

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
February 5, 2002

The Regular 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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minnie Arriaga, Rev. Willie Davila, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, Mr. Guy Watts, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the College:

Dr. Gustavo Valadez Ortiz, President; Dr. Richard Armenta, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services; Mr. J. L. Alaniz, Vice President of Business and Finance; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Mr. John Johnson, Internal Auditor; faculty from the Department of Computer Science; 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:

Mrs. Sylvia Whitmore, Del Mar College Foundation, Inc., representatives from the Craft Training Center, and other interested citizens.

Rev. Willie Davila, vice president of the Board, presided in the absence of Mrs. Gonzales, Board president, and called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, he requested a moment of silence.

The meeting opened with Public Comments.

Mr. Wilson Pickering, chairperson of the AFT and faculty member in the music department, commented on a recent AFT leadership conference he had attended. He asked about the status of the ethics policy and whether faculty would have any input.

Ms. Veronica Trevino, executive director of Communities in Schools, provided the Board with background information on their program and their involvement with the College. Ms. Trevino informed the Board that their organization, along with Goodwill Industries, had applied for a grant in which the College would also be a partner.

Ms. Alma Ybarra, director of Career Development of Goodwill Industries, explained the Life Plus program that they would be providing in conjunction with Communities in Schools and Del Mar College.

The Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend, Inc., was recognized for its long-standing partnership with the College, and for the excellent training the Center provides students. A plaque was presented to Mr. Rick Dunlop, Mr. Alan Rogers, and Mr. Bob Chapman with the Craft Training Center.

College President Valadez commented on several items: (1) enrollment increases for Spring 2002; (2) Lumina Foundation for Education corrected a report in which they stated that Del Mar College was not affordable; (3) community/campus activities he had participated in recently; (4) mileage reimbursement raised to 36.5 cents per mile in line with the IRS; (5) assessment of the Richardson Auditorium—Dr. Armenta reviewed the report and comments were made on several concerns; and (6) 10-minute presentations would be made each month to recognize programs of excellence and innovation.

Today's meeting recognized the Department of Computer Science. Dean Anne Matula provided background information on the department and the faculty. Dr. Larry Lee, chairperson of the department, introduced the faculty and their respective teaching areas. Dr. Lee presented a slide presentation on the department which reviewed the curricula and the projects in which they are involved. After their informative presentation, Rev. Davila presented a plaque to the department.

Rev. Davila, chairperson of the Ethics Committee, reported that the report would be given under the action item on the agenda.

Under Regents' Reports and Comments, Mrs. Spann commented on the clarity of information requests she submits to College administration. She deferred her second item on the agenda regarding public perception of committee meeting sites, and various ways public concern develops.

Dr. Armenta reviewed the proposed parking fines to be implemented fall semester 2002.

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rivas, to approve the schedule of parking fines and fees to be effective with the first day of the fall 2002 semester as presented. After a brief discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Armenta deferred comments on the proposed parking guidelines when Dr. Valadez reported that the issue would be discussed at the Board's retreat.

Mrs. Pat Townsend and Mrs. Sylvia Whitmore provided an update on the Power Up Capital Campaign. They encouraged everyone to participate and to inform the community of the Foundation's goals. They also announced that a victory celebration for faculty and staff was scheduled for February 14, 2002.

The first item of business was the approval of minutes.

Mrs. Spann made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arriaga, to accept the minutes of the Mission & Purpose & Policy Review Committee, January 8, 2002; Audit Committee, January 8, 2002; and Regular Meeting, January 8, 2002, as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Spann suggested changes in the draft of the Rules of Decorum recommended by the Ethics

Committee. Item (e) should read

“Individuals *shall* (delete “may”) present their views to the Board during Public Comments in a factual precise presentation. Questions (delete “of Regents or staff”) shall be addressed to the Board president or presiding officer. Loud, boisterous, profane, or obscene language or behavior is not allowed.”

Mrs. Spann made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arriaga, to approve the Rules of Decorum with the corrections noted, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. (The Rules of Decorum will be recorded as Document #02-2 in the document section of the Official Minutes Book of the Board.)

Mrs. Spann also suggested the proposed changes to Board policy and the Board Bylaws concerning the Statement of Ethics be aligned to read the same in both documents.

Mr. Rivas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spann, to approve the changes proposed in the Bylaws and the Board policy as recommended and presented by the Ethics Committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Gerriann McKamie, assistant instructor in the Department of Mathematics and Physics, requested an extension of her unpaid leave-of-absence for health reasons.

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rivas, to approve Ms. Gerriann McKamie’s request for an extension of her unpaid leave-of-absence for health reasons for an additional one year period commencing January 2, 2002, and ending December 18, 2002. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item #4 on the agenda, related to parking fines and fees, was discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

The next item of business was acceptance of the financial statement. Mr. Alaniz reviewed the current status of the budget and answered several questions for the Board.

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rivas, to accept the Financial Statement for December 2001 as presented, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board entered into closed session in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Government Code beginning at 2:31 p.m.

The Board ended closed session and reconvened at 2:41 p.m. with no action taken.

Under Calendarizing, a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 18, 2002, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,

March 12, 2002, with another Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled immediately before.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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