

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
August 6, 2002

The 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, Baldwin and Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 5:39 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2002, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Jacob Muñoz, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mr. Guy Watts, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the College:

Dr. Gustavo Valadez Ortiz, President; Mr. José Rivera, Interim Vice President for Instruction and Student Development; Ms. Ruth Cude for Mr. J. L. Alaniz, Vice President of Business and Finance; Mr. John Johnson, Internal Auditor; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; and Ms. Barbara Riley, Executive Administrative Assistant to Vice President of Business and Finance; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Stephen Hilmy.

Others:

None.

Mrs. Olga Gonzales, president of the Board, presided and called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, she requested a moment of silence and asked that everyone keep Mr. Alaniz in their thoughts during his time of illness.

The meeting then opened for public comments. Mrs. Gonzales reminded speakers of the five minute time limit.

Ms. Anne Stewart, coordinator of Service Learning at the College, commented on volunteerism in the program, and how it needs to relate to specific course objectives. She informed the Board that the Service Learning program offered the students opportunities in finding a better sense of citizenship, civic leadership and civic responsibilities.

Mr. Ken Weatherbie, professor in the Social Sciences, distributed a faculty salary chart that illustrated a consumer price index in comparison with faculty pay raises. He pointed out that it would take a 9% salary increase for the College's faculty salary increases to meet the standard. Mr. Weatherbie stated that the current price index was 1.29%, and in order to maintain that, the College would need to implement a 2% salary increase this year. He asked that the Board consider giving a 2% increase to the base salary.

In response to questions, Mrs. Natale and Ms. Cude stated that the 1% increase included in the budget cost \$285,000, and for a 2%, they would need another \$300,000. This amount was calculated for full-time employees across the board, and did not include any adjustment for part-time salaries.

Ms. Cude made a Powerpoint presentation on the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 budget. Major points of the budget presentation included: additional revenues from tuition and fees and property taxes of \$1,905,988; new cost initiatives and programs: \$3,283,384; recommendation of no tax increase, keep the current rate of .219880; approve current operating budget of \$55,425,974, debt service budget of \$3,784,269, and auxiliary budget of \$11,608,753; approve 1% salary schedule adjustment for faculty and full-time staff; approve implementation of steps, promotions, and educational increases provided by the salary schedule; transfer \$500,000 of surplus operating funds to plant fund for equipment replacement reserve if available; transfer any remaining surplus operating funds to plant fund for building renovations and improvements if available; and allocate \$1,787,362 of fund balance reserves to balance the FY 2003 budget.

The Board discussed details of the changes in various line items. Some of the concerns expressed by Board members, and requested additional information on: amount of funding that would be needed for an increase in part-time salaries; funding for the Venters Business Building/mold damage repairs--paid for in current budget, or amount needed in next year's budget; additional cost for a 2% salary increase for full-time employees; clarification of unfilled positions and new positions, and status of unfilled positions; clarification of increase in APT salaries from \$800,000 in 2001, to \$900,000 in 2002 when enrollment has not increased significantly; update on last year's approved budgeted projects, and a list for 2002-2003 projects; agreement with the Foundation for funding of the Center for Early Learning; justification for amount of contracted, temporary services used; funding for special items and process to request; accountability for budgeted amounts spent as presented to the Board, including funding of projects; and a rumored \$50,000 expenditure for a door in the Coles Classroom building.

Under Calendaring, it was the consensus of the Board to meet the next evening, Wednesday, August 7, 2002, as scheduled and posted, to review the additional information requested and concerns expressed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.