



# MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mt. San Antonio College was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Trustees Baca, Bader, Chen Haggerty, Chyr, and Hall were present.

#### STAFF PRESENT

John S. Nixon, Interim President/CEO; Michael D. Gregoryk, Vice President, Administrative Services; Audrey Yamagata-Noji, Vice President, Student Services; Virginia Burley, Interim Vice President, Instruction; and Jack Miyamoto, Interim Vice President, Human Resources

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

#### 2. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

- Public Employment – per California Government Code Section 54957  
President/CEO
- Complaint Against Public Employee, per California Government Code Section 54957  
One Position
- Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b):  
Contractor claim for payment
- Conference with Labor Negotiator Virginia Burley, Interim Vice President, Instruction, per California Government Code Section 54957.6

#### 3. PUBLIC SESSION

The public meeting reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

#### **4. INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITION**

- **Introductions**

The following newly appointed staff were introduced to the Board:

Classified

Famm Douangchampa, Laboratory Technician, Welding, Technology & Health  
Division

Darwin Macatiag, Network Administrator, Information Technology

Donna Ropp, Laboratory Technician, Art, Art Division

Annette Wong, Laboratory Technician, Chemistry, Chemistry Department

Management

Jill Dolan, Manager, Community & Media Relations, Marketing & Communication

Jeff Parker, Interim Director, Public Safety

- **Recognition**

Dr. Nixon reported that, in 1991, the Board of Governors established the Exemplary Program Award to recognize truly outstanding programs in the community college system. The competition is managed by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and the Foundation for California Community Colleges. This year we are very proud of Professor Jennifer MacDonald and the College Histotech Program for winning an Honorable Mention.

Professor MacDonald said Histotechnology is the science of the preparation of tissue for diagnosis. Students in the program learn to process and prepare human, plant, or animal tissue for microscopic examination. Mt. SAC students continue to boast a 100% pass rate on national certification exams.

Professor MacDonald shared the emotions she felt when she was notified that the College had won an Honorable Mention. While attending the Board of Governors meeting and hearing about the winning programs, Professor MacDonald said she felt humbled and honored to be among them. The plaque presented by the Board of Governors is on display in Founders Hall.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Trustee Chyr, seconded by Trustee Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2008, and the special meeting of February 14, 2008. Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

#### **6. ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

None.

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

None.

## 8. REPORTS

A. Yesenia Leon, Associated Students President, reported the following:

- President Leon introduced Joe Mountie, the College's Lil' Joe mascot. He will make his first official appearance at this Saturday's Women's Basketball playoff game.
- Associated Students is doing its best to let the student body know about available positions in student government, student court, clubs, the benefits of the activity sticker, and have been distributing the Associated Students Spring Calendar of Events, which was shared with Board members.
- Many students will be working with the Foundation to serve as Student Ambassadors at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountie Carlo Night on Friday, at the Diamond Bar Center.
- On Monday and Tuesday, March 17 and 18, the Black Student Union will be hosting a presentation entitled "Sex, Slavery, and Human Trafficking." Board members were provided with program information and invited to attend.

B. Michelle Grimes-Hillman, Academic Senate President, reported the following:

- At the first regular Senate meeting of the spring semester, on March 6, the Senate will take action on Resolution 2007-13 (Title 5 Compliance: AS Degrees), Resolution 2007-14 (Transfer Degrees), and Resolution 2007-15 (Assistant Curriculum Liaison). The Senate will also discuss growth in the Honors Program and the Professional Relations Committee's Purpose and Function Statement.
- Professor Francis Borella's nomination for the Stanback Stroud Diversity Award will be forwarded to the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges.
- Flex Day was on February 22, 2008. A lot of positive feedback was received on both the opening meeting and the workshops. Faculty appreciated the opportunity to have their questions answered on lab parity, on construction, and on a myriad of other issues. The workshops were well attended.

C. Randy Smith, Classified Senate President, reported the following:

- Welcomed the new employees and congratulated Professor MacDonald and the Histotech Program.
- Anthony Kelly, Interim Public Safety Supervisor, attended the February 19 Classified Senate Meeting. He discussed the make-up of the Public Safety Department, College emergency procedures, the Code Blue remote contact system, the department's relationship with the Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire Departments, campus escort services, parking, and campus traffic routing. Mr. Smith noted that changes made to the San Jose Hills entrance area and Pay Lot B have improved traffic flow on campus.

- The Senate's Spring Fund-raiser is underway. Donations are being collected and accepted for another Gift Card Basket, which will be raffled off on May 21, during the Classified Service Awards program.
- Board members were invited to attend the Classified Service Awards scheduled for Wednesday, May 22.

D. Terri Long, Faculty Association President, reported the following:

- The Faculty Association and District bargaining teams have been meeting since early January. Several tentative agreements have been reached and there are numerous proposals on the table. The teams will continue to meet throughout the spring semester.
- The Faculty Association presented a workshop during Flex Day entitled "Full Contract Negotiations: A Discussion of Topics." The workshop was very well attended and very successful.
- Puttin' on the Hits 2008 performances are scheduled for Friday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 15, at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m., in the Clarke Theater. The Faculty Association is soliciting sponsorships from local businesses. All donations are tax deductible. Net proceeds from the show will be awarded as scholarships to deserving Mt. SAC students.
- The first meeting of the Representative Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, at 11:30 a.m., in Founders Hall.
- All four members of the Faculty Association negotiations team will be attending a conference sponsored by the National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions at Baruch College in New York from April 6-8, 2008. Some members have attended this conference in the past and found it very interesting and of value.

E. Representing CSEA, Chapter 262, President Bill Rawlings reported the following:

- Earlier this week, CSEA held its Legislative Conference in Sacramento. This conference, organized by the CSEA Governmental Relations Department, provides the opportunity for CSEA members to lobby legislators about important issues facing education and labor. President Rawlings said he met with approximately 16 legislators.
- KSAK Director Cason Smith and his team were recognized for winning four top honors at the 2007 Golden Mike Awards ceremony in Hollywood, sponsored by the Radio and Television News Association of Southern California.
- Negotiations on the 2006-07 re-openers continue, though the holidays, Banner implementation, and other scheduling problems have caused unfortunate delays. Talks continue to be amiable and there appears to be a "light at the end of the tunnel."
- President Rawlings thanked Trustees Baca and Hall for attending the CSEA Area G Installation breakfast/brunch earlier in the month.

F. Interim President Nixon's report included the following:

- Vice President Yamagata Noji presented the 2008 Spring Enrollment Analysis Report, noting that all enrollment categories showed tremendous growth with a potential increase of 747 (8.63%) of FTES and an unduplicated credit enrollment increase of 1,876 students (7.31%) over spring of 2007. She attributed the robust enrollment, in part, to marketing efforts, including registration reminder mailings to continuing students and new applicants as well as transit and newspaper advertising. Dr. Yamagata-Noji also noted slight fluctuations in the ethnic profile of new students: slight increases for Hispanic/Latino (43%) and white (18%) and slight decreases for Asian/Pacific (23%) and African American students (7%).
- Dr. Nixon shared a student success story - Arcel Punsalang, who was hired as a student assistant in the VTEA Interior Design program, recently received news that he won the prestigious IIDA Southern California Student Scholarship Competition, beating stiff university competitors such as UCLA, CSULB, CSUN, and the Pasadena Art Institute. Arcel, and other interior design students, were recently involved in interior design work at Founders Hall.
- Dr. Nixon said he has been working with staff to determine how many students attend Mt. SAC. He said he wanted a figure that he is confident in publishing and that can be used consistently across campus. After considerable deliberation, Dr. Nixon said the College serves 40,000 credit students per year and 42,000 non-credit students per year. Those are unduplicated figures. If you combine credit and non-credit, the College serves 65,000 individual students per year.

## **9. INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

Board members were provided with a written briefing on Service Learning, prepared by Professor Lane Braver.

Professor Braver said Service Learning deals with hands-on experiences for students. He reviewed some of the Service Learning projects in which Mt. SAC students are involved. English as a Second Language students have been involved in activities, such as a Thanksgiving Food Drive, American Red Cross Blood Drive, and collecting gifts for children around the world. Students working to improve their sign language skills have participated in activities such as teaching non-signing deaf people to sign, babysitting deaf children, and interpreting for churches. Physician Assistant students worked at missions providing food, screened Mt. SAC students and staff for high blood pressure, and provided flyers regarding medical subjects to the entire campus.

At any given time, Professor Braver said there are between 8-10 classes on campus involved in Service Learning. In the next four to six years, he sees the Service Learning program merging with the College's intern and volunteer programs.

Professor Braver explained to the Board that he started the Service Learning Program with a \$5,000 grant. Since that time, he has received one additional grant from Staff Development. He would very much like to see this program receive both College funding and clerical assistance.

## **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Baca asked that a revision be made to Consent Item No. 8 – the Journalism students' trip to New York. A tenth student, Brittany Harley, has been added to the Board item, which also impacted the estimated cost of the trip. Members of the Board and audience received a revised agenda item.

It was moved by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Bader, to approve or ratify the following items.

### **PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

1. Approval of revisions to the College's Conflict of Interest Code.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

2. Approval of Personnel Transactions, dated February 27, 2008.
3. Approval to employ the following faculty under a second contract (2008-09):

Hansel Alvarez, English, Literature & Journalism  
Karen Bridges, Earth Sciences & Astronomy  
Haskel Buff, Physical Education  
Ema Burman, Learning Assistance  
Thomas Craft, Physical Education  
Marlene Gallarde, Sociology, Philosophy  
Daniel Garcia, Air Conditioning & Welding  
Dirk Hagner, Art, Animation & Broadcasting  
Martha Hall, Learning Assistance  
Laurie Hartman, Photographics  
Anthony Henry, Child Development  
Phebe Hosea, Mathematics, Computer Science  
Hector Rivas, Art, Animation & Broadcasting  
Michelle Sampat, Learning Assistance  
Sarah Scott, Biological Sciences  
Michelle Stewart-Thomas, Sociology, Philosophy  
Jaime Uranga, Electronics & Computer Technology  
Elizabeth Uyeki, Library & Learning Resources  
Kisha Williamson, Child Development

4. Approval to employ the following faculty under a third contract (2008-10):

Toni Albertson, English, Literature & Journalism  
Gene Ano, Psychology, Education  
Rocio Avila, English, Literature & Journalism  
Stacy Bacigalupi, Psychology, Education  
Melinda Bowen, Physical Education  
Robert Bowen, Music  
Ronald Brown, Art, Animation & Broadcasting  
Timothy Castellano, Earth Sciences & Astronomy  
Alison Chamberlain, Biological Sciences  
Denise Condra, Nursing  
Elisabeth Eatman, Consumer & Design Technologies

Thomas Edson, English, Literature & Journalism  
Jeffrey Ellwood, Music  
Timothy Engle, DSP&S  
Sun Ezzell, Learning Assistance  
Anne Fleischer, Communication  
Casey Garcia, Communication  
Christina Garloff, Agricultural Sciences  
Jennifer Garwick, Agricultural Sciences  
Paul Hischar, Accounting & Management  
Kenneth Huang, Chemistry  
Ron Kamaka, Physical Education  
Constance Kunkler, Nursing  
Jennifer Leader, American Language  
Lisa Ledeboer, Consumer & Design Technologies  
Eddie Lee, Counseling  
Jenny Leung, Chemistry  
Monique Neel, Radiologic Technology  
Shane Poulter, Counseling  
Barbara Quinn, DSP&S  
Carolyn Robinson, Learning Assistance  
Hector Sanchez, Counseling  
Stephen Shull, Fire Technology  
Pauline Swartz, Library & Learning Resources  
Antoine Thomas, Counseling  
Rebecca Walker, Earth Sciences & Astronomy  
Tina Ziolowski, Medical Services

5. Approval to grant tenure to the following faculty:

Carolyn Anderson-Perry, Nursing  
Maria Estrada, English, Literature & Journalism  
Paul Frahs, English, Literature & Journalism  
Paul Kittle, Library & Learning Resources  
Patricia Maestro, Counselor  
Kimberly Quintana-Mullane, English, Literature & Journalism

**INSTRUCTION and STUDENT SERVICES**

6. Approval of the following sabbatical leave applications for 2008-09:

Daniel Anderson (full year) Physics Department – Study. Professor Anderson will attend California State University, Los Angeles, pursuing an undergraduate course of study focusing on civil engineering. His intent is to grow, both in depth and breadth, through courses that emphasize “hands-on” and design engineering. In addition to personal growth, these courses will be of great relevance to the classroom and his students.

Chih-Ping Chang (full year) Foreign Languages Department - Project. Dr. Chang's project addresses the need to present the Chinese phonetic spelling system as a unit, making it more accessible to people without a background in Chinese language and culture. He will also reorganize and analyze 100 – 150 basic Chinese characters according to the topics that beginning Chinese students typically learn,

Jason Chevalier (full year) Music Department – Study. Professor Chevalier will pursue a Ph.D. in Leadership in Higher Education through Capella University.

Lois Cole (full year) English Department – Project. Professor Cole's project is to move toward globalizing the curriculum in the English Department by including the literatures of Sub-Saharan nations. She will create an informational grid on texts for fellow English faculty to consider for their classes as well as an article for other professors summarizing her work.

Eileen DiMauro (full year) Chemistry Department – Travel and Study. Professor DiMauro will develop resources to encourage science students to make connections between what they learn inside the classroom and their personal and future professional lives. She will prepare a compendium of significant scientific events/breakthroughs/discoveries which will be processed into classroom presentation briefs (available to all faculty), designs for exhibits in the new display cases in the Life Sciences Building (7), and ideas for exhibits in the future Natural Science Exploratorium.

Deb Distant (full year) Library Department – Project. Professor Distant plans to create a series of online, interactive tutorials on the use of the library website, electronic research materials, and research skills. These tutorials will be placed on the library website and will be available 24/7 for students, faculty, and staff to use, regardless of where they may be.

Cristina Hernandez (full year) Art History Department - Project. Focusing on artworks and architectural remains of Jews and Muslims during the Classical and Medieval periods, Professor Hernandez will seek to present a more complete history of art during these periods. She will create a group of reports, relating them to mainstream works in the history of arts, for their inclusion into existing Mt. SAC courses in the Art History program and in other disciplines.

Elizabeth Lawlor (full year) Biology Department - Project and Study. Dr. Lawlor will update her knowledge of primate and human evolution through CSU San Bernardino and independent reading. She will improve the Mt. SAC fossil cast collection by tracing down identifications of some of the casts, establish a complementary collection of journal reprints and identify a wish list of fossil casts to augment the collection. In addition, she will produce a multi-layered, interactive web site illustrating the mosaic nature of human evolution that will supplement Biological Anthropology classes and encourage members of the community to consider Mt. SAC as their first source of higher education.

Elizabeth McCormick (full year) English Department – Project. Dr. McCormick's project will provide an overview of the larger field of knowledge work accompanied by more detailed studies of two of the individual theories: Information Literacy and Theory of Mind. Her project will provide both overviews of the various methodologies and a survey of actual practices. It will allow anyone using her report to understand the changing field of knowledge work/knowledge acquisition, as well as provide a comparative understanding of how other institutions are implementing these changes.

Maxine Sparks-Mackey (full year) Political Science Department – Project. Dr. Sparks-Mackey will examine the civic mobilization strategies undertaken to gain access to voting rights in America with emphasis on the African American Civil and Voting Rights Movement and the Woman Suffrage Fights Movement. She will create three position papers, accompanied by PowerPoint presentations, and make recommendations for use of these presentations in class for special on-campus workshops and seminars.

Samuel Wolde-Yohannes (full year) Sociology & Philosophy Department - Project. The objective of Dr. Wolde-Yohannes' reading project is for him to study in depth the main philosophical ideas that have dominated the European Continent since the 1960s. In addition, he will be concurrently reading commentaries on these works and will produce a written summary of the main ideas and thoughts of the selected philosophers.

Carola Wright (full year) Biology Department – Project and Travel. Dr. Wright's project will encompass research in the field of muscle physiology at UC Irvine. In addition, she will travel to Germany and visit research facilities and institutions in the Munich areas that are relevant to her research project and her teaching assignment.

7. Approval to accept sabbatical leave reports from Professors Pam Arterburn, Jenny Chen, Robert Ho, Charles McGruder, Robin Tripp and Margie Whalen.
8. Approval for Journalism students to attend the College Media Advisers National Convention in New York, from March 15-18, 2008, as revised.
9. Approval to ratify the Aeronautics Team participation in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Flying Association Regional Airmeet in Prescott, AZ, from February 14-18, 2008.
10. Approval for the Chamber Singers and Singcopation to perform as special guest artists at the Canadian Rocky Mountain Music Festival in Banff, Alberta, from April 18-20, 2008.
11. Approval for students to attend the Health Occupations Students of America Statewide Leadership Conference in Santa Clara, from April 9-13, 2008.
12. Approval of additions to the Regional Health Occupations Resource Center: Fostering Student Success grant.
13. Approval of a contract with Pomona Unified School District for the Career Exploration and Development for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Grant.
14. Approval of a Title V – Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant activity “Instructional Development Institute for Learning Community Faculty” at Cal Poly, Pomona, on March 27 and 28, 2007.
15. Approval of an extension for the Los Angeles Welcome Back Program grant.
16. Approval of an extension and augmentation for the Center of Excellence through the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program.

17. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding among the Small Business Development Center, the City of Santa Fe Springs and the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce.
18. Approval of Community Education Program additions/changes for Spring 2008.
19. Approval of an addition to the Regional Health Occupations Resource Center.
20. Approval of contract education agreement changes through The Training Source.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

21. Approval of the Appropriation Transfers and Budget Revisions Summary.
22. Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2007.
23. Approval of the Quarterly Financial Status Report for the period ending December 31, 2007.
24. Approval of Emergency Resolution No. 07-06 – Repair of College’s Main Electrical Service.
25. Approval of a Draft Fiscal Accountability Plan and Designation of a Disbursing Officer.
26. Approval of the renewal of a transportation agreement with Durham School Services, L.P.
27. Approval of agreements with HMC Architects to perform professional design and consulting services for the Technology Building Renovation Final Project Proposal and Partial Demolition of Buildings 5 and 5A (Information Technology) projects.
28. Approval of the following Change Orders:
  - Bid No. 2634 Founders Hall Renovation – Paul C. Miller Construction (Contractor) – Change Order No. 16.
  - Bid No. 2669 Classroom Remodel – Los Angeles Air Conditioning (HVAC) (Contractor) – Change Order No. 8.
  - Bid No. 2688 Classroom Remodel – Daart Engineering (Fire Sprinklers) (Contractor) – Change Order No. 3.
  - Bid No. 2706 Construction Services Building Remodel and New Data Center – M. Wilson Company (Electrical) (Contractor) – Change Order No. 5.
  - Bid No. 2721 Math/Science Building – KAR Construction (Caissons and Concrete) (Contractor) – Change Order No. 3.
  - Bid No. 2745 Student Parking Lot S and Pedestrian Crossing – EC

Construction (Contractor) – Change Order No. 2.

- Bid No. 2748 Athletics Restroom Building – Facilities Operation Plus (Contractor) – Change Order No. 2.
- Bid No. 2751 Business Computer Laboratory – Nu/Age Development (Contractor) – Change Order No. 2.
- Bid No. 2763 Natural Sciences Building Exterior Improvements – KAR Construction (Contractor) – Change Order No. 1.
- Bid No. 2764 Roof Repairs – Solar Integrated (Contractor) – Change Order No. 1.

29. Approval of the following Completion Notice:

- Bid No. 2750 Boiler Replacement – Gym 3 – Inland Mechanical Construction, Inc. (Contractor)

30. Approval of the following Proposed Gifts and Donations to the College:

- Jean E. Cotterman – Metal and Glass Frames of Different Sizes for Photos or Water Colors (12 – 14 total), no special value, to be used by the Humanities and Social Sciences Division.
- Bill Reiff – Cambo 6' Studio Camera Stand and Two Smith-Victor A16 Studio Lights, valued by donor at \$1,300, to be used by the Humanities and Social Sciences Division.
- Richard Koren/Victor-Stanley Photography – Various Photographic Equipment, valued by donor at \$10,800, to be used by the Humanities and Social Sciences Division.
- S. C. Rossi & Co., Inc. – 1982 Duplex Fire Truck, valued by donor at \$10,000, to be used by the Technology and Health Division.
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Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

## **11. EMPLOYMENT OF COLLEGE PRESIDENT/CEO**

It was moved by Trustee Chyr, seconded by Trustee Bader, to approve an employment contract for Dr. John S. Nixon to be President/CEO of Mt. San Antonio College, effective February 27, 2008. Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

## **12. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPEB TRUST**

Trustee Hall asked for more information on the composition of the two proposed committees. Vice President Gregoryk said the Administrative Committee is the oversight committee. Membership on this committee will be composed of the Vice President, Administrative Services, and a representative from the Faculty Association, CSEA 262, and CSEA 651. Mr. Gregoryk said he has met with the presidents of these organizations to explain the philosophy behind the trust. The trust, which is currently at \$55 million, is for employees' health benefits and is not to be used for additional buildings, salary increases, etc. The Investment Committee is an advisory committee and is composed of the Vice President of Administrative Services, Director of Fiscal Services, and a manager appointed by the President/CEO. It is charged with the responsibility of working with our professional advisors on investments.

The College is working to fund this account to a balance of \$90 million.

It was moved by Trustee Chen Haggerty, seconded by Trustee Hall, to approve Resolution No. 07-07 – Authorization to Establish an OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Trust. Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

### **13. ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICIES**

It was moved by Trustee Bader, seconded by Trustee Hall, to approve revisions to Board Policy 2220 – Committees of the Board, Board Policy 3250 – Institutional Planning, Board Policy 4225 – Course Repetition, Board Policy 4230 – Grading Symbols, Board Policy 4250 (formerly Board Policy 5100) – Probation, Dismissal, Reinstatement, Board Policy 4260 – Prerequisites, Co-requisites, and Advisories, and Board Policy 4400 – Community Service Programs. Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

### **14. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY**

The Board received for first reading and discussion proposed revisions to Board Policy 2725 – Board Member Compensation. With no suggested revisions by Board members, this policy will be brought back to the Board for action at its March meeting.

### **15. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

- All Board members shared the following comments:
  - Board members praised newly-appointed College President John Nixon. Dr. Nixon has done an outstanding job serving as Interim President for the last eight months and the Board feels that he will continue to excel. Dr. Nixon was commended for his experience, knowledge of the institution, and commitment to students. Board members said that Dr. Nixon is known and respected throughout the state and they are very pleased to have him at the helm of the College.
  - All new employees were welcomed to the College.
  - All congratulated Professor Jennifer MacDonald and the College Histotech Program for their recognition by the Board of Governors.
- Trustee Hall said he is looking forward to participating in Puttin' on the Hits. He also enjoyed the CSEA Installation Breakfast/Brunch. Trustee Hall reminded everyone of Saturday's Women's Basketball game. This is the beginning of the play-offs as the Mountie women try for a third straight state championship.

- Trustee Chyr commented on the quality of the program for the Presidential Forum held on February 7. He thought it was excellent work.
- Student Trustee Deresa said he is looking forward to both Mountie Carlo Night, on Friday, and the Women's Basketball game, on Saturday. He is also interested in participating in Capitol Days.
- Trustee Chen Haggerty said she attended the Spring Opening Meeting and Flex Day sessions. She particularly enjoyed the mythbusters portion of the program. Trustee Chen Haggerty said she serves on the College's Paralegal Advisory Committee. She was very pleased that, last Saturday morning, so many judges and attorneys attended the meeting to support the College.
- Trustee Bader said she enjoyed attending the Los Angeles Philharmonic earlier in the month in Pomona and is glad that the College sponsors this event.

Trustee Bader also attended the Annual Legislative Conference in Sacramento in January. Participating with the SanFACC group, Trustee Bader said they were able to meet with State Senators Jack Scott and Bob Margett and Assemblymembers Anthony Adams and Anthony Portantino.

While in Sacramento, Trustee Bader met with the CCCT Board and discussed the State budget. We are very early in the budget process and the CCCT Board will be studying bills to determine which it wants to support.

- Trustee Baca commented that, now that Dr. Nixon has accepted the presidency, he is looking forward to adding permanency to other positions. Dr. Baca said he thoroughly enjoyed the Opening Meeting and flex day activities noting that the two student performances were excellent.

Trustee Baca said he was on campus on Saturday for the "Cash for College" event. He commended Vice President Yamagata-Noji and Financial Aid Director Jones for their work resulting in a record number of students and families attending. Dr. Baca noted that Assemblymember Ed Hernandez, who attended both Mt. SAC and Rio Hondo, opened the event.

## **16. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:46 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

## **17. ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Baca reported that, in Closed Session, the Board voted unanimously to deny the claim for payment from Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. ("LAE") for the Bonita/Walnut Intersection Improvement project (Bid No 2686).

## **18. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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