

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD**

ADOPTED MINUTES
Wednesday, November 2, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, in the Denis Honeychurch Board Room, Room 626, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534, by Board President Martin.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At the request of President Martin, Jim DeKloe led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Michael A. Martin, President
Rosemary Thurston, Vice President
Monica Brown
Sarah E. Chapman, Ph.D.
Denis Honeychurch, J.D.
Pam Keith
A. Marie Young
Larry Bartlow, Student Trustee
Celia Esposito-Noy, Secretary

Others Present:

Greg Brown, Vice President of Student Services
Mary Jones, Human Resources
Virginia Guleff, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs
Yulian Ligioso, Vice President of Finance
Lucky Lofton, Bond Manager
Sandra Therrien, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent-President Office

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following edits and clarifications should be noted in the agenda:

Agenda Item 10.(b) Consent Calendar: Part-time Adjunct Assignment has been removed from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS)

There were no comments from members of the public.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Board President Martin called the closed session to order at 6:31 p.m.

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54957.6)
Agency Negotiator: Mary Jones, Human Resources
Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39
- (b) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)
- (c) Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d) of Govt. Code §54956.9
- (d) Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (a) of Govt. Code §54956.9):
Case No. FCS045285/Claim #509449 (White), Case No. FCS045360/Claim #510181
(Rieger), Case No. FCS046483/Claim #519430 (Yu), and Claim #517976 (Beacham)

7. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President Martin reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

8. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board held Conference with Labor Negotiator and CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, and Operating Engineers-Local 39, and no action was taken.

The Board discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and no action was taken.

The Board held Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation and no action was taken.

The Board held Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation and no action was taken.

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (CONTINUED)

Professor Jim DeKloe gave the following tribute:

It is my sad duty to report the death of our retired Solano College colleague and friend Jim Mills. Jim served the college with ability, diligence, hard-work, and passion for over 30 years as a biology faculty member and as the Dean of the Math Science division.

Jim taught generations of biologists and future health care workers. He specialized in teaching physiology, biology for biology majors, and he designed the General Education biology course taught to students who were not biology majors. Jim excelled in each role. He was an engaging lecturer – interesting, approachable, and humorous. I often would sneak into the back of 308, the big lecture hall, to hear him lecture. My favorite was sitting in the very back during his parasitology lectures and watching students unconsciously squirm. In these tour-de-force lectures he would tell tales of parasitic infections whose fascinating biology combined with a visceral revulsion that he exploited for maximum effect. In physiology he ran 24-hour laboratories where the students would study the circadian rhythm variation in their vital signs - and at the same time bond together into a community of scholars. I performed an experiment that he designed last week.

Jim served as a mentor for many new faculty members. And, a new faculty member could not have asked for a better model for the quintessential professor – combining scholarship, teaching, and service. Jim served for two terms as the President of the faculty union. My office was next to his and it was then that I first witnessed the daily punishing criticism inherent to that office; Jim handled it all with grace and humility. He initiated a style that we would now call interest-based bargaining, but most of his persuasive power flowed from his rock-solid honesty, compassion, and empathy.

Then, for a reason that none of us could fathom, Jim became the Dean of the Math-Science Division. And he excelled at that! He threw himself into that job. If you came in on a Saturday or a Sunday he would be at his desk in the 300 building. I know it must be an exaggeration, but my memory is that he wrote every report that the college required during that seven years. The problems came up, the problems came down, but Jim remained unflappable.

Jim was instrumental in establishing the Solano College Biotechnology program. At the time it was informally called the Jim and Jim show – and it was fitting that he receive top billing. He designed the biotechnology laboratory and wrote grants to fund the equipment. He and I met with many biotech companies and gained the expertise to design a program that emphasized the skills and knowledge required in manufacturing sector of the industry – something that hadn't been done before at any college, 2 year or 4 year. This nationally recognized program will always owe its existence to him.

Jim will be remembered fondly by whole generations of Solano College students and by us, his colleagues who had the pleasure and privilege to have worked with him. Many of us had the opportunity to talk to him before his death, to express how much he had impacted us, his students, and the college, and to express our love for him. He will be missed. Carol Mills, his wife of 28 years, reports that he died with dignity last week after fighting cancer bravely for four years, and that, as everyone who knew him would expect, that he never lost his sense of humor.

Upon his retirement his colleagues in biology established the Jim Mills Scholarship. I thought that his passing should not go unremarked, and that his service demanded a fitting tribute.

Trustee Young dedicated the meeting to the memory of Mr. Jim Mills.

Kristy Juliano invited the Trustees and public to join the Solano Choral Society, in collaboration with our students, in a performance on November 18th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church in Fairfield. An additional performance is scheduled for November 20th in Napa.

Dwight Calloway inquired about the status of the apprenticeship program and if we are in partnership with those who signed the PLA. Mr. Calloway is a maintenance person by trade and feels the industry is going away due to the lack of apprentices.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) Draft Minutes for the Meeting held on August 3, 2016, August 17, 2016, and the Special Meeting of October 19, 2016 (Pending Board Approval)

Human Resources

- (b) Employment – 2016-2017, Page 5

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

12. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) Solano Community College District Governing Board – Calendar of Board Meetings for 2016, Page 7

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Solano Community College District Governing Board – Calendar of Board Meetings for 2016 as presented. The motion was passed 6-1. Trustee Brown abstained.

Finance and Administration

- (b) District Authorized Signatures Signing Authority, Resolution No. 16/17-09, Page 9

It was moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the District Authorized Signatures Signing Authority, Resolution No. 16/17-09 as presented. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Yes

AYES: President Martin, Trustee Brown, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee Chapman,
Trustee Keith, Trustee Thurston, and Trustee Young

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

- (c) Public Improvement Agreement with City of Vacaville for Intersection Improvements at Vacaville Center Entry Drive at North Village Parkway, Page 13

It was moved by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Public Improvement Agreement with City of Vacaville for Intersection Improvements at Vacaville Center Entry Drive at North Village Parkway as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (d) Agreement with Accountemps, A Robert Half Company, Page 24

It was moved by Trustee Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Agreement with Accountemps, A Robert Half Company as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (e) Renewal Agreement with Barnes and Noble for Bookstore Outsourcing, Page 27

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Honeychurch to approve the Renewal Agreement with Barnes and Noble for Bookstore Outsourcing as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

13. BOARD STUDY SESSION (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Inmate Education Program Update – Presented by Dr. Shirley Lewis, Dean

Dean Shirley Lewis gave an update on the expanding college opportunities for incarcerated Californians, and listed the benefits of college programs for incarcerated people. College programs benefit not only the individual and family, but all of society by increasing tax base, improving public safety and public health, and revitalizing communities, just to name a few.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

- (a) Measure Q and Measure G Quarterly Progress Update Reports to the Governing Board, Page 28

- (b) Agreement Between the Foundation for California Community Colleges/DeepTok and Solano Community College, Page 30

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Chapman announced that tickets are available for the crab feed scheduled for February 2017.

16. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Young attended and/or participated in the following:

October 20: Final presentation for Fairfield Campus Science Building ‘Design Build Team’ (8:00am to 3:00pm)

October 21: Career Technical Education (CTE) meeting in Fairfield – ‘During What Matters in Our Community,’ session three event

October 24: Solano County School Board Association dinner meeting – Guest speaker’s topic, “End Human Trafficking”

October 26: Volunteer at Hogan Middle School in Vallejo as a mathematics tutor to 7th graders who are participants in an afterschool program, ‘Links to Success: Math Olympics’

October 28: Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce ‘President Reception and Pioneer Award’ event at Rancho Solano Country Club in Fairfield

November 2: Volunteer at Hogan Middle School in Vallejo as a mathematics tutor to 7th graders who are participants in an afterschool program, ‘Links to Success: Math Olympics’

November 2: Measure Q Steering Committee Meeting at Fairfield Campus, Denis Honeychurch Board Room

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Thurston to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.