



# BOARD BRIEFS

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

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 **Location:** Founders Hall

**Future Board Meetings:** Feb. 23, March 23, April 27

A moment of silence was observed in memory of **Dusty Jane Achenbach**. Dusty was a Tutorial Assistant in the Adult Basic Skills Department. She joined the college in 1999, and passed away on Friday, January 7, 2011. A moment of silence was also observed in memory of **Alan Reyes**. Alan was a Respiratory Technology student and was killed last week in an automobile accident.

## CAMPUS LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Reports were given by the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Faculty Association, CSEA 262 and 651, 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 renewal of a contract with Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. through February 28, 2012, at a cost of \$6,000.
- Approved a contract with Harris Connect to provide online services for alumni and donor development and communication.
- Approved Personnel Transactions, dated January 26, 2011.
- Approved new courses for the 2011-12 academic year.
- Approved Forensics students and faculty to attend the Speech on the Beach Swing Tournament in Corpus Christi, Texas.
- Approved Forensics students and faculty to attend the Glendale Community College/Mt. SAC Forensics Tournament in Glendale, Ariz.
- Approved acceptance of funds for a Cohort Document sub-grant.
- Approved acceptance of SB 70 grant funds for the Center of Excellence.
- Approved an affiliation agreement with Mirada Hills Rehabilitation and Convalescent Hospital for students enrolled in the Nursing Program.
- Approved Community Services Contract Training renewal and change.
- Approved additions and changes to the Continuing Education fee-based program.
- Approved an affiliation agreement for the use of the Fire Training Center, located in Ontario.
- Approved the Appropriation Transfers and Budget Revisions Summary.
- Approved 2011-12 Nonresident Tuition Fees.
- Approved hiring various independent contractors in order to acquire the expertise needed to accomplish College goals and to meet deadlines.
- Approved various agreements to provide professional design and consulting services with Converse Consultants for the Gym Site Improvement Project; with Travis Companies, Inc. for the Bracket Airfield Construction Project; and with Winefield and Associates for the South Coast Air Quality Management District 2010 Annual Emissions Report.
- Approved change orders for the Agricultural Sciences Complex, Design Technology Center, Administration Building remodel, Parking Lot S landscape project and Building 45 renovation.
- Approved contract amendments for the Design Technology Center and Administration Building.
- Approved the completion notices for the Agricultural Sciences Complex, Parking Lot S Landscape and Irrigation project, and Science Building Cadaver Room HVAC Upgrade.

## ACTION ITEMS

- Approved a contract with the Kellogg West Conference Center for a Student Success Workshop offered on February 10 and 11, 2011. (*Pulled from Consent Calendar*)
- The board did not submit a nomination for the 2011 CCCT Board of Directors.

## INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Administrative VP **Mike Gregoryk** updated the trustees on Gov. Brown's state budget proposal and how his recommended \$400-million revenue reduction could affect Mt. SAC and other community colleges statewide. Gregoryk presented three scenarios that factored in certain assumptions (revenue from a \$10 fee hike, Prop. 98 funding, growth fund offsets, etc.). The net reduction for Mt. SAC, based on these scenarios, could range from \$3.6 million to a worse-case reduction of \$18.1 million. Gregoryk indicated that Mt. SAC was in a good financial position to manage the lowest-impact scenario, but not the higher net reductions. Staff and faculty will be asked, once again, to offer cost-cutting ideas.

Financial Aid Director **Susan Jones** presented a report on *The Aid Success Project – Aid Like a Paycheck* program. The program was designed to help students think about college much like a job by disbursing incremental grant payments in ways that may help students budget and manage their funds more effectively. It also aims to reduce the likelihood of students spending financial aid funds too quickly and dropping classes or cutting back on study time to work additional hours. Mt. SAC was the only college selected to participate in the Aid Like a Paycheck pilot for the fall semester.

Jones also reported the following:

- Funding to all students in all financial aid programs increased from 2007-08 through 2009-10 by nearly \$18 million dollars (83.7%).
- The percent of federal student aid applications received and processed by Financial Aid increased by 10,822 (61.5%) from 2007-08 through 2009-10.
- The Mt. SAC loan default rate has remained below 10% since 1997.

## INTRODUCTIONS

### Newly Hired Staff

#### Classified

- **Erick McNeil**, *Lead Custodian, Custodial Services*
- **Hawk Yao**, *Benefits Specialist, Human Resources*

#### Management

- **Richard Lee**, *Manager, Payroll, Fiscal Services*

#### Introductions/Recognitions

- The Board recognized **Cheryl McGee**, *Media Services Coordinator, retiring after 23 years of service.*

For the complete agenda and minutes for this Board of Trustees meeting,  
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