,500 state grants, one for the Advanced Transportation, Technology, and Energy program and the other for the biotech program, both at Miramar College.
- Approved a budget transfer, new or revised courses and programs, off-campus healthcare clinic student usage, personnel matters, and the District Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2008.
- Contracted with the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools and Mitchell International for classroom instruction.
- Reviewed and accepted the 2006-2007 Accountability Report for Community Colleges (ARCC) for City, Mesa and Miramar colleges, following a presentation by Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault, with comments from Presidents Terrence Burgess and Rita Cepeda and Vice President Peter Fong.
- Had a second reading of and approved revisions of Board Policies: Nondiscrimination, Prohibition of Harassment, and Claims Against the District.
- Awarded bids for purchase of maintenance, gymnasium and physical therapy supplies, fitness equipment, and other material for the Miramar College Fieldhouse Building.
- Awarded contract to Ricoh Business Solutions for purchase of a digital color press and related equipment for Districtwide use.
- Extended agreements with the Foundation for California Community Colleges to use the Miramar College Smog Referee Station and the other for the college usage of Alliant International University facilities.
- Adopted a resolution of intention to grant the City of San Diego an easement and right-of-way, permitting the City to construct and maintain water facilities at the Miramar College infrastructure project site.
- Contracted for inspection, consulting, and project management services for various Propositions S and N construction projects Districtwide.
- Contracted with the state to renovate child development centers at City and Miramar colleges.
- Revised rates for public rental of facilities Districtwide under the Civic Center Act.
- Appointed Matt Anderson, Alex Zili Hu, and George W. Hawkins to the Propositions S & N Citizens' Oversight Committee.
- Received a report of the 2008-2009 Second Quarter financial status.
- Heard a report on spring 2009 enrollment, presented by Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault, noting a continuing increase throughout the District despite the fact that classes had been cut due to the state budget.
- Heard members of the public speak, including Jim Fahey, who discussed relocating his business to make way for bond-funded construction for City College, and Donald Morgan, speaking about his former employment with the District.
- Heard City College Child Development Center (CDC) hourly employees Donna Cecil and Guadalupe Estrada discuss job retention, while student Anthony Rogers discussed CDC staffing.
- Was invited by Abdur-Rahim Hameed to visit the Black History Month display at San Diego City Hall.

Please note: Board meetings are held at the District Office, Room 235/245, unless otherwise noted on the posted agenda. Campus Board meetings scheduled this semester: March 26 (Miramar College) and April 28 (Continuing Ed at ECC). The agenda is available the Friday prior to the Board meetings on the District website at: <http://board.sdccd.edu/agenda/>

CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS

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