



# BOARD BRIEFS

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

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2009 **Location:** Founders Hall

**Future Board Meetings:** April 11 (Special Meeting), April 22, May 27, June 24

## 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 Honors student Adam Prohoroff and Honors Director Carolyn Kuykendall to attend the American Association of Community Colleges Conference in Phoenix.
- Approved five Phi Theta Kappa students and advisors Rebecca Hatch and Carolyn Kuykendall to attend the PTK International Convention in Grapevine, TX.
- Approved the vocal jazz ensemble "Frontline" to attend the Reno Jazz Festival from April 23-26, 2009, at the University of Nevada, Reno.
- Approved the men's a cappella group "Fermata Nowhere" to embark on a competition tour to New York from April 17-19, 2009.
- Approved two Wind Ensemble students and Director Dustin Barr to perform at the 2009 Small College Intercollegiate Band Invitational at the University of Texas, Austin, March 24-29, 2009.
- Approved grant amendments and contracts for the Career Exploration and Development for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders grant.
- Approved to accept funds for the Enrollment Growth and Retention Program – Registered Nurse Programs grant.
- Approved to accept funds for the Faculty Inquiry Network grant.
- Approved a contract between the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the Small Business Development Center.
- Approved contracts for the Child Development Center.
- Approved additions and changes to the Continuing Education programs
- Approved Appropriation Transfers and Budget Revisions Summary.
- Approved Resolution No. 08-13 – New Bank Accounts and Changes to Existing Bank Accounts.
- Approved to renew Architect Master Agreements with various firms and specialty consultants working under these master agreements on the College's construction program.
- Approved agreements to provide Professional Design and Consulting Services with Winefield & Associates for the 2009 Annual Emissions Report Project; with Bovis Lend Lease for the Natural Sciences Building Exterior Improvements, the Chemistry Building Exterior Improvements, and the Humanities Exterior Improvements Projects; and with Independent Roofing Consultants for the Campus Roof Improvements – Various Buildings Project.
- Approved to reduce to 5% the retention for PW Construction, Inc. on their contracts for the Student Services Renovation (Bid No. 2697) and the Classroom Remodel – General (Bid No. 2665) Projects.
- Approved Bid No. 2812 for Art Center Ventilation – Awarded to Nu/Age Development, Inc., in the amount of \$38,362.

## ACTION ITEMS

*Items discussed and acted upon separately by the Board.*

- Approved Personnel Transactions, dated March 25, 2009 (pulled from Consent Calendar).
- Approved the "Concert Choir" members to travel to New York to join the Chamber Singers to perform the "Coronation Mass" of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at Carnegie Hall. (pulled from Consent Calendar).
- Pulled Consent Item #18 from agenda: Amendment to the Contract with Strata Information Group.
- Approved Resolution No. 08-10 – Authorization to Issue the Election of 2008 Series "A" General Obligation Bonds (action taken after presentation by Rod Carter of RBC Capital Markets).
- Approved the appointment of Steve O'Sullivan to the Citizens Oversight Committee as the Foundation/College Advisory Council representative for the period April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.
- Voted for seven candidates for the 2009 election for CCCT Board of Directors.
- Unanimously rejected an annual increase to Mt. SAC trustee compensation, given the financial uncertainty stemming from state budget fiscal woes.

## INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- Financial Aid Director **Susan Jones** updated the board on financial aid applications and disbursements and key accomplishments by her department. The Mt. SAC Financial Aid Office administers 13 federal and state aid programs, serving more than 13,000 unduplicated students for a total of \$20.8 million. Programs administered include fee waivers, grants, loans, and work-study opportunities. The Financial Aid Office also offers an array of other services such as computer work stations, where students can receive assistance with filing the financial aid application, classroom presentations on financial aid, and tips on applying for and researching scholarships, financial aid workshops at local high schools and other community venues, and assistance with textbook purchases. Jones reported that the number of students seeking assistance has increased tremendously as a result of the economic downturn.

## BOARD RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

### Newly Hired Staff

#### Classified

- **Marguerite Whitford**, *Registered Nurse Practitioner*
- **Lisa Zahn**, *Account Clerk II, Adult Basic Education*

#### Faculty

- **Anabel Perez**, *Counselor*

#### Management

- **Richard Morley**, *Executive Director of Development and the Mt. SAC Foundation*

#### Recognition

- **Radio Broadcasting Students and Operations Coordinator Cason Smith** for having their best year ever winning six Golden Mike awards at the Radio and Television News Association of Southern California's annual awards ceremony.
- The **Mt. SAC Flying Team** earning top honors at the NIFA Region 2 SAFECON Airmeet.
- **Mt. SAC Marketing Department** for garnering top honors at the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations conference.

For the complete agenda and minutes for this Board of Trustees meeting,  
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Dr. John S. Nixon, *President/CEO*

#### TRUSTEES

Dr. Manuel Baca, Rosanne Bader, Judy Chen Haggerty, *Esq.*, Fred Chyr, Dr. David K. Hall  
Cheryl Jamison, *Student Trustee*