



BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of meeting highlights and actions taken by the Mt. SAC Board of Trustees

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 **Location:** Founders Hall

Future Board Meetings: February 25, March 25, April 11 (Special Meeting), April 22

- The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of four Mt. SAC retirees who recently passed away. **Jay M. “Kit” Carson** served as a Groundsman from July 1963 until his retirement in February 1984. **Henry “Hank” Whitney** was a Professor in the Aviation Dept. from September 1980 until his retirement in May 1994. **Glenn Vice** began his tenure at Mt. SAC in 1999 as a Professor in the Business Administration Dept. **John Sullivan** was a counselor in the Counseling Dept. from 1972 to 1994.

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Reports were given by the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Faculty Association, CSEA, and Associated Students. Detailed presentations are reported in the official minutes posted online.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters considered by the Board of Trustees to be routine or sufficiently supported by back-up information as to not require additional discussion. Consent Calendar items are enacted by a single motion and vote. Below is a partial list of items approved. For a complete list, please see the agenda on the College’s website.

- Approved Personnel Transactions, dated January 28.
- Approved forensics students and faculty to attend the Harper College Forensics Tournament from February 18-22, 2009, in Palatine, IL.
- Approved to amend the Capacity Building for Nursing Program Expansion grant.
- Approved a grant amendment and contracts for the Industry Driven Regional Collaboratives – Logistics Training Consortium grant.
- Approved a grant renewal for the Center of Excellence Career and Technical Education Liaison Hub for 2008-09.
- Approved new courses and degrees for 2009-10.
- Approved a contract to provide instructional materials and supplies for the Child Development Center.
- Approved an agreement with the San Francisco Community College District – California Early Childhood Mentor Program.
- Approved changes to the Continuing Education program.
- Approved Appropriation Transfers and Budget Revisions Summary.
- Approved Nonresident and Nonresident F-1 Visa Tuition Fees.
- Approved the Annual Labor Compliance Program Report for the 2007-08 reporting period.
- Approved to reduce to 5% the retention for K.A.R. Construction, Inc. on their contract for the Natural Sciences Building Exterior Improvements and for CSI Electrical Contractors on their contract for the Math/Science Building (Electrical) project.
- Approved Bid No. 2806 - Moving Services for Various Locations Within the District – King Office Services (primary contract) and Penn Corporate Relocation Services (secondary contract) (Contractors).

ACTION ITEMS

Items discussed and acted upon separately by the Board.

- Approved African American student success program (ASPIRE) students to attend the Historically Black College Tour (Pulled from Consent Calendar)
- Approved “Parachutes & Ladders VIII,” a developmental education spring conference planned for April 24, 2009. (Pulled from Consent Calendar)
- Approved to certify the Canvass of Voters from the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters for the November 4, 2008 election.
- Approved the expansion of scope of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee and Committee Bylaws

- Approved the appointment of Fidel Vargas, Sr. to the College Citizens Oversight Committee as a business/ community representative and change the appointment of Alta Skinner from a business/community representative to the senior citizens' representative, effective February 1, 2009.
- Approved Resolution 08-07 in opposition to the construction of five Salem Communication radio towers between the 10 freeway and Buzzard Peak.
- Approved the collective bargaining reopeners between the Faculty Association and the District.
- Bid No. 2809 - Modifications to Staff Parking Lot D-2 – Awarded to Shamrock Group, Inc. dba Shamrock Paving, Inc, in the amount of \$36,750.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- English/Literature Professor and Department Chair **Gary Enke** and English/Literature Professor **John Brantingham** updated trustees on the Writer's Day program. The program was developed to encourage creative writing and the appreciation of current literature through a fiction and poetry reading series and a student contest. The program is being expanded this year to include a weekend writing retreat. This retreat gives students and community members the chance to become active members of the Los Angeles writing community by engaging in classes, workshops, and one-on-one meetings with several types of professionals.
- Student Services VP **Audrey Yamagata-Noji** provided an update on enrollment trends, stemming from tough economic times. She noted that despite reductions in class offerings, enrollment continues to increase. She tracked full-time student enrollment for Winter Session '07, '08, and '09 and noted enrollment increases for those terms: 9,966, 11,480, and 12,624 respectively for continuing students, and 471, 504, and 533 for first-time students respectively. Spring registration comparisons revealed a similar pattern: 19,783 (Spring '07 continuing students), 21,359 ('08), 21,522 ('09 with three weeks left of registration). Dr. Yamagata-Noji underscored the growing challenge of meeting student demand with shrinking resources.
- Administrative Services VP **Mike Gregoryk** noted that the state budget issue was still unresolved, but he expected some resolution within weeks. Even without immediate resolution, he said that Mt. SAC was better situated financially than several college districts and had enough cash flow to meet payroll through March. Gregoryk commended the board for its vision and long-standing policy of maintaining sufficient reserves. He also informed the trustees that the Congress had just passed an economic stimulus bill that, among many things, would provide funding to community colleges for programs and facilities.
- Technology & Health Dean **Sarah Daum** and Aircraft Maintenance Professor **Bob Burton** gave a presentation regarding the gift of a \$1-million jet, which will be used for instructional purposes at Mt. SAC. They commended Mt. SAC Foundation Interim Executive Director **Richard Morley** for his key role in securing the donation. President Nixon mused that he would not be using the jet for traveling!

BOARD RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Retirees

- **Gary Kay**, Director, Continuing Education and the Training Source, 31 years of service

Newly Hired Staff

Classified

- **Daniel Heneise**, Computer Facilities Assistant, Information Technology

Management

- **Deborah Boroch**, Dean, Instructional Services, Instructional Services
- **Dyrell Foster**, Associate Dean, Counseling, Counseling
- **Carolyn Kuykendall**, Director, Honors Program, Instructional Services
- **Bailey Smith**, Director, Learning Assistance Center, Learning Assistance Center

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Dr. John S. Nixon, President/CEO

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