



BOARD BRIEFS

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

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 **Location:** Founders Hall

Future Board Meetings: July 29, August 26, September 23

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.

President Nixon administered the Oath of Office to **Xavier Padilla** and welcomed him as the new Student Trustee.

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 June 24, 2009.
- Approved Aviation students to travel to Tucson, Arizona, July 30–August 1, 2009.
- Approved activities for the Title V – Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant.
- Approved Child Development Center expenditure funding for 2009-10.
- Approved additions and changes to the Continuing Education program.
- Approved contracts and acceptance of funds for the Child Development Center.
- Approved the Appropriation Transfers and Budget Revisions Summary.
- Approved Year-End Appropriation Transfers for Fiscal Year 2008-09.
- Approved the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10.
- Approved the Annual Investment Policy Statement.
- Approved the Annual Advertisements for Goods and Services for Fiscal Year 2009-10.
- Approved the revised Fiscal Accountability Plan.
- Approved Classroom Remodel - Flooring project (Bid No. 2666); to KAR Construction, Inc. for the Chemistry Building exterior improvements project (Bid No. 2786); and to Sea West Enterprises, Inc. for the Chemistry Building Lecture Hall improvements project (Bid No. 2800).
- Approved agreements to provide professional design and consulting services with Steven Fader Architects for the Student Services/Student Life Center improvements project; and with Integrated Design Services for campus structural engineering support services.
- Approved submittal of the final project proposals for the new gymnasium project and the re-submittal of the Career and Technical Education Building Renovation final project proposal to the State Chancellor's Office.

ACTION ITEMS

Items discussed and acted upon separately by the Board.

- Approved the settlement agreement for Inland Empire Builders, Planetarium Remodel Project (Case No. 0609-1) (Bid No. 2714) - \$61,197.61
- Approved the recommendation to employ **Matt Judd** as the Associate Dean, Natural Sciences, effective July 1, 2009.
- Approved the Associated Students Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10.
- Approved Bid No. 2826 - Humanities Building Courtyard Improvements project. Awarded to Green Giant Landscape, Inc. for the amount of \$297,000.
- Rejected a claim against the District by Viridiana Casillas, and instructed Administrative Services to notify the claimant of the rejection in accordance with Government Code Sections 910 through 915.4.
- Approved the inclusion of the alignment of course sequencing between Mt. San Antonio College and the L.A. County Regional Occupational Program

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- Administrative Services VP **Mike Gregoryk** presented the 2009-10 tentative budget. As proposed, expenditures would total \$146 million while revenues would total \$138 million, resulting in an unrestricted, general fund budget deficit of nearly \$7 million. Gregoryk noted that the numbers change every day as the state struggles to balance its budget. Although Mt. SAC has reserve funds to mitigate revenue reductions for 2009-10, he expressed concern about revenue cuts for FY 2010-11 and how the District would be hard pressed to close such a significant funding gap. He said his team will attempt to present a tentative budget for 2010-11 by September to help the District prepare for what he characterized as “one of the worst years ever.” Gregoryk reiterated the College leadership’s commitment to protecting categorical programs and jobs; however, he noted that some layoffs would be inevitable in FY 2010-11.
- Purchasing Manager **Tom Meikle** presented a report on the Strategic Purchasing Initiative. The plan is in direct response to board members’ requests to demonstrate how the District is working to save funds in difficult economic times. Meikle said his team has evaluated all purchasing activity and is continuing to review vendor relationships in an effort to achieve cost savings. Meikle explained that Mt. SAC takes advantage of “piggyback” contracts of other community colleges and cooperatives, such as *Collegebuys.com*, to make purchases at discounted rates. Future cost-saving measures include negotiating and/or renegotiating prices as contracts expire, when bid limits allow, and soliciting requests for proposals. Meikle said he also plans to evaluate copiers and copier maintenance, paper goods orders and service agreements to identify potential savings. President Chyr commended Meikle’s efforts and encouraged a thorough cost-cutting analysis in all procurement categories in light of tough financial decision-making that will be required by the board in the near future.
- Student Services VP **Audrey Yamagata-Noji** and Communications Professor/Student Equity Committee member **Philip Maynard** presented results from the *Equity for All* study, which examined the academic, transfer and baccalaureate success rates of ethnic cohorts of Mt. SAC students. Mt. SAC was one of 10 California community colleges selected by the USC Center for Urban Education to participate in the project, based on the diversity of its student body. The study revealed that Asian-American, Caucasian and, in some cases, Hispanic Mt. SAC students consistently performed overall at equity levels or above in several categories, while African-American, Mexican-American and Pacific Islander students’ performances fluctuated between equity and below-equity levels particularly in math and English. The trend was similar for university transfer and bachelor degree success rates. Dr. Yamagata Noji and Maynard indicated that the results were not all that surprising, signaling further need for Mt. SAC to strengthen its academic enrichment and student support efforts to address inequities. They also noted the need to further integrate equity outcome goals in all student learning assessment efforts across the College.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Newly Hired Staff

Classified

- **Marlene Ward**, Clerical Specialist, VTEA/Tech Prep

Management

- **Maryann Tolano-Leveque**, Director of Student Life

Recognitions

The trustees recognized the following retirees for their years of service to the College:

Classified

- Manuel Alvarado**—Custodian, 21 years
- Raymond Candelas**—Lead Grounds Equipment Operator, 33 years
- Joseph Vivas**—Grounds Equipment Operator, 18 years

Faculty

- Charles F. Ryasko**—Technology & Health Professor, 16 years

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Dr. John S. Nixon, *President & CEO*

TRUSTEES

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