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MINUTES FOR THE STUDY SESSION OF OCTOBER 4, 2003

The Study Session of the Board of Trustees of the Ventura County Community College District was held on October 4, 2003, in the Cowan Conference Center – Camarillo Room, Camarillo, California.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Arturo D. Hernández, President
Cheryl Heitmann, Vice-President
Robert S. Gonzales
Allan W. Jacobs
Mary Anne Rooney

Absent:

Elizabeth Wolfel, Student Trustee

Management Present:

William Studt, Interim Chancellor
Michael Gregoryk, Deputy Chancellor
Eva Conrad, President, Moorpark College
Larry Calderón, President, Ventura College
Lydia Ledesma-Reese, President, Oxnard College
Patricia Parham, Interim Vice-Chancellor, Human Resources

Faculty/Staff/Student Representatives:

Jack Miller, Moorpark College Academic Senate President

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:20 a.m. President Hernández called the meeting to order in the Cowan Conference Center – Camarillo Room, Camarillo, California.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Jack Miller led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

President Hernández introduced David Viar, Chief Executive Officer, Community College League of California.

ACTION

A. Resolution Opposing the California Race, Ethnic, Color, and National Origin Initiative (Proposition 54) was moved by Trustee Rooney, seconded by Trustee Heitmann, and carried on a unanimous vote, to approve a Resolution in Opposition of the California Race, Ethnic, Color, and National Origin Initiative (Proposition 54) (Wolfel – absent)

Trustee Jacobs pointed out that the Legislative Subcommittee recommended this item for approval.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Introduction – David Viar

- a. **Review and discuss the Board’s self-evaluation results** – David Viar pointed out the characteristics of an effective board and clarified the role of the Board and staff.

Collective Bargaining – Mr. Viar explained the process that must be followed in collective bargaining. He pointed out that the majority of the Board should agree upon the strategy in Closed Session. Bill Studt said there would be a meeting on October 23rd to discuss negotiations.

Community Needs and Relations – David Viar commented on community needs and community relations. There was discussion regarding legislative relations.

- b. **Review and update of 2002/2003 Board goals** – David Viar began the discussion regarding the Board Goals. It was suggested that the Board review the goals semi-annually.

The following items were discussed:

- Mission Statement
- Vision Statement
- Futures Forum Process

The Board asked staff to prepare a presentation on the Futures Forum.

2. Communication

- a. **Discussion of Board to staff and staff to Board communication** – There was a brief discussion regarding communication.

It was pointed out that campus issues should be referred to the college president and the college president would notify the chancellor.

- b. **Role and responsibility of the Board** was discussed.
- c. **Parameters for requests/studies requested by Board members** – There was discussion regarding requests from trustees. It was suggested that an orientation for new trustees would help in communication.
- d. **To whom do Board members direct requests for information:** It was suggested that the Board direct requests to the chancellor's office for follow-up.

At 12:00 p.m. the meeting was recessed and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

3. Functioning in a Multi-College District: David Viar gave a brief overview of the multi-college district system.

a. How Best to Address this Issue

- **Allocation:** It was suggested that the Board provide direction to staff on the following items:
 - Philosophy of the Board
 - Autonomy
 - Reallocation model
 - Outside facilitator
 - District and college relationships

It was pointed out that the role of the district office is to support and assist colleges.

- **Campus Autonomy:** There was a brief discussion on this item. It was suggested that an outside facilitator assist in finding out what the district needs to be effective. Bill Studt will provide information on an outside facilitator. Lydia Ledesma-Reese expressed her concerns regarding equity among the colleges.

4. Chancellor Search Process

- a. **How we can Accomplish the Best Search:** David Viar provided some suggestions regarding the upcoming chancellor search and pointed out that the Community College League of California has a list of search firms. There was a brief discussion about revising the brochure. It was decided to place the Chancellor Search Process on the agenda.

5. Board Questions

- a. **Update on SB6:** David Viar gave an update on the status of SB6. There was a brief discussion regarding the equalization of community college funding and Mr. Viar encouraged the Board to contact their legislators on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.