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### VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (VCCCD) BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 10, 2009

#### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The VCCCD Board of Trustees met on February 10, 2009, at the Oxnard College. Highlights from the Board meeting are as follows:

#### REPORTS

- Lauren Lewow, Director of External Affairs, Associated Student Government, Moorpark College, reported on upcoming college events and announced the Associated Students Annual Talent Show scheduled for February 20, 2009.
- Sara Yakhi, President, Associated Student Government, Moorpark College, provided an overview of preparation for the student rally scheduled March 16 in Sacramento and on lobbying efforts regarding fees and education options for students.
- Johnny Garcia Vasquez, President, Associated Student Government, Oxnard College, reported on activities at Oxnard College, the Legislative Conference in Washington D.C., and breakfast with Senator Feinstein.
- Donna Valle, Student Trustee, commented on the student rally scheduled in Sacramento on March 16.
- Chancellor Meznik asked the Board Chair to appoint a Trustee to be the Board liaison to the Chancellor's Office for accreditation standards. Chair Huber appointed Vice Chair Blum to serve as the Trustee Liaison for Accreditation purposes, and Vice Chair Blum accepted the appointment.
- David Keebler, Vice President of Business Services at Ventura College, distributed and reviewed *Green Initiatives at Ventura College: Ventura College is Committed to Sustainability and Resources Conservation*. Chair Huber requested reports regarding green activities at Moorpark and Oxnard Colleges.
- Peter Sezzi, Academic Senate President, Ventura College, addressed the Board regarding budget cuts that would least affect students. Mr. Sezzi distributed and read a resolution from the Ventura College Academic Senate regarding same.
- Rolland Petrello, Academic Senate Representative, Moorpark College, commented on academic senate elections, and announced that Dr. Jeff Baker would be the Academic Senate President for Moorpark College next year.
- Dr. P. Scott Corbett, Academic Senate President, Oxnard College, announced that the Follow-up Report submitted by Oxnard College and the report of the accreditation evaluation team were accepted by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior College, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

- Barbara Cogert, Classified Senate President, Ventura College, reported on senate activities and fund-raising events, planned scholarships for children and grandchildren of classified staff, and acknowledged the Ventura College Foundation for its assistance in this effort. Ms. Cogert also commented on the 4/40 work week schedule during the summer.
- Chair Huber reported on the Capital and Facilities Planning Committee meeting and recommended approval of all Capital Planning and Facilities agenda items.
- Chair Huber read a thank you letter from the Moorpark College Academic Senate regarding sabbatical leaves.
- The Board thanked Oxnard College for hosting the Board meeting.
- Trustee Heitmann commented on the Ventura College *State of the College* speech by Robin Calote.
- Trustee Hernández mentioned the budget challenges.

#### **FIRST READING ITEM**

- Course Approvals: New and Revised Courses at Moorpark College was accepted for Second Reading.

#### **STUDY SESSION REPORT**

- Chancellor Meznek recommended the opposition of the imposition of an additional \$7 billion debt for the construction of new prison facilities at a time when California is not meeting its public education financing obligations.

#### **ACTION ITEMS/SECOND READING ITEM**

- Proposed Prison Health Care Facility Ventura County Imposition of Additional \$7 Billion Debt for Construction was opposed and carried.
- Contract/Tenure Status Recommendations were approved.
- Second Reading/Approval: Addition to Board Policy Manual Section BP 5700: Athletics was approved.

*These items represent highlights of the meeting. Minutes for the meeting will be posted to the website upon approval by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees meets on the second Tuesday of each month, with Open Session beginning at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. If you would like detailed information regarding Board meetings, agendas, and minutes, please visit [www.vcccd.edu](http://www.vcccd.edu). If you have any questions, contact Clare Geisen, Director of Administrative Relations, at 652.5504 or via email at [cgeisen@vcccd.edu](mailto:cgeisen@vcccd.edu).*