

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

April 11, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in the Isensee Board Room, Harvin Student Center, Del Mar College East Campus, Baldwin and Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mr. Gabriel Rivas III, President; Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minerva Arriaga, Mr. Bill Chriss, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Trey McCampbell, and Mr. Guy Watts.

From the College:

Dr. Carlos A. Garcia, College President; Mr. Joe Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Mr. José Rivera, Vice President of Student Development; Dr. Blanca “Rosie” Garcia, Interim Vice President of Instruction; Ms. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Betty Flores, Executive Secretary to the President; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney’s Office:

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr.

Others:

Ms. Lupe Rangel, Rangel Consulting.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gabriel Rivas, Board President, called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, he requested a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION/AWARDS AND INNOVATION

Dr. Elias Villarreal, Dean of Student Services, representing the Alumni Association of Texas A&M University–Commerce, announced that Professor Mike Anzaldúa had been awarded the university’s *Alumni Ambassador Award*.

Melinda Eddleman, Media Relations Coordinator, introduced the following individuals for recognition:

Amy Tilton Jones – Phi Theta Kappa earning a *Pinnacle Platinum Award*
Bertie Almendarez – 100% pass rate of the 2005 LVN graduating class
Dr. Blanca “Rosie” García – Selection for Leadership Texas and recognition by the United Married Couples Club

Dr. Carlos Garcia recognized Dr. Manuel Flores, who discussed the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association awards received by the Journalism Department. In addition, the *Foghorn* was recognized as the number three-rate student newspaper in the state.

Dr. Carlos Garcia then announced funding from the U.S. Department of Energy for an extensive summer program at Lawrence Berkley National Lab. Two Del Mar College students, Stephanie Patterson and Megan Hock, will participate in the program. Dr. Rob Hatherhill, Natural Sciences faculty, discussed the opportunity for the students to study at the world-class laboratory.

Public Comments –3- or 5-Minute Time Limit

There were no public comments.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee

Mr. Trey McCampbell, Chair, reported that the committee had met and recommended to the Board the request for proposal for outsourcing internal audit services.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Mr. Bill Martin, Chair, reported that the committee had approved a \$164,000 contract for air conditioner renovations. The rest of the contracts are fixed-price. He stated the need to monitor project costs. Mr. Martin reported that there are \$17 million in substantially completed projects, \$48 million in projects currently under construction, and \$15 million in projects in the design phase.

He reported on and showed slides of the tour of the Industrial Education complex on West Campus.

Investments Committee

Dr. Haysam Dawod, Chair, deferred his report until the Investments action item was addressed.

Regents' Reports and Comments

None.

Staff Reports

Dr. Carlos Garcia introduced Vickie Natale, who discussed accountability measures responsive to the Governor's Executive Order regarding accountability for institutions of higher education. She then answered questions of the Board members.

College President's Comments

Dr. Carlos Garcia stated that the State of Texas funds less than 25% of the College's operating budget. He explained that since it is important to look at those costs, the College has been on a course to review efficiencies and delivery. The process includes a self-imposed self-study, with groups that focused on three areas: services the College provides, processes within the institution, and staffing.

Dr. Garcia introduced Ms. Guadalupe Rangel, the project consultant.

Ms. Rangel read an explanatory letter and then referred the Board to "Services Team: Final Comments Made Following Lengthy Discussions." She then referred to her recommendations entitled "Recommended Changes in Services at DMC."

Dr. Carlos Garcia explained that assessment teams had been established to study the recommendations, distill information, and make recommendations to implement the recommendations that are determined to be feasible and appropriate to improve College efficiency.

Ms. Rangel proceeded to the work of the Processes Team and then the Staffing Team, and referred the Board to her recommendations. Her recommendations pertained to efficiency in the use of (1) employee time, (2) student time, (3) campus space, (4) financial resources, and (5) utilities.

She recommended policy recommendations specifically for greater efficiency, cutting costs, and increasing revenues. She recommended changes in services, processes and staffing through either policy or procedural changes.

Ms. Rangel then responded to Regents' questions.

Dr. Carlos Garcia explained that the bulk of the report is related to administrative work and that any policy recommendations will be brought to the Board through the Policy Review Committee.

Pending Business

Dr. Carlos Garcia reported on the status of the items on pending business.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes:
Called Board Meeting – February 28, 2006
Called Board Meeting – March 8, 2006
Regular Board Meeting – March 21, 2006
Called Board Meeting – March 28, 2006

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Adler, to approve the minutes of the above-referenced meetings. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Discussion and possible action related to Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending March 31, 2006.

Dr. Dawod, Chair, introduced Ms. Linda Patterson, with Patterson & Associates. She provided the Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2006. Ms. Patterson explained the Federal Reserve had again raised the interest rates in February, bringing the rate to 4.75%. She stated that there is tremendous global growth, particularly in the Far East and Europe, along with high energy prices and soaring commodity prices. She mentioned that service industries, which comprise 90% of the economy, are booming, but inflation is not occurring.

Ms. Patterson explained changes to the investment portfolio. She discussed period earnings and the effect of higher interest rates. She reviewed explanatory charts and responded to questions of the Regents.

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arriaga, to accept the Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending March 31, 2006. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Discussion and possible action related to agreement with Corpus Christi Independent School District regarding Early College High School.

Dr. Carlos Garcia introduced Ms. Pam Tackett, intermediary with the Texas Association of Community Colleges. He stated that Ms. Tackett had been instrumental in ensuring that funds for the Collegiate High School are well spent.

Dr. Rosie Garcia reviewed the proposed agreement. Mr. Augie Rivera stated that although a few details remain to be worked out, the agreement has been reviewed by the school district, the College, and the attorneys for both entities and is ready for Board action.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to approve the agreement with Corpus Christi Independent School District regarding Early College High School. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding request for qualifications for internal auditor.

Mr. McCampbell reported that the Audit Committee had met earlier that day and was bringing a request for proposal for an internal auditor, which would be outsourced for at least one year.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the request for qualifications for an internal auditor. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Acceptance of Investments for March 2006.

Dr. Dawod made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to accept the Investments for March 2006. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. Acceptance of Financial Statement for February 2006.

Mr. Alaniz responded to questions of the Board members.

Ms. Arriaga made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod to accept the Financial Statement for February 2006. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to a.) **TEX. GOV'T CODE** § 551.071 (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, with possible discussion and action in open session; b.) **TEX. GOV'T CODE** § 551.074(a)(1) (Personnel Matters) regarding the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, with possible discussion and action in open session; and, c.) **TEX. GOV'T. CODE** § 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), regarding the deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property involving the Early College High School, with possible discussion and action in open session; and, d.) **TEX. GOV'T CODE** § 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), regarding the deliberation of a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the state or the governmental body as follows:

Durrill Sculpture Project;

with possible discussion and action on each of the listed items in open session.

Mr. Rivas announced that the Board would enter into closed session at 3:35 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 4:15 p.m. No action was taken.

8. Calendar: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

11:30 a.m.	Tour of Richardson Auditorium
12:00 noon	Insurance Workshop (Called Meeting)
2:00 p.m.	Policy Review Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rivas adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.