

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
December 8, 2009

Call to Order                   A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President William J. Smith at 4:30 p.m., December 8, 2009, at the District Office Boardroom, 1525 E. Weldon Avenue, Fresno, California.

Trustees Present               William J. Smith, President  
Patrick E. Patterson, Vice President  
Dorothy Smith, Secretary  
Isabel Barreras  
Richard Caglia  
H. Ronald Feaver  
Leslie W. Thonesen  
Erika Gutierrez, Student Trustee, Fresno City College  
Alexandria Morales, Student Trustee, Reedley College

Also present were:  
Tom Crow, Chancellor, SCCC  
Doug Brinkley, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, SCCC  
Cynthia Azari, President, Fresno City College  
Barbara Hioco, President, Reedley College  
Terry Kershaw, Vice Chancellor, North Centers  
Randy Rowe, Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, SCCC

Introduction of Guests       Among the others present, the following signed the guest list or were noted as present:

Jan Krueger, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCC  
Ernie Garcia, Classified Senate President, FCC  
Tom Mester, Academic Senate President, RC/NC  
Linda DeKruif, Academic Senate President, FCC  
Jason Meyers, CSEA President  
Zwi Reznik, SCFT President  
Cliff Kirkland, Student, Madera Center  
L. K. Papadakis, Instructor, Madera Center  
Teresa Patterson, Executive Director, Public and Legislative Relations, SCCC  
Harry Zahlis, Network Coordinator, FCC  
Chris Glaves, Engineering and Mathematics Instructor, NC  
Ron Reimer, Mathematics Instructor, RC  
Ted Ostrander, Mathematics Instructor, FCC  
Scott Thomason, Vice President, Administrative Services, RC

Gregory Taylor, General Counsel, SCCCCD  
Marguerite Leoni, Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller &  
Naylor  
Brian Speece, Associate Vice Chancellor, Business and  
Operations, SCCCCD  
Bill Turini, Instructor, RC  
Juan Esparza Loera, Vida en el Valle  
Michael White, Vice President, Student Services, RC  
Ron Nishinaka, Tree Fresno  
Venancio Gaona, El Concilio de Fresno  
Christopher Villa, Vice President, Student Services, FCC  
Michael Guerra, Vice President, Administrative Services, FCC  
Gurdeep Sihota He'Bert, Executive Director, SCCC Foundation  
Ed Eng, Director, Finance, SCCCCD  
Lucy Ruiz, Public Information Officer, RC  
Diane Clerou, District Dean, Human Resources, SCCCCD  
Randy Vogt, Director, Purchasing, SCCCCD  
Tony Cantu, Vice President, Instruction, FCC  
Cris M. Bremer, Director, Marketing and Communications, FCC  
Paul DeLeon, RC

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting of November 3, 2009, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Feaver to approve the minutes of November 3, 2009, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Delegations, Petitions,  
and Communications

Each year the Chancellor's Office invites students from one of the colleges or campuses to submit designs for the SCCCCD's holiday greeting card. The student and instructor with the winning entry are invited to the December Board meeting for special recognition. This year the students of the North Centers were invited to submit their designs.

Special Recognition

Dr. Crow gave special recognition to Cliff Kirkland, Madera Center art student, for his design of the 2009 SCCCCD holiday greeting card. The design was chosen from several entries submitted. Dr. Crow also recognized Mr. Kirkland's art instructor L. K. Papadakis.

Closed Session

Mr. Smith stated that in closed session the Board would be discussing:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(C)

Mr. Smith called a recess at 4:34 p.m.

Open Session	The Board moved into open session at 5:55 p.m.
Report of Closed Session	Mr. Smith reported that the Board took no action in closed session.
Election of Officers, Representatives, and Adoption of Board Calendar [09-62]	Mr. Smith called for the nomination of officers. Board members were provided a Board officer chronology, 1984 to 2009.
President	Mr. Thonesen nominated Mr. Patterson for office of President, and was seconded by Mr. Feaver. Ms. Barreras moved that nominations for office of President be closed and seconded by Mr. Thonesen. The motion to appoint Mr. Patterson to the office of President of the SCCC Board of Trustees carried unanimously.
Special Presentation	Mr. Patterson presented a plaque to Mr. William J. Smith for his service as the 2009 SCCC Board President, stating that Mr. Smith has done a great job and is most deserving of the recognition.
Vice President	Mr. Patterson nominated Ms. Dorothy Smith for the office of SCCC Board of Trustees Vice President. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Barreras and carried unanimously.
Secretary	Ms. Smith nominated Ms. Isabel Barreras for the office of SCCC Board of Trustees Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Thonesen and carried unanimously.
Nominations of Board Representatives	President Patterson asked for nominations for the SCCC Board of Trustees' representative positions for 2010.
Board Representative, Fresno County Committee on School District Organization	Richard Caglia will serve as the 2010 Board of Trustees' representative to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization.
Alternate Board Representative, Fresno County Committee on School District	Dorothy Smith will serve as the 2010 alternate Board of Trustees' representative to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization.

Board Representative,  
Executive Board of the  
Madera County School  
Boards Association

Isabel Barreras will serve as the 2010 Board of Trustees’ representative to the Executive Board of the Madera County School Boards Association.

Legislative  
Representative

Dorothy Smith will serve as the Board of Trustees’ legislative representative for 2010.

Fresno Area Self-  
Insured Benefits  
Organization (FASBO,  
also known as ED  
CARE)

William Smith will serve as the Board of Trustees’ 2010 Fresno Area Self-Insured Benefits Organization representative.

SCCC Foundation  
Board

Pat Patterson and Dorothy Smith will serve as the Board of Trustees’ 2010 State Center Community College Foundation Board representatives.

Director, Valley  
Insurance Program JPA

Pat Patterson will serve as the Board of Trustees’ Director for the Valley Insurance Program JPA for 2010.

Board Calendar

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Barreras to adopt the 2010 Board of Trustees meeting calendar, as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The SCCCD Board of Trustees regular meeting dates and locations are as follows:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
January 12, 2010	Regular Meeting	SCCCD
February 2, 2010	Regular Meeting	SCCCD
March 2, 2010	Regular Meeting	Reedley College
April 6, 2010	Regular Meeting	Oakhurst Center
May 4, 2010	Regular Meeting	SCCCD
June 1, 2010	Regular Meeting, Tentative Budget	SCCCD
July 6, 2010	Regular Meeting	SCCCD
August 3, 2010	Regular Meeting	Willow International Center
September 7, 2010	Regular Meeting, Public Hearing, Budget Adoption	SCCCD
October 5, 2010	Regular Meeting	Madera Center
November 2, 2010	Regular Meeting	SCCCD
December 7, 2010	Organizational and Regular Meeting	SCCCD

Chancellor's Report

Dr. Crow reported the following:

Classified Professionals Leadership Graduation – On December 4, 27 members of SCCCD's classified professionals graduated from the classified leadership program, Leadership State Center. The ceremony took place at Fresno City Hall. Trustees Dottie Smith, Les Thonesen and Ron Feaver represented the Board. Ms. Cynthia Sterling, a member of the Fresno City Council, was also on hand to speak to the graduating class. The mission of Leadership State Center is to maximize the potential of classified professionals through collaboration, learning, vision, advocacy and action in SCCCD and is designed to concentrate on the next level of leadership development. Dr. Crow commended the participants on their achievement.

Holiday Wishes – Dr. Crow extended his wishes for the happiest of holiday seasons, stating that it has been a very productive year, and it has taken the hard work and cooperation of many throughout the district to achieve the level of student success in the face of daunting budget challenges. He added, "Because of you, we have successfully completed another semester of serving our most important stakeholder group—students. The holiday break is well-deserved, and it is my hope that you are able to spend quality time with friends and loved ones."

Campus Reports

Dr. Azari reported on the following from Fresno City College.

- Centennial Ball – The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration starts on New Year's Eve with the Centennial Ball. The first ten centennial honorees will be recognized.
- Golden Bell Award – The Fresno City College Child Development Center is a Golden Bell Award winner in the Early Childhood Education category
- Ram's Tale – English Council of California Two-Year Colleges acknowledged Fresno City College's *The Ram's Tale* as a model California two-year college literary magazine.
- Pinning Ceremony – On December 19, the Registered Nursing Program will hold its largest pinning ceremony (260 students) in the history of the program.
- Police Academy – The Police Academy Class #119 graduated 52 cadets on December 4.
- Speakers Forum – *Fresno Bee* columnists Jim Boren and Bill McEwen participated in the Speakers Forum discussing "Civility in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."
- Athletics – Congratulations to the FCC football, volleyball, men's soccer and women's soccer teams who all saw post season action.

Campus Reports  
(continued)

Dr. Hioco reported on the following from Reedley College.

- Student Project – The digital video editing students filmed and began producing three projects for the Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT).
- Dental Health Screening – The dental assisting students offered a free dental health screening on November 13.
- Photo Award – Vanessa Laplante, student newspaper staff member, won an Honorable Mention for her photo in the May 2009 issue of *The Chant*. The award was presented at the NorCal Conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges.
- K-16 Bridge Program – The developer of the K-16 Bridge program visited Reedley College to discuss updates to the system. Representatives from Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley and Selma high schools attended.
- Holiday Luncheon – The Reedley College Holiday Luncheon is December 10.
- Residence Hall – The new residence hall is complete. Students will move into the new building in December.
- Leadership State Center – Reedley College's classified graduates of Class IX are Ana Aguirre, LuAnn Aldape, Mary Helen Garcia, Michelle Garcia, Mike Kaiser, Mia Navarro, Diana Rodriguez and MaryLou Wright.

Dr. Kershaw reported on the following from the North Centers.

- Madera Center Child Development Center Accreditation – On November 4, the National Association for the Education of Young Children sent notification of the successful reaffirmation of the CD Lab's accreditation.
- Madera Business Conference – The Madera Center, in conjunction with the Madera Chamber of Commerce, hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Business Conference. Sponsors of the event were Educational Employees Credit Union, Madera Chamber of Commerce, and Madera Center. Special thanks were given for all of the individuals from the North Centers and Madera business community who were instrumental in the organization, marketing, and implementation of the event.
- Maintenance Mechanic/Pre-Health Graduation – A certificate ceremony honored the achievements of the Madera Center's Fall 2009 Maintenance Mechanic students. Thirteen students received certificates. Another ceremony was held at Clovis Center for Maintenance Mechanic and Pre-Health programs.
- Leadership State Center – NC's classified graduates of Class IX are Pattie Fitzgerald, Veronica Jury, and Margee Loya.
- Upcoming Events – Willow International Holiday Festival is December 10. Madera Center LVN pinning is December 17.

Academic Senate  
Report

Dr. Tom Mester, RC/NC Academic Senate President reported:

- Bill Turini has been elected as Senate President and will assume office January 1, 2010.
- The Academic Senate endorsed the RC Distance Education guidelines, and the Participatory Governance Handbook.
- The Senate endorsed the assessment reporting form as part of Program Review.
- The Reedley College Academic Senate's nominee for the Hayward Award is Randy Genera, history instructor.
- Dr. Mester reported attending the State Academic Senate Area Meeting in preparation for the Fall Plenary Session.
- Dr. Mester provided a written report of the breakout and general sessions of the State Academic Senate Fall Plenary Session held on November 19-21, 2009.

Classified Senate  
Report

Ernie Garcia, FCC Classified Senate President reported:

- Classified Staff Development Day was a success. Nancy Hines was the guest speaker. Dr. Crow and Dr. Azari attended.
- FCC is looking forward to the college's Centennial Ball on December 31. An invitation was extended to all to attend.

Social Media  
Presentation

Dr. Teresa Patterson, Executive Director, SCCCD Public and Legislative Relations, and Harry Zahlis, FCC Network Coordinator, presented a demonstration of the district's innovative social media presence, and discussed the value of using these tools for getting people's attention in immediate and real time formats. The younger generation of students prefer these relational types of communication, but it was also noted that the district's fan base also includes those 35-45 years of age. Dr. Patterson defined the differences between using Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and the district's standard website. Mr. Zahlis discussed the applications being developed, as well as the current text messaging for emergency notifications.

Math Anxiety  
Presentation

Chris Glaves, North Centers Math and Engineering Instructor; Ron Reimer, Reedley College Math Instructor, and Ted Ostrander, FCC Math Instructor, provided a presentation on ways to reduce math anxiety for students. They covered what math anxiety is, and the sources of math anxiety. The instructors discussed their instructional methods and philosophies, and how the institutions are helping through placement schemes, class size, innovations, tutoring services, learning centers and support.

Consent Agenda  
Action

It was moved by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Trustees approve consent agenda items 09-31HR through 09-33HR and 09-117G through 09-125G, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Employment,  
Retirement,  
Resignation,  
Academic Personnel  
[09-31HR]  
Action

approve the academic personnel recommendations, Items A through D, as presented

Employment, Change  
of Status, Transfer,  
Retirement,  
Classified Personnel  
[09-32HR]  
Action

approve classified personnel recommendations, Items A through E, as presented

Consideration to  
Approve  
Reorganization of  
Vacant Director of  
Student Success &  
Honors, Position 2742,  
to Director of  
Institutional Research,  
Assessment &  
Planning, Fresno City  
College  
[09-33HR]  
Action

approve the reorganization of the vacant Director of Student Success and Honors, Position 2742, to Director of Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning, Fresno City College

Consideration to  
Approve Curriculum  
Proposals, Effective  
Spring 2010 through  
Fall 2010, Fresno City  
College and Reedley  
College  
[09-117G]  
Action

approve the Fresno City College and Reedley College curriculum proposals, as presented

Review of District  
Warrants and Checks  
[09-118G]  
Action

review and sign the warrants register for the period October 24, 2009, to November 24, 2009, in the amount of \$24,925,813.35; and

review and sign the check registers for the Fresno City College and Reedley College co-curricular accounts and the Fresno City College and Reedley College bookstore accounts for the period October 22, 2009, to November 25, 2009, in the amount of \$464,934.04



Consideration to  
Accept Construction  
Project, Heating Loop  
Underground Piping  
Replacement, Fresno  
City College  
[09-119G]  
Action

- a) accept the project for Heating Loop Underground Piping Replacement, Fresno City College; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder

Consideration to  
Accept Construction  
Project, Residence  
Hall, Reedley College  
[09-120G]  
Action

- a) accept the project for Residence Hall, Reedley College; and
- b) authorize the Chancellor or his designee to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder

Consideration of  
Report of Investments  
[09-121G]  
Action

accept the Quarterly Performance Review, as provided by the County of Fresno, for the quarter ending September 30, 2009

Consideration to  
Authorize an  
Agreement with the  
California Department  
of Food and  
Agriculture for a  
Specialty Crop Block  
Grant, Center for  
International Trade  
Development  
[09-122G]  
Action

- a) authorize the district, on behalf of the Center for International Trade Development, to enter into a specialty crop block grant agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture with total funding in the amount of \$461,756 for the period October 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012;
- b) authorize renewal of the agreement with similar terms and conditions; and
- c) authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign the agreement on behalf of the district

Consideration to  
Appoint Alternate  
Director, Valley  
Insurance Program JPA  
[09-123G]  
Action

appoint Ed Eng as Alternate Director to the Valley Insurance Program JPA Board of Directors for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2010

Consideration to  
Approve Changes to  
Materials Fee  
Schedules, Fresno City  
College and Reedley  
College  
[09-124G]  
Action

adopt changes to the Materials Fee Schedule for Fresno City College and Reedley College beginning in 2010-11, as presented

Consideration of Bids,  
Applied Technology  
T100 Welding Exhaust  
Ventilation, Fresno  
City College  
[09-125G]  
Action

award Bid #0910-10 in the amount of \$44,248.00 to Engineering Controls, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder for the Applied Technology T100 Welding Exhaust Ventilation at Fresno City College and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, to sign an agreement on behalf of the district

\*\*\*\*\*End of Consent Agenda\*\*\*\*\*

Budget Update  
[09-63]  
No Action

Doug Brinkley gave an update and slide presentation concerning the State budget shortfall, projections and challenges based on the Legislative Analyst's Office latest information. Other considerations for the community college system are the shortfalls in property tax, and the CalPERS increases for employer contribution rates. CalPERS has sent a letter informing school districts of estimated school pool rate increases per year starting at 9.709% in 2009-10 and reaching 14.0% in 2013-14. CalSTRS requires legislative action to increase employer or employee contribution rates and has indicated they are not anticipating seeking a rate increase for 2010-11.

In response to a question by a Board member, Mr. Brinkley will provide the Board with the district's cost for a one percent increase in the CalPERS rate.

Mr. Brinkley reported that the district has budgeted \$545,000 for a Workers' Comp rate increase for the colleges and centers. The increase did not materialize and the money was reallocated to the colleges and centers for their use in putting back classes or services for the spring semester.

Introduction of Board  
Items 09-64, 09-65,  
09-66

Dr. Crow introduced these items and provided copies of the slide presentation on "by-trustee area" elections. Working with the district is Marquerite Leoni with Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor, who was in attendance.

Dr. Crow provided the history of the current electoral system of current "from-trustee area" elections and the trend towards "by-trustee area" elections. In "from-trustee area" elections the trustees are elected at large by the voters in the district, and live in defined trustee areas. SCCC has one multi-member trustee area, which is essentially the Fresno Unified School District and represented by Trustees Dottie Smith and Richard Caglia. The trustee boundaries have not been adjusted since the 1980s. In the "by-trustee area" elections the trustee lives in an area and is elected by the voters in that area, rather than the entire district. Locally, Fresno Unified, Central Unified, and Madera Unified

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Items 09-64, 09-65,  
09-66 (continued)

have just recently gone to this type of election. Benefits of the "by-trustee area" election are a lower cost election, easier communication between trustees and constituents, and by-trustee area elections are not vulnerable to challenge under California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). SCCCD has heard from community and civil rights groups that would like a change to the electoral system and have it in place for the November 2010 election. The change would allow the district the opportunity to adjust trustee area boundaries consistent with more recent census data.

The process of adopting "by-trustee area" elections is as follows:

- Request Fresno County Committee on School District Organization (FCCSDO) to change SCCCD's elections to "by-trustee area" basis by the Board's adoption of the Resolution 2009-20 at their December 8, 2009, meeting.
- Hold a public hearing, consider, and revise the trustee areas boundaries at the Board's January 12, 2010, meeting.
- Hold a public hearing and request necessary waivers from the State Board of Education (SBE) at the SCCCD Board of Trustees' January 12, 2010, meeting.
- Obtain necessary approvals and waivers from county, state, and federal governments—FCCSDO approval, SBE waivers, and Federal Justice Department (USDOJ) pre-clearance.

On the matter of revising trustee area boundaries, Dr. Crow said the trustee area boundaries must be revised periodically to remain consistent with the requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act and U. S. Constitution. A public hearing allows the SCCCD administration to present various plans for the Board of Trustees and public review and comment. In order to gain approval in time for the November 2010 election, SCCCD must adopt the proposed plan for recommendation to FCCSDO at the SCCCD Board of Trustees meeting on January 12, 2010.

The criteria to be used for drawing the new trustee areas are summarized as follows:

- Single member trustee areas (divide current TA5 into new TA5 and TA7) would result in expansion from six trustee areas to seven.
- Trustee areas of approximately equal population
- Trustee area boundaries drawn along recognizable geographical and topological features (e.g. roads, streets, freeways, railroad right-of-way, jurisdictional boundaries)
- To extent possible, preserve cores of existing trustee area configurations
- One, and only one, incumbent in each trustee area
- Given SCCCD's large Hispanic population, trustee area boundaries should recognize concentrations of Hispanic

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Items 09-64, 09-65,  
09-66 (continued)

voting strength to create two Hispanic-majority trustee areas (measured by voter registration) consistent with the above criteria.

- Hispanic-majority trustee areas would be up for election in November 2010.

The public hearing on the new trustee area boundaries (Board Item 09-65) is proposed to be held at the January 12, 2010, Board of Trustees meeting. The district will have prepared and will present plans consistent with the criteria. The criteria and some sample areas would be posted on the SCCCD website, [www.sccd.edu](http://www.sccd.edu), and anyone with questions or comments may contact the Chancellor's Office. Dr. Crow requests a response date of December 24 to give administration and the demographers an opportunity to use the input to prepare for the January 12, 2010, Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Crow explained the public hearing waivers the district is proposing to seek, and the required public hearing (Board Item 09-66).

Consideration to Adopt  
Resolution 2009-20  
Requesting Fresno  
County Committee on  
School District  
Organization to Change  
District's Electoral  
System to By-Trustee  
Area Elections  
[09-64]  
Action

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 2009-20 requesting the County Committee to change SCCCD's electoral system to a "by-trustee area" system, and instructing the Chancellor to take all necessary steps to effect the change. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to  
Establish January 12,  
2010, as Public Hearing  
Date on New Trustee  
Area Boundaries  
[09-65]  
Action

Board President Patterson recognized Mr. Venancio Gaona who requested to address the Board.

Mr. Venancio Gaona, Chair, El Concilio de Fresno, asked for clarification on the deadlines.

Mr. Taylor explained that in comparison to the K-12 districts, SCCCD's timeline is accelerated because of the pre-clearance requirement under the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Ms. Leoni explained the filing period for the State Board of Education. In order to meet the state board's requirements, the district must have the waiver application in and completed with all of public hearings and consultation with appropriate groups, bargaining units, etc. before the end of February.

Consideration to  
Establish January 12,  
2010, as Public Hearing  
Date on New Trustee  
Area Boundaries  
[09-65] (continued)  
Action

A motion was made by Mr. Caglia and seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board of Trustees establish January 12, 2010, the date of the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting, as the public hearing to solicit public input and testimony on a proposed trustee area plan before submitting any such plan to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to  
Establish January 12,  
2010, as Public Hearing  
Date on Seeking  
Waivers from State  
Board of Education of  
Election Requirement  
for New Electoral  
System and Deadline to  
Have Trustee Areas in  
Place 120 Days Prior to  
Election  
[09-66]  
Action

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Thonesen that the Board of Trustees establish January 12, 2010, the date of the Board's next regularly-scheduled meeting, as the public hearing to solicit public input and testimony on whether to apply to the State Board of Education for a waiver of the election process of Education Code § 5019 and § 5020, and the 120-day deadline of Education Code § 5019(d). The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gaona addressed the Board asking how soon the samples would be available and expressing a concern that interested parties have access to the plans, time to review them and get back to the district by January 12.

Mr. Taylor responded that the District expects to have the plans out approximately three weeks prior to the January 12 Board of Trustees meeting.

Mr. Gaona stated a concern about the two trustee areas that center around the center of the city of Fresno and that those boundaries have a commonality of interest and be contiguous, and also that there is a proportionate population in all of the seven trustee areas. He hoped that the plans will give that information so they can validate it through their own demographer.

Mr. Patterson said the district intends to do everything the law requires and requests.

Reports of Board  
Members

Ms. Alexandria Morales, Student Trustee for Reedley College, reported the following for the Associated Student Body:

- The RC Veterans Memorial Service on November 10 included veterans and student speakers and was a beautiful ceremony with a great response from the students, staff and faculty.
- The Battle of the Pump game was November 14 (RC Tigers vs. FCC Rams), which was the most intense game of the year for RC, and very exciting. The Tiger supporters were there along with the local community.
- ASB took donations from campus clubs and local community for turkey dinners and disbursed them in December to the

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Members (continued)

families in the Reedley community who are less fortunate.

- The celebration of Santa Lucia will be held on December 12. This event is celebrated in Kingsburg, and RC has incorporated into the campus community events.
- Santa Claus will be visiting the campus for the children in the Child Development Center.
- RC also encourages the end-of-year Adopt-A-Family project where clubs help a family by buying Christmas presents for children in that family. The ASB has adopted three families so far and there are about 14 families participating.
- The dorms and student center construction are complete.
- Everyone is invited to attend the Reedley College celebration of the long awaited arrival and opening of the student center on January 13, at 2 p.m.

Ms. Erika Gutierrez, Student Trustee for Fresno City College, reported the following for the Associated Student Government:

- The Fresno City College Homecoming was November 7.
- FCC won the Battle of the Pump against the RC, but the ASG lost the tug-of-war, and established this competition as the "Gavel Award."
- FCC won the bowl championship against Mendocino College.
- The Student Leadership Conference was held December 3, put together by the students who attended the National Conference of Student Leadership. Students were able to share their experiences from the conference, teach fellow students to run a productive meeting, learn about strategic planning as well as learn effective communication skills.
- The Native American Club put on events on campus last week to bring awareness of the Native American culture.
- The Guitar Concert was held December 3. Students from the guitar classes put together a very successful performance. The cafeteria was filled to capacity with about 300 attending.
- The ASG will be giving out holiday gift bags to students who are going through personal financial hardships, as well as giving out toys for those students who have children.
- Students are preparing for their examinations. ASG will be giving away free Scantrons, pencils and coffee to help relieve the stress and spread some holiday cheer.

Ms. Barreras reported attending California Community College Leagues' annual convention in late November in Burlingame. Attendance was down because of the budget crunch throughout the state. She attended sessions on preparing for accreditation and how to address the five most common challenges, and textbook affordability strategies, which included what the state is trying to do to make college more affordable. Another session

Reports of Board  
Members (continued)

was on creating new revenues through partnerships, which discussed utilizing partnerships with energy producers and potential college-linked businesses, with a special focus on solar energy production. She said these are some of the things we need to start focusing on for workforce training. There was a session on building the bridge for college readiness (SB 946), discussing the community college implementation of early assessment programs through a collaborative effort between California State University, California Department of Education, and State Board of Education to determine high school student readiness to do college-level work and provide student opportunities to improve skills during the senior year.

Ms. Barreras attended the CCCT Board of Directors meeting at which there was discussion on the Tidalwave 2 students. The higher number of students graduating this year will create a wave of students coming into the community colleges and will impact community colleges with higher enrollments at a time when less funding is available. Ms. Barreras said she would like to see the numbers for graduating seniors within SCCC.

Ms. Barreras was not able to attend the Leadership State Center graduation on December 4, but expressed her congratulations to the graduates stating that it is a great program to grow our own leadership within the community colleges.

Ms. Smith reported attending the Leadership State Center graduation and said it was a fine event. She noted that one of the graduates was a single parent with five boys who is working on her master's degree, which demonstrates that where there is a will there is a way. She is glad that community colleges are a part of that opportunity. Ms. Smith also had the opportunity to attend a student services thanksgiving dinner, which was actually a surprise appreciation dinner for Gurdeep Sihota-He'Bert, Fresno City College's former Student Activities Director who is now the SCCC Foundation Executive Director.

Old Business

None.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Patterson asked about setting aside classes for target groups with high unemployment rates.

Delegations, Petitions,  
and Communications

None.

Closed Session

Mr. Patterson stated that in closed session the Board would be discussing:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE,  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [SCFT Full-Time Bargaining Unit; SCFT Part-Time Bargaining Unit and California School Employees Association Bargaining Unit];  
Randy Rowe, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT,  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:  
Title: Interim Dean of Instruction, Business, Fresno City College  
Title: Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development and Educational Services, SCCC

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION,  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Chancellor

Mr. Patterson called a recess at 7:53 p.m.

Open Session

The Board moved into open session at 8:45 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

Mr. Patterson reported that the Board took no reportable action in closed session.

Consideration to  
Appoint Interim Dean  
of Instruction,  
Business, Fresno City  
College  
[09-67]  
Action

A motion was made by Ms. Barreras and seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Monique Kelly to serve as Interim Dean of Instruction, Business, Fresno City College at a monthly salary of \$9,922.08 (Range 62, Step 4), effective January 4, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to  
Appoint Interim  
Associate Vice  
Chancellor Workforce  
Development and  
Educational Services,  
SCCC  
[09-68]  
Action

A motion was made by Mr. Thonesen and seconded by Mr. Feaver that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Donald Lopez as Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development and Educational Services for a six-month appointment effective January 4, 2010, at a monthly salary of \$9,922.08 (Range 62, Step 4). The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ms. Barreras	–	No
Mr. Caglia	–	Yes
Mr. Feaver	–	Yes
Ms. Smith	–	No
Mr. Smith	–	Yes
Mr. Thonesen	–	Yes
Mr. Patterson	–	Yes



Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Board.

*/s/ Isabel Barreras*

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Isabel Barreras  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
State Center Community College District

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