

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT

March 6, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in the Isensee Board Room, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mr. Trey McCampbell, Dr. Nicholas Adame, Mr. Ed Bennett, Ms. Elva Estrada, Ms. Susan Hutchinson, Ms. Sandra Messbarger, Mr. Gabriel Rivas, Ms. Carol Scott and Mr. Guy Watts.

From the College:

Dr. Mark Escamilla, President and CEO; Dr. Beth Lewis, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel; Ms. Lenora Keas, Vice President and CFO; Dr. Rito Silva, Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Executive Director of Strategic Communication and Government Relations; Ms. Natalie Villarreal, Director of External and Board Relations; Ms. Delia Perez, Board Liaison; and other staff and faculty.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. McCampbell called the meeting to order with a quorum present. He requested a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement.

CLOSED SESSION:

- A. **Tex. Gov't. Code § 551.074(a)(1),(2)**: (Personnel Matters), regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public office or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, including, (1) DMC Policy A5.50.8 Appeal, with possible discussion and action in open session;
- B. **Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071**: (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, with possible discussion and action in open session; and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel on pending legal or contemplated matters or claims, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board went into Closed Session at 11:02 a.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 12:02 p.m.

Ms. Scott made a motion that the Board uphold the investigative findings and deny the appeal as discussed in closed session. Ms. Estrada seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion carried 8-0-1 with Regents Adame, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, McCampbell, Messbarger, Rivas, and Scott in favor; Mr. Watts abstained.

The meeting was recessed at 12:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

The College's Mission Statement was read by the Board of Regents and audience.

RECOGNITIONS:

Students and Staff:

- Students Sabrina Lamb and Gilbert Cortinas, representatives of the 17 Process Technology majors who received scholarships from the Gulf Coast Growth Ventures ProjectMs. Claudia Jackson (*Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services and Goal 6. Partnerships: Expand Opportunities for Mutually-Beneficial Alliances*)

Ms. Jackson introduced students Sabrina Lamb and Gilbert Cortinas along with their faculty members Denise Rector and Steve Moore. Ms. Jackson reported that Sabrina and Gilbert are two of the 17 process technology majors who were presented a Gulf Coast Growth Ventures Scholarship.

Mr. Cortinas and Ms. Lamb shared a brief portion of their story and shared their gratitude for the scholarship and all that the College and Board do to impact student's lives.

Ms. Scott congratulated both students; she stated that many students return to get hands on marketable skills to assist them in moving up, such as Mr. Cortinas who holds a bachelor degree. She indicated that she has worked for Growth Ventures for a couple of years and was told that ExxonMobil, SABIC knew the College had the facilities and instructors, but after meeting the students they know the College has the product needed.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Proclamation of Del Mar College Library Week.....Dr. Beth Lewis (*Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services*)

Dr. Lewis introduced Cody Gregg, Dean of Learning Resources. She stated that Cody wanted to change the way everyone interacts with the Library and has been doing that since he arrived on October 1, 2017.

Mr. Gregg reported that every April, National Library Week is celebrated and they are asking the Board to proclaim that it will also be Del Mar College Library Week. Mr. Gregg read the proposed Proclamation and introduced and thanked the library staff members. He provided the kick-off dates and times for the celebrations at East and West Campus Libraries.

- Update on Changes to the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation

.....Dr. Beth Lewis
(Goal 1. Student Learning Success: Ensure Exceptional Educational Opportunities for All Students)

Dr. Lewis reported that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges voted in December to change their principles of accreditation. Dr. Lewis reviewed the College's accreditation timeline. She also discussed changes to the principles and how they specifically affect the College, including an addition that affects the Board of Regents, standard 4.2.g: The governing board defines and regularly evaluates its responsibilities and expectations. She discussed the sample documentation that will be required due to the addition of that standard.

Mr. McCampbell stated that they are ahead of the curve because they have been doing a self-evaluation for a number of years.

Dr. Lewis also discussed the changes to the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The change being a more global effect, not a particular discipline, something that affects all students. They will gather a QEP team and begin looking at different ideas on this topic in the near future.

Dr. Escamilla and Dr. Lewis responded to questions from the Regents.

- Viking-Islander Program (VIP) Dual Enrollment Program for DMC and TAMU-CC Students.....Dr. Beth Lewis and Dr. Rito Silva
(Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services)

Dr. Lewis reported that the Viking Island Program has been several years in the making, they are excited about the program because it is for students to be dually enrolled at A&M Corpus and Del Mar at the same time. The students are eligible for services at both institutions and can participate in activities and organizations at both institutions.

Dr. Silva described the student and management overview: TAMU-CC applicants considered bubble students with ACT scores of 17 to 18; these students are guaranteed admission to TAMU-CC upon completion; TAMU-CC will be their home institution for financial aid purposes; and they must complete 30 hours in an academic year and maintain a GPA of 2.5.

Management overview: TAMU-CC and DMC will have an oversight committee with representatives from Instruction and Student Services; institutions will share data regarding VIP students; TAMU-CC will promote reverse transfer for students who do not complete a DMC certificate or degree; and orientation and advising sessions will be held on each campus for VIP students.

Dr. Escamilla expressed his gratitude for Dr. Kelly Quintanilla, her team, and faculty.

Dr. Escamilla and Dr. Silva responded to questions from the Regents.

- Professional Service Contract Review by the Board of Regents....Ms. Tammy McDonald
(Goal 7. Resources: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity)

Ms. McDonald reported that they bring to the Board a semi-annual review of the College's contracts. The contracts are divided in the spreadsheet into different types of categories; Ms. McDonald read the category topics.

Dr. Escamilla and Ms. McDonald responded to questions from the Regents.

- Website Redesign and Viking News Web-Based Newsroom
.....Ms. Claudia Jackson
(Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services)

Ms. Jackson provided an overview of the College's website design. She thanked the team that facilitated the website redesign including Jessica Montalvo-Cummings and the IT staff, the College Relations staff, and Sara King and Gracie Mirabal heading the student development area. The new website will be student focused, and Viking news will scale down to be readable on devices and the material on the website, especially recently developed material, will be ADA compliant.

Jay Knioum navigated through the website as Ms. Jackson explained the different categories.

Ms. Jackson responded to questions from the Regents.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.....Dr. Mark Escamilla

- February 25, 2018: Steering Committee, UT-Austin Executive Ed.D. Program in Higher Education Leadership Meeting
(Goal 6. Partnerships: Expand Opportunities for Mutually-Beneficial Alliances)

Dr. Escamilla reported that on February 25th he had the pleasure of serving on the Steering Committee for the University of Texas's new Executive Ed.D. Program in higher education leadership. Dr. Victor Saenz is the department chair in higher education at UT. The College

is currently sharing and partnering with them on a different program which targets the male students in their persistence and practices. He looks forward to continue to serve on that committee.

REGENT’S COMMENTS:

- National Legislative Summit.....Ms. Carol Scott
(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)

The Association of Community College Trustees held their National Legislative Summit. Texas was well represented; the state association had arranged approximately 25 meetings with congressmen, senators, and various staff members of different committees. Ms. Scott provided information on meetings she participated in, these meetings related to legislative priorities.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Status Report on Requested Information

(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)

CONSENT AGENDA

Notice to the Public

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Board of Regents has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Board member or a citizen, in which event the item(s) will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

CONSENT MOTIONS:

(At this point the Board will vote on all motions not removed for individual consideration.)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes:
Called Meeting, February 6, 2018
(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)
2. Acceptance of Investments for February 2018
(Goal 7. Resources: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity)
3. Acceptance of Financial Statement for January 2018
(Goal 7. Resources: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity)

Mr. Rivas made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Ms. Messbarger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public comments. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously, 9-0, amongst Regents present, with Regents McCampbell, Adame, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, Messbarger, Rivas, Scott, and Watts in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Discussion and possible action related to annual ethics training of the Board of RegentsMr. Augustin Rivera, Jr.
(Goal 5. Advocacy: Advance the College Mission Through Effective Governance and Positioning)

Mr. Rivera led the Board through its annual Ethics Review and Update, including a review of the Board Bylaws and Statement of Conduct and Ethics. Topics included Board Roles, Trustee Conduct, Dilemmas and Unethical Conduct, and following the review, the Regents re-affirmed their commitment to ethical conduct by signing the Code of Ethics.

The Board Chair rearranged the meeting order to accommodate students that were present.

6. Discussion and possible action related to student service fees.....Dr. Rito Silva
(Goal 7. Resources: Ensure Strong Financial and Operational Capacity and Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services)

Dr. Silva presented a proposal from the Student Fee Advisory Committee. The committee is made up of nine students, primarily SGA Officers. Their proposal is to increase the Student Service Fees from \$7 to \$15 a semester and in order to sustain this fund; they are also requesting a \$1 increase every even numbered year. This fee has not been increased since 2007; it was increased from \$6 to \$7. The fee is used for student organizations, student programming, intramural sports, Foghorn newspaper, RTA, and speaker series. The clubs have increased from 23 to 57 and student participation has also increased. Dr. Silva introduced Ms. Beverly Cage, Director of Student Leadership and Campus Life and Mr. John Beauford, President of SGA, who is also on the Student Advisory Committee, both spoke in favor of this proposed fee. Mr. Beauford introduced the SGA students that were present.

Dr. Escamilla reminded the Board that this is a student initiated fee.

Dr. Escamilla and Dr. Silva responded to questions from the Regents.

Ms. Hutchinson made a motion to accept this agenda item. Ms. Messbarger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. There were no public

comments. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion carried 8-1 with Regents Adame, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, McCampbell, Messbarger, Rivas, and Scott in favor; Mr. Watts was opposed.

- 5. Discussion and possible action related to closing the degree program in Geography (both Cultural and Physical).....Dr. Beth Lewis
(Goal 2. Student Access and Support Services: Maximize Affordable Access and Excellence in Student Services)

Dr. Lewis stated that the College offers an associate of arts in Physical Geography and also in Cultural Geography. The College has not awarded a degree in either area for more than ten years and there are currently no majors in either of those fields. There has not been a full-time faculty member in that department for several years and if the College keeps the program as a degree awarding program, SACSCOC requires a full-time faculty member and enrollment is so small that it does not warrant a full-time faculty member. If the Board accepts the recommendation to close the program, she reassured the Board that it would not affect the Geographical Information System Program. Dr. Lewis discussed next steps that will be necessary if the Board affirms the recommendation.

Mr. Rivas made a motion to accept the recommendation to close the degree program in Geography. Ms. Estrada seconded the motion. There was no further discussion from the Board. Dr. James Klein made a public comment inquiring if this item had gone through the curriculum committee. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously, 9-0, with Regents Adame, Bennett, Estrada, Hutchinson, McCampbell, Messbarger, Rivas, Scott, and Watts in favor.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items) – 3-minute time limit

Dr. James Klein: Director of Career Explorers Mentoring Project, thanked Dr. Escamilla for supporting this project and also thanked Alex Solis, the recruiting officer at West Campus.

7. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to:

- A. **Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071**: (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, with possible discussion and action in open session; and, the seeking of legal advice from counsel on pending legal or contemplated matters or claims, with possible discussion and action in open session;
- B. **Tex. Gov't Code § 551.076**: (Security Devices or Security Audits), regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit, with possible discussion and action in open session.

The Board went into Closed Session at 3:14 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 3:52 p.m. with no action.

CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED BY GC: /s/AR