

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
November 25, 2003

The Finance Committee 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 11:32 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, with the following present:

From the Committee:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, 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. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations; Mr. John Johnson, Internal Auditor; Ms. Sandra Pair, Executive Secretary to the President; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Stephen Hilmy.

Others:

Mr. Bill Wilson and Mr. Dan Talley with WKMC Architects; Ms. Icess Fernandez, reporter, *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

**CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM CALL**

Ms. Beverly Winters, chairperson of the Finance Committee, presided and called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Ms. Winters requested a moment of silence.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed up or requested to address the Committee under Public Comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (#1)**

Mr. Gabe Rivas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Spann, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2003, meeting of the Finance Committee as printed. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

**FUNDING UNDER HOUSE BILL 1, SECTION 50 (#2)**

Mr. Alaniz announced that Ms. Vickie Natale would be making a PowerPoint presentation outlining the recent legislation passed in Section 50 of House Bill 1, the General Appropriations Act. In her presentation, Ms. Natale explained the intent of this legislation and how it would impact Del Mar College. Ms. Natale indicated an estimated yearly loss (on credit courses only) of \$389,000, which figure, she stated, was lower than the loss previously reported to the Board of Regents. The impact on financial aid is still being reviewed. Discussion followed on ways Board members could protest this legislation, including asking the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to delay implementation on this issue, the possibility of sending a group of informed, articulate students to Austin, and Board members meeting with local legislators. This legislation was seen as just another element of money being taken away from higher education in the South Texas area. It was pointed out that as long as the term "full formula funding" was used, the legislators and community would be given the wrong impression of the funds actually given to community colleges. The more appropriate phrase would be "partial earned income reimbursement."

Mrs. Spann moved that the Board recommend that a resolution be developed by John Crisp and Claudia Jackson asking for a delay in the implementation of House Bill 1, Section 50, since the positive and negative effects had not been appropriately assessed. After a second from Mr. Rivas, this motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

Mr. Alaniz announced that he would provide additional information to the Board as it develops. As president of the Board, Mr. Rivas appointed Mrs. Spann to chair an ad hoc committee to consider the decline in state funding and look for resolutions.

**CALENDARING DATES (#3)**

Under calendaring, Mrs. Spann proposed that consideration be given to the formulation of a resolution in support of the teacher certification groups that oppose the placement of professionals into the teaching system without teaching credentials.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

