



MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, April 23, 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, April 23, 2008. Trustees Baca, Bader, Chyr, and Hall were present. Trustee Chen Haggerty was absent.

STAFF PRESENT

John S. Nixon, President/CEO; Michael D. Gregoryk, Vice President, Administrative Services; and Virginia Burley, Interim Vice President, Instruction.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

2. CLOSED SESSION

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

- 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. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Observe a moment of silence in memory of the following:

- Dr. John T. Long, retired Psychology professor. Dr. Long worked at the College for 35 years, retiring in 2003. He passed away April 7, 2008.
- Three Mt. SAC students killed in an automobile accident on Friday, April 11: Dong Eun (Daniel) Kim, 18, of Walnut—1st Year at Mt. SAC; Moonchan (Richard) Kim, 21, of West Covina—3rd Year at Mt. SAC; Kwang Min Kevin Na, 19, of West Covina—2nd Year at Mt. SAC

5. INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITION

- **Introductions**

The following newly appointed staff were introduced to the Board:

Clarence Banks, Educational Advisor, Counseling
Roberta Gregg, Budget & Accounting Technician, Fiscal Services
Jason Strong, Computer Facilities Assistant, Information Technology
Matthew Whitney, Tutorial Services Assistant II, Tutorial Services

- **Recognition**

Honors students Cheryl Jamison and Leanne Dogoldogol were recognized by the Board for their selection to the 2008 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team. Both students were honored during a Community College League of California Awards Ceremony in Sacramento. The Board also commended Leanne Dogoldogol for being selected to the USA Today/Phi Theta Kappa Community College 1st Academic Team. This is a rigorous competition, with only 20 First Team students selected from over 1,700 nominees. Ms. Dogoldogol was recognized at the American Association of Community Colleges in Philadelphia earlier this month. Professor Carolyn Inmon was commended for her continuing efforts on behalf of Honors students.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Chyr, seconded by Trustee Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2008. Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

7. ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

None.

8. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

9. REPORTS

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

- Associated Students had a memorial for Daniel Kim, Richard Kim, and Kevin Na where they accepted donations for the students' families. Those funds and notes of condolence were presented to the students' families by Vice President Yamagata-Noji.
- Students Cheryl Jamison and Leanne Dogoldogol were congratulated on their outstanding academic awards.

- There are a record number of candidates running for office this year – 24 students, including three presidential tickets and three student trustee candidates, will be on the ballot. As of this evening, 896 students have voted.
- Ten students have been selected to attend the Statewide Student Senate Conference being held in Los Angeles May 2-4.
- Board members were invited to attend the Outstanding Educator and Advisor Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 2, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., in the Student Life Center, and the Students of Distinction Ceremony on May 17, from 5:00-8:30 p.m., in the Student Life Center.

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

- At the March 20 full Senate meeting, the Senate supported the Honors Coordinator Position Proposal, Resolution 2008-01 (Repetition of Course Work-Withdrawal), Resolution 2008-02 (Repetition of Course Work-Substandard Grades), Resolution 2008-03 (Associate of Arts Degree-Title 5 Compliance), and the Professional Relations Committees' Purpose and Function Statements.
- At the April 3 full Senate meeting, the Senators passed Resolution 2008-04 (Plan for Course Level SLOs), and Resolution 2008-05 (Associate of Arts Degree – Liberal Arts & Sciences), made minor Constitutional changes, supported the Election Committee and timeline, and opened Senate Executive Board nominations (President, Vice President, Secretary, three Directors, and two Senators-at-large).
- At the April 17 full Senate meeting, the Senate supported the newly proposed Areas of Emphasis. The Areas of Emphasis may be viewed at:
<http://www.mtsac.edu/administration/senates/academic/documents/AreasofEmphasis.pdf>.

Also at the April 17 meeting, the following Administrative Procedures were discussed and supported: AP 4300-Field Trips & Excursions, AP 4350-Student Travel Guidelines, AP 5100-Probation, and AP 5105-Disqualification and Dismissal.

- At the May 1 full Senate meeting, the Senate will take action on AP 5530-Student Rights & Grievances, AP 4105-Distance Education Senate, and an Early College High School Coordinator position. They will also hold the election for the Senate Executive Board.
- The Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges Area C meeting was Saturday, April 5, 2008. President Grimes-Hillman, Past President Phillip Maynard, and Legislative Liaison Dafna Kohn attended. On April 10, at a special meeting of the Senate, all Senators had the opportunity to discuss the State Academic Senate resolutions.
- The Senate Plenary was April 17-19, in San Francisco. President Grimes-Hillman and Director Joan Sholars attended.

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

- The Senate is still collecting donations for its Spring Fund-raiser, "Summer of Fun Gift Basket." Tickets will go on sale mid-May and the drawing will take place at the end of the Spring semester.
- Board members were invited to attend the Classified Service Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 21, at 9:30 a.m., in the Clarke Theater.
- Mr. Smith promoted the 7th Annual Classified/Faculty Pint Challenge Scholarship Blood Drive being held on Tuesday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and encouraged Board members to participate.
- Nearly 50 classified staff have indicated an interest in participating on screening committees for a number of current openings.
- President Smith introduced Virginia Macias, the president-elect of the Classified Senate. Ms. Macias will assume office July 1.

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

- The Faculty Association Representative Council approved the 2009-10 academic calendar.
- The Faculty Association is hosting its annual Retirement/Tenure Tea on Tuesday, May 20, from 12:00-2:00 p.m., in the Faculty Association Conference Room. The Tea will honor Association members who are retiring and those who recently received tenure. There are 18 faculty members retiring this year. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- Board members were invited to attend the Faculty Association Scholarship Awards Ceremony which will be held on Saturday, June 7, 3:00 p.m., in Founders Hall.
- Dr. Long thanked Professor Doug Todd for providing the Faculty Association with the opportunity to sponsor the Mt. SAC Relays VIP tent on Sunday, April 20.
- Fourteen Mt. SAC Faculty Association delegates will be attending CCA's Spring Conference in Anaheim this weekend. Professor Paul Sharpe will receive the local chapter W.H.O. (We Honor Our Own) award, and CCA will be honoring Professor Carolyn Inmon with the State W.H.O. award.

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

- Laura Martinez and Katherine MacDonald have completed their extensive training as Job Stewards and have been awarded their official CSEA Job Steward jackets. President Rawlings said that this training involved a significant personal commitment, including 50-60 hours of classroom instruction and serving 12 months as an active Job Steward with Chapter 262.
- At the CSEA member recognition banquet on April 12, Katherine MacDonald was presented with the "Unsung Hero" award for her work in re-establishing an active Job Steward program.
- Mr. Rawlings reported that CSEA 262 and the District have reached a tentative agreement regarding longevity, which has been a long-standing issue for

negotiations. He said there are just a couple of items left and the 2006-07 re-opener negotiations will be completed and the College and CSEA can move forward to the 2008 successor agreement negotiations.

- The California Legislature has designated that the third full week of May (May 18-24) is Classified School Employees Week. There are a number of events planned and Board members were invited to attend as many as their schedules permit.

F. President Nixon's report included the following:

- Vice President Mike Gregoryk introduced Jay Devers, Administrative Director of Auxiliary Services, who asked the Board to recognize Chef Wendy Rey. Mr. Devers said that, this past January, Chef Rey attended the Chefs Net Conference at Stanford University, sponsored by the National Association of College and University Food Services. On the second day of the conference, the Chefs were surprised to find that the agenda included a Chef's Challenge, similar to an Iron Chef competition. They were divided into teams of four, presented with Striped Sea Bass and a variety of other meats, vegetables, and spices. Wendy and her team were awarded first place and presented with a certificate and a set of Chef's knives.

Board members congratulated Chef Rey for winning the Chef's Challenge and thanked her for her 19 years of service to the College, noting that everything she prepares is outstanding in both flavor and presentation.

- Dr. Nixon mentioned the upcoming performances by the world famous Mei Langfang Beijing Opera Troupe on May 9, 10, and 11. He said the College is excited and proud to host such a renowned group. Dr. Nixon said that, because of problems at the State Department level, all tickets for the event are available through the box office free of charge. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.
- President Nixon noted that this was the first time he had attended the Mt. SAC Relays Banquet. He said that being in a room with 20-25 Olympic athletes was very moving. He commended the excellent work done by staff in producing this year's Relays.
- Dr. Nixon reminded Board members of the upcoming Annual Joint Board Dinner on May 12.

10. INFORMATIONAL REPORT

Board members were provided with a written briefing on the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program, prepared by Donna Burns, Director, ESL.

The Mt. SAC English as a Second Language Department opened its doors in 1983, offering three noncredit class sections of "survival English." In contrast, today ESL serves non-native-speaking students from pre-literate through high-advanced levels. Multiple labs and hundreds of software applications give students access to varied and interactive forms of practice in preparation for academic and vocational success.

Unduplicated ESL enrollment averages about 5,000 students annually. ESL students are assessed, placed, given orientation, and registered in a one-stop process occurring in the same building where most of the classes are held. Counselors, service staff, and

program administrators are also located in this building. The close proximity of support services to classes fosters strong program integration and increases students' use of services.

The ESL program uses an immersion approach for language learning. Core classes meet 14 to 17 hours per week and build integrated language skills (listening/speaking, reading/writing, grammar). ESL students may also take a variety of support classes, including speaking, writing, TOEFL preparation, and citizenship preparation.

On a limited basis, the ESL Department also provides contract education courses at local business and industry sites. On occasion, contract-based, short-term language and culture experiences for international visiting groups of students or professionals are provided.

During the 1990s, ESL student enrollment grew rapidly, and the program had large waiting lists. Since September 11, 2001, ESL enrollment nationally and statewide has slowed or declined; however, Mt. SAC's ESL program growth has kept pace with College goals. Although waiting lists have become smaller, the College continues to average about 1,200 students on the waiting list each semester. Because the program is open-entry/open-exit, many of these students can eventually enroll.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approval of Personnel Transactions, dated April 23, 2008.
2. Approval to declare all management, supervisory, confidential, and other non-represented employee salaries indefinite for the fiscal year 2008-09, effective July 1, 2008.
3. Approval to provide temporary staffing services through Hirsh Entertainment Inc.

INSTRUCTION and STUDENT SERVICES

4. Approval of conversion of non-compliant Associate degrees for Title 5 compliance.
5. Approval to accept funds for an Equipment for Nursing and Allied Health Programs grant.
6. Approval to accept funds for an augmentation to an existing grant "Capacity Building for Nursing Program Expansion."
7. Approval of a contract with Baldwin Park Unified School District and Covina Valley Unified School District for the Career Exploration and Development for 7th and 8th Graders Grant.
8. Approval of a modification to a grant augmentation for the Center of Excellence.

9. Approval of activities for the Advanced Technological Education grant titled “Regional Information Systems Security Center.”
10. Approval of an addition to the Regional Health Occupations Resource Center: Fostering Student Success grant.
11. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Small Business Development Center and the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce.
12. Approval of the Community Education Summer High School Program.
13. Approval of Community Education program additions/change.
14. Approval of an affiliation agreement with UCLA for Respiratory Therapy students.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

15. Approval of the Appropriation Transfers and Budget Revisions Summary.
16. This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and acted on separately by the Board. See paragraph 12.
17. Approval of agreements to provide professional Design and Consulting Services with Breen Engineering Inc. (for the Chemistry Building Portion of the Exterior Improvements Project) and with Integrated Design Services, Inc. (for the Technology Building Seismic Study).
18. Approval to reduce to 5% the retention for Paul C. Miller Construction Co., Inc. on their contract for the Founders Hall Renovation project (Bid No. 2634).
19. Approval to reject all bids for the Foundation House Exterior Improvements project (Bid No. 2789).
20. This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and acted on separately by the Board. See paragraph 13.
21. Approval of the following Contract Amendments:
 - Contract Math and Science Building – Hill Partnership, Inc. (Contractor) – Amendment No. 3.
 - Contract Exterior Improvements, Natural Sciences, Chemistry, and Humanities Buildings – Hill Partnership, Inc. (Contractor) – Amendment No. 1.
 - Contract Environmental Impact Report Master Plan Update – Sid Lindmark, AICP (Contractor) – Amendment No. 1.
22. Approval of the following Completion Notice:

- Bid No. 2768 Asphalt Coating Application (Parking Lot B) – Ben’s Asphalt, Inc. (Contractor)

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

- Gamini and Lisa Ratnazira – Original acrylic painting of green-winged Macaws, 18” x 24” acrylic on canvas, valued by donor at \$3,000, to be used by the Arts Division.
- Larry Freude – Twenty-three-year-old Palomino AQHA gelding (gentle-lesson horse), valued by donor at \$500, to be used by the Natural Sciences Division.

Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

12. AGREEMENT WITH THE LEW EDWARDS GROUP

Trustee Chyr said that the Board approved an agreement with The Lew Edwards Group last January in the approximate amount of \$65,000 that was to include a community survey and strategic/marketing planning. Trustee Chyr said he is having difficulty understanding the premium dollars the College is spending. It was his understanding that the initial community survey and strategic/marketing planning should have taken the College to the Board vote on the bond measure. This would still be more dollars spent than in previous bond measure drives. Trustee Chyr said that, if the Board approves this item tonight, it will have authorized \$100,000 before even deciding on whether to go out for a bond.

Dr. Nixon told Board members that the quality and quantity of work from The Lew Edwards Group has been superb. As we progress through the process, the work provided by The Lew Edwards Group has changed significantly from early work on the survey and interpretation of the survey to the educational component that is necessary in ramping up for a potential bond campaign. The educational component consists of the development of strategies, the development of materials, and the development of faculty and staff to speak to the needs of Mt. SAC. Dr. Nixon said the Lew Edwards Group works with the College on an almost daily basis. He believes we have realized significant value, or benefit, from the dollars spent toward The Lew Edwards Group.

Trustee Chyr asked Vice President Gregoryk to provide more detail on how the first \$65,000 was spent. He realizes the College received the community survey and a presentation to the Board. Vice President Gregoryk explained that the bulk of the funds, approximately \$45,000 in the first contract, went for the community survey. The remainder of the contract was used to work with staff to provide an initial assessment of strategic services in preparation of a potential bond. More importantly now is getting staff geared up to go out to the community and talking about the College’s needs. We know that this won’t be an easy sell because of the condition of the state’s economy. Trustee Chyr said he believes paying \$65,000 for a community survey was outrageous. It far exceeds any of the surveys done in the past. The agreement was for the survey and strategic marketing/planning. Dr. Nixon noted that, in his previous district eight years ago, they paid \$30,000 for a survey. Trustee Chyr said it is the incremental build-up that is agitating. He said the \$65,000 was a premium charge for what now appears to be essentially a survey and now we’re tacking on additional dollars to do what the original contract agreement was designed to do. Also, it would be difficult for the College, at this

point, to go to a new firm. Trustee Chyr also said that when the initial agreement with the Edwards Group was presented to the Board, questions were asked about whether additional cost proposals should be anticipated prior to a Board vote on the bond measure.

Vice President Gregoryk said the original contract had timelines and receivables on issues. Mr. Gregoryk said that he has never told the Board that this would be the end of the contracts with The Lew Edwards Group. He knew that the original contract was good through a specific date (Phase 1) and there would then be a second contract for specific services to get us ready prior to the campaign, and then the campaign would have to contract to do the campaign work. The College is at a critical point now as we develop a marketing plan. There will come a point, should the Board decide to put this on the ballot, when all district funds stop and we have to raise funds to be successful in this campaign. Trustee Chyr said that past bond contracts have not approached this kind of dollar amount and that we have not received full value for the money already spent.

It was moved by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Bader, to approve an agreement with The Lew Edwards Group to provide bond consulting services related to a potential General Obligation Bond Measure. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote. Trustee Chyr voted 'No.' Student Trustee concurred.

13. CHANGE ORDERS

Trustee Bader referred Board members to page 55 of the backup packet. Under bid no. 2670, she noticed that the College is installing fiber optic cables. She wants to confirm that the College is planning for the future by installing fiber optic cables in all new or renovated buildings, noting that it is far less expensive to do it while the building is under construction rather than going back and doing it later.

John Beckton, Project Executive for Bovis Lend Lease, said that it is the campus standard to install fiber optic cables in all new/renovated buildings.

Trustee Chyr asked how many current projects are under budget. Mr. Beckton said smaller projects generally come in on budget; however, with larger projects, there is always the potential for modifications. He said most of the major projects on campus at this time are coming in on budget with the exception of the renovations to the Life Sciences (7), Physical Sciences (11), and Humanities (26) buildings, because we made modifications to those projects.

It was moved by Trustee Bader, seconded by Trustee Hall to approve the following Change Orders:

- Bid No. 2664 Classroom Remodel – Karcher Environmental (Contractor) – Change Order No. 8.
- Bid No. 2665 Classroom Remodel – PW Construction (General Contractor) – Change Order No. 11.
- Bid No. 2666 Classroom Remodel – Empire Floor Covering (Flooring Contractor) – Change Order No. 5.

- Bid No. 2669 Classroom Remodel – Los Angeles Air Conditioning (Contractor) – Change Order No. 9.
- Bid No. 2670 Classroom Remodel – Sage Electric (Electrical Contractor) – Change Order No. 4.
- Bid No. 2697 Student Services Renovation – PW Construction (General Contractor) – Change Order No. 6.
- Bid No. 2706 Construction Services Building Remodel and New Data Center – M. Wilson Company (Electrical) (Contractor) – Change Order No. 7.
- Bid No. 2721 Math/Science Building – KAR Construction (Caissons and Concrete) (Contractor) – Change Order No. 5.
- Bid No. 2722 Math/Science Building – Columbia Steel (Contractor) – Change Order No. 1.
- Bid No. 2727 Math/Science Building – Inland Mechanical Construction, Inc. (Plumbing Contractor) – Change Order No. 6.
- Bid No. 2728 Math/Science Building – PPC Air Conditioning (Mechanical/HVAC Contractor) – Change Order No. 2.
- Bid No. 2729 Math/Science Building – CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc. (Electrical Contractor) – Change Order No. 4.
- Bid No. 2763 Natural Sciences Building Exterior Improvements – KAR Construction (Contractor) – Change Order No. 2.
- Bid No. 2768 Asphalt Coating Application – Ben’s Asphalt, Inc. (Contractor) – Change Order No. 1.
- Bid No. 2771 Data Center Infrastructure – CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc. (General Contractor) – Change Order No. 2.

Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

14. ANNUAL REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 2015 – STUDENT MEMBER

It was moved by Trustee Bader, seconded by Trustee Baca, to make no changes to Board Policy 2015 – Student Member and to continue to grant the Student Trustee the privileges listed below:

- The privilege to make and second motions;
- The privilege to receive compensation for meeting attendance in the amount of \$400 per month;
- The privilege to serve a term commencing June 1;
- The privilege to cast an advisory vote, although the vote shall not be included in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the Board.

Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

15. NAMING OF SECOND FLOOR IN SCIENCE LABORATORIES BUILDING

It was moved by Trustee Chyr, seconded by Trustee Hall, to approve naming the second floor in the Science Laboratories Building in honor of Dr. Louis W. Shainberg, deceased member of the faculty in Biological Sciences. Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

Trustee Baca said this is an honor very much in consent with faculty and everyone who knew and worked with Dr. Shainberg. He said that it says a lot about the contributions he made to the faculty and program.

16. AB 1417/ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

President Nixon said that this has become an annual item where local boards are required to review and then approve a report compiled by the Systems Office on various performance measures for Mt. SAC. The summary data shows Mt. SAC's comparison with its peer group. He noted that the Systems Office defines the peer group and it changes for each item of comparison. The attempt was to form peer groups of similar types.

Trustee Bader said she noticed several items, particularly numbers 1, 4, and 5, where Mt. SAC was below the peer group average and wondered how those deficits would be addressed. Barbara McNeice-Stallard, Director of Research and Institutional Effectiveness, said numerous groups across campus will be looking at these issues from various perspectives.

It was moved by Trustee Chyr, seconded by Trustee Bader, to approve the AB 1417/Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges report. Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

17. COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

It was moved by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Bader, to approved the revised College Mission Statement. Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

18. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE 2008 SERIES "D" GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

It was moved by Trustee Bader, seconded by Trustee Hall, to approve Resolution No. 07-08 - Authorization to Issue the 2008 Series "D" General Obligation Bonds. Motion unanimously carried. Student Trustee concurred.

19. BOARD COMMUNICATION

- All Board members shared the following comments:
 - Condolences were extended to the families and friends of the three students killed in the car accident on April 11, and to Professor Long's family and friends.
 - Cheryl Jamison and Leanne Dogoldogol were again commended for their academic achievements.
 - Congratulations were offered on another outstanding Relays event.

- Thanks to Wendy Rey for being such a wonderful chef and for her years of service to the College.
- Trustee Bader said she attended the Music Department's "Spring Thing" and had a wonderful evening. She congratulated members of the *Mountaineer* staff for winning 18 awards at the Journalism Association Convention earlier in the month. Trustee Bader said she will be attending the CCCT Conference in Palm Springs next week, along with Dr. Nixon, and will give a report at next month's Board meeting.

Trustee Bader said she wanted to bring everyone's attention to AB 2277 (Eng) Community Colleges: Property Tax Backfill. This bill addresses the surprise cut in this year's budget of \$84 million. The College has sent a letter of support for this legislation and she encouraged others to call or send letters of support to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

- Student Trustee Deresa commended Trustee Chyr for his "watchdog" tactics. He appreciates Trustee Chyr "going over the numbers" and reviewing the cost breakdowns/expenditures.

Student Trustee Deresa said he served on the nominating committee for the Educators of Distinction and had a chance to read through the 160 nomination letters submitted. He said it was a difficult decision selecting just a few to be recognized.

- Trustee Chyr commented about how the College works with vendors. He believes the College does a pretty good job, but thinks it's always important to have a reminder – especially when going through some tough economic times. In his work, Trustee Chyr deals with vendors regularly and said he never takes the first bid. He hopes that the College is very diligent in its processes with vendors so that we have a clear understanding of what we are getting.
- Trustee Hall said he attended the first memorial service in Walnut for the three students who died in the car accident, and it was difficult.

Trustee Hall commended Carolyn Inmon, who will be acknowledged with the State W.H.O. award, for being so instrumental in our Honors Program. Trustee Hall said he was pleased to read in the *Tribune* that the College's player of the year on the women's basketball team has accepted a full-ride fellowship at Arizona State University.

Trustee Hall distributed flyers for the upcoming 2008 Community Spotlight Extravaganza, sponsored by the 48th District Agricultural Association. The event will be held Friday, May 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Suites Fairplex. Dr. Hall said the College and the Agricultural Association (located on campus) have submitted a large application for a Hispanic Serving Institution grant on agricultural literacy which combines the activities of Mt. SAC's agricultural department and the 48th District Agricultural Association. Dr. Hall is the Finance Chairman of this organization and the President of its Foundation. He, therefore, has purchased a table of ten for the May 16th event and invited anyone who would like to attend to be his guest.

Trustee Hall said he was pleased to see the College's Accounting & Finance Department at the Diamond Bar Birthday Celebration last Saturday.

Trustee Hall commented on the changes in the visit by the Mei Lanfang Beijing Opera Troupe. He said these changes were necessary because of the United

States Government's unwillingness to issue visas to the performers because of the technicality that if we sell tickets somehow you go through an incredibly cumbersome visa process, whereas if all the seats are free you can come in on a visitors visa. The dilemma this causes is, of course, all of the proceeds were going to go to the Mt. SAC Foundation. It is hoped that those who attend will be willing to make voluntary donations to the Foundation. Trustee Hall thanked Congressman Dreier's office for their efforts during this process.

- Trustee Baca said he attended the re-opening for the Teacher Preparation Institute. He was pleased that representatives from Assemblyman Huff and Assemblyman Hernandez's offices attended. Both representatives are Mt. SAC alumni. Trustee Baca said the Mt. SAC Youth Days are a real jewel for the College. It exposes the College to thousands of possible students. He commended Doug Todd and Don Ruh for their work, noting that Don Ruh and John Norton were recently inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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