

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

February 24, 2001

A Called Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District opened in the Isensee Board Room, Harvin Center, Del Mar College East Campus, at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2001, with the following present.

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Ms. Minnie Arriaga, Rev. Willie Davila, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Jacob Munoz, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mr. Guy Watts, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the Administration:

Dr. Terry Dicianna, President; Mr. J. L. Alaniz, Vice President of Business and Finance; Dr. Richard Armenta, Vice President of Instruction and Student Development; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Darlene Roberts, Executive Secretary to the Dean of Administrative Services; Dr. Ann Lopez, Dean of Arts & Sciences; Mrs. Anne Matula, Dean of Business; Dr. Lee Sloan, Dean of Occupational Education and Technology; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

Others:

Mrs. Sylvia Whitmore, Del Mar College Foundation Board President.

Mrs. Olga Gonzales, president of the Board of Regents, presided. With a quorum present, Mrs. Gonzales called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence.

Mrs. Sylvia Whitmore, Del Mar College Foundation Board President, thanked the Board for being able to speak on behalf of the Foundation. Mrs. Whitmore reviewed the mission statement of the Foundation and described their leadership role in the upcoming capital campaign.

Mrs. Gonzales thanked Mrs. Whitmore for her presentation and then asked Dr. Dicianna to proceed. Dr. Dicianna spoke on the typical Del Mar College student, the decrease in state funding for remediation, the importance of funding of the Early Learning Center to help provide needed child care for students, and the poverty levels of children in our area.

Mr. Alaniz continued the presentation with information about the current budget and changes needed to the budget for next year. Mr. Alaniz explained the need to make a significant change in the amount of money dedicated to utility cost because fuel cost has gone up and this cost will be passed on to the College. Mr. Alaniz asked for a new bond purchase to help fund future projects and expressed the need to make a decision about this in the very near future so that the College can take advantage of the low interest rates available at this time.

The next presenter was Dr. Richard Armenta. As an introduction to the deans' presentations, Dr. Armenta discussed the similarities of Del Mar College's mission with the purposes of community colleges as defined by the Texas Education Code. Dr. Armenta addressed the issue of standards for excellence, and discussed how the Academic Master Plan interfaces with the Facilities Master Plan.

Before the break, Dr. Dicianna talked about the future of Del Mar College which includes moving forward with the funding and construction of the Early Learning Center.

Mrs. Gonzales suspended the meeting at 9:50 a.m. for a brief dedication ceremony for the new Baldwin Street Entrance.

The meeting reconvened at 10:25 a.m. Staff answered questions from Board members concerning presentations made prior to the break.

Dr. Sloan discussed the programs available in the Division of Occupational Education and Technology and the many grants in which the College is participating. Dr. Sloan responded to Board members' questions concerning program expansions. New and/or improved facilities are key to future program expansions.

Dr. Ann Lopez discussed the programs available in the Division of Arts and Sciences and the accomplishments of faculty members. Dr. Lopez responded to questions about remedial program improvements by explaining that chairs set goals in the unit planning process and improvements are made after assessing the progress of these goals.

Mrs. Adler and Mr. Rivas left at 12:00 p.m.

Mrs. Anne Matula discussed the programs available in the Division of Business. Mrs. Winters inquired about the status of the trucking school. Mrs. Matula responded that the truck driving training school is ready for expansion when more space is made available.

Dr. Armenta thanked the Board members for coming to this meeting. Board members discussed the needs of the College as presented, including further remedial program improvements, securing funding for future physical facilities projects, and attracting more students to the College.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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