

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
August 18, 2003

The Called Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District opened in the Isensee Board Room, Harvin Student Center, Del Mar College East Campus, 101 Baldwin, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 5:09 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2003, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minnie Arriaga, Dr. Haysam Dawod (5:38 p.m.), Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, Mr. Guy Watts, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the College:

Mr. Jose Alaniz, Acting President and Vice President, Business and Finance; Dr. Rosie Garcia, Interim Vice President of Learning and Academic Affairs; Mr. Jose Rivera, Vice President of Student Development and Community Learning; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations; Mr. John Johnson, Internal Auditor; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; 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:

Other interested citizens.

Mr. Gabe Rivas, vice president of the Board, presided and called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, he requested a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Because numerous individuals signed up to address the Board, Mr. Rivas limited comments to three minutes.

Ms. Cheryl Pfoff, faculty member in the English department, expressed her concern with “unfettered” placement of signs and asked that the Board carefully consider the location to ensure that all students have a choice. She suggested that the Board survey other colleges for their policies or procedures on this issue.

Dr. JoAnn Luckie, Assistant Dean of Students, addressed the agenda item related to outside speakers on campus. She provided information on incidents that had occurred before, and the effect those speakers had on students. Dr. Luckie asked that the Board consider letting administrators make some of those decisions.

Mr. Gordon Hilley and Ms. Mary Ann Williams, representing the Council of Chairs, presented a resolution that opposed the proposed revision to Board policy B3.11.

Mr. Mike Anzaldúa, faculty member in the English department, informed the Board that agenda items #6, #7, and #8 related to academic and instructional program standards, and the teaching schedules, fell under the realm of administration and faculty, not the Board.

Ms. Elizabeth Flores commented on the issue of schedules and free speech. She questioned a proposed free speech policy's effect on those in the classroom, and informed the Board that HB 2447, related to free speech, was still in progress.

Mr. John Crisp, faculty member in the English department and assistant chairperson of Faculty Council, commended the Board's actions on July 28, 2003, and then expressed his concern with agenda items #6 and #7 related to academic and instructional standards.

Mr. Ray Madrigal, 1113 18th St., addressed the Board concerning the issue of free speech, suggested that the community should have input on item #4 related to outside speakers on campus, and questioned the wording on item #9 related to an interim president.

Dr. Anne Matula expressed concern with a policy on free speech and the proposed revisions to Board policy B3.11. She asked that the Board consider not making these policies applicable to instructional classrooms.

Mr. Guy Watts distributed information on an organizational meeting of TACCT. Mr. Watts reviewed his proposed policies and items he had included on the agenda, and asked that the Board consider the issues during discussion.

Ms. Laura Parr reminded the Board that a lot of faculty were not on campus during the summer, and requested that action not be taken on the issues at today's meeting.

Mr. Rowland Andrade commented on travel taken by Dr. Valadez that was reported in the newspaper.

BUDGET REDUCTION—ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS (#5); ACADEMIC PROGRAM STANDARDS (#6); INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM STANDARDS (#7); FULL SCHEDULE—MAIN CAMPUS (#8)

Mrs. Dorothy Spann made a motion to table agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8 until the spring semester. After a brief discussion, Dr. Dawod amended the motion to allow a committee to take over, with no constraints, and no later than the spring semester.

Mrs. Spann stressed that the issues were administrative, and that it was not the responsibility of the Board to consider. Mrs. Minnie Arriaga, chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee, offered to address the issue with faculty. Mrs. Chris Adler expressed her agreement that faculty should address these issues.

Mrs. Adler offered a second to the motion. Mrs. Spann pointed out that the motion is to table the items, and that she did not accept the amendment. Mrs. Arriaga provided a second to Mrs. Spann's motion to table, and offered her assistance to the faculty should they act on the issues. The motion carried with Adler, Arriaga, Martin, Rivas, Spann, and Winters voting in favor; Dawod opposing; and Watts abstaining.

ACADEMIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING WHERE ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND PROMOTING THE COLLEGE AS A 'MARKET PLACE OF IDEAS' (#1); REGENTS SHALL EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH" (#2); HARVIN STUDENT CENTER'S ESPLANADE SHALL BE THE COLLEGE LOCATION INVITING ALL CITIZENS FOR UNFETTERED PLACEMENT OF 2' X 2' OR SMALLER CAMPAIGN SIGNS (#3); POLICY AS TO 'OUSIDE SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS' (#4)

Mr. Watts pointed out that he used the same rationale for his other agenda items, and made a motion to table items #1, #2, #3, and #4. Mrs. Adler provided a second to the motion. Mr. Bill Martin told the Board that item #3 should be considered, and made a motion to establish a policy that will allow citizens unfettered placement of 2' x 2' or smaller campaign signs as to sought political offices and/or propositions on the official ballots of local, state, or national elections for a 30-day time period immediately prior to the related election date(s). A second to Mr. Martin's motion was made by Mrs. Spann. Mr. Rivas stated that the motion by Mr. Watts was restated to table agenda items #1, #2, and #4. The motion carried with Adler, Arriaga, Dawod, Martin, Rivas, Spann, and Winters voting in favor; none opposing; and Watts abstaining.

Discussion followed on the location for the placement of signs.

Mrs. Adler asked that Mr. Martin's motion be amended to reflect that the Harvin Center serves as the designated voting location, and that the Harvin Center esplanade will be the designated area for the placement of signs. Mrs. Spann added that the policy should include that all election law requirements must be met. The motion carried with Adler, Arriaga, Dawod, Martin, Rivas, Spann, and Winters voting in favor; none opposing; and Watts abstaining.

CLOSED SESSION SELECTION OF INTERIM PRESIDENT (#9)

Mr. Rivas announced that the Board would enter into closed session in accordance with Government Codes 551.071 AND 551.074 beginning at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Watts left at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Martin left at 6:45 p.m. The Board ended closed session and reconvened at 7:15 p.m. No action was taken.

CALENDAR (#12)

The Board was reminded of meetings scheduled for the next day: 4:30 p.m.-- called meeting; 5:00 p.m.-- public hearing on the budget; 5:30 p.m.—public hearing on the tax rate. A called meeting will be held on August 29, 2003, to vote on the budget and tax rate. Evaluation teams were scheduled to meet on the following day.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.