



BOARD BRIEFS

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

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 **Location:** Founders Hall

Future Board Meetings: September 23, October 28, November 18

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Reports were given by the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Faculty Association, CSEA, and Associated Students. Detailed presentations will be reported in the official minutes when 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 Resolution No. 09-01 in support of President Obama's "American Graduation Initiative."
- Approved Personnel Transactions, dated August 26, 2009.
- Approved expenditures for Associated Students funds for costs associated with various special events for the 2009-10 academic year.
- Approved a contract with Dr. Thomas Bryan for health screenings for new football athletes and physician coverage for all Mt. SAC football games for the 2009 season.
- Approved a contract with Cole-Schaefer Ambulance Service for coverage at all five Mt. SAC home football games for the 2009 season.
- Approved to accept an extension of the Center of Excellence grant.
- Approved additions and changes to the Continuing Education program.
- Approved a professional service agreement with Vangent, Inc., to conduct an employee survey as part of the accreditation review process.
- Approved the Appropriation Transfers and Budget Revisions Summary.
- Approved the Quarterly Investment Report, for the period ending June 30, 2009.
- Approved the Quarterly Financial Status Report, for the period ending June 30, 2009.

ACTION ITEMS

Items discussed and acted upon separately by the Board.

- Approved a subcontract agreement with the City of Hawthorne for the Los Angeles County Transitional Subsidized Employment Program (pulled from Consent Calendar)
- Approved payment to Trustee **David K. Hall** for his regular Board meeting compensation for the August 2009 Board meeting because Trustee Hall was absent for reasons deemed acceptable by the Board. Specifically, Trustee Hall is absent due to medical treatment, necessitating his hospitalization.
- Approved Bid Nos. 2844-2853 - Construction of Design Technology Center.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- Student Services VP **Audrey Yamagata-Noji** presented a fall semester enrollment report, though stats were not immediately available. She noted an increase in full-time and "re-entry" students and students from universities. She also noted that more students are taking more units. Also more students applied for financial aid—given the worsening economy—with more than 1,600 students receiving Pell grant checks totaling a record \$1.9 million.
- Vice President **Virginia Burley** briefed the trustees on the *Mt. SAC Basic Skills Initiative: The Year of Developmental Education 2008-09*. BSI supports improvements in planning, coordination, and delivery of basic skills instruction and services. "The Year of Developmental Education" was chosen as a focus in order to demonstrate our institutional commitment to serving basic skills students, and to focus on the College's shared responsibility to assist all students, wherever they may be in their academic development. The report cited first-year accomplishments, including greater student access to learning labs across the College; the expansion of noncredit basic skills instruction, tutoring and counseling; the effectiveness of learning communities and developmental education training for faculty, and the provision of new instructional technology.
- Vice President **Michael Gregoryk** provided a budget update, indicating that a 2009-10 budget proposal would be submitted for the board's consideration in September. He noted that the College would be able to weather

the economic storm and utilize reserves and cost-saving measures to close the revenue gap over the next fiscal year. But he underscored the gravity of the College's financial position over the following two years.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Newly Hired Staff

Classified

- **Alistair Winter**, Public Safety Officer, Public Safety

Supervisory

- **Mary McGhee**, Supervisor, Banner Senior Systems Analyst/Programmer, Information Technology

Faculty

- **Allen Caveness**, Professor, Physical Education
- **Damany Fisher**, Professor
- **Adam Gonzales**, Professor, Communication
- **Marchella Hernandez**, Counselor
- **Michael Hood**, Professor, Astronomy
- **Frank Ives**, Professor, Mathematics
- **Anabel Perez**, Counselor
- **Kelly Sherwood**, Professor, Medical Services
- **Curtis Simon**, Professor, Political Science
- **Sandi Soto**, Professor, Mental Health
- **Kristin Weaver Bowman**, Professor Earth Sciences

Management

- **Terri Lynne Hampton**, Director, Employee Services, Human Resources
- **Terri Long**, Acting Associate Dean, Instruction
- **Darrow Soares**, Acting Associate Dean, Career & Technical Education

Recognitions

- The Board congratulated **William Hsu, Donald La, and Phanthira Taratikhumporn** for being among the 10 transfer students selected as USC Topping Scholars from among hundreds of applicants nationwide. Each student will receive up to what equals a full-tuition award (combined with all forms of available USC and financial aid) plus possible additional assistance. The Topping Scholars Program is amongst the premier scholarship programs at USC and assists students who demonstrate an extraordinary level of community awareness in their pursuit of higher education.
- Paula Tanguay, chief executive officer of the Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP) presented a \$10,000 check to Mt. SAC for being selected as a charter recipient of ASCIP's new "Risk Management Pays" incentive award. The award recognizes districts that have made extensive use of a variety of risk management and loss control programs. The Board recognized the efforts of **Karen Saldana**, Mt. SAC's Director of Safety & Risk Management.

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

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