

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

June 12, 2007

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, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Board President, Mr. James B. Boggs, Dr. Haysam Dawod, Ms. Elva Estrada, 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. Jose Rivera, Vice President of Student Development; Ms. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Susie Kaspar, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President, and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Augustin Rivera, Jr.

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

Mrs. Chris Adler called the meeting to order, and with a quorum present, requested a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION/AWARDS AND INNOVATION

Ms. Claudia Jackson recognized the following individuals: Mr. Stan Leja, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, for innovative teaching aboard a cruiseliner; Mr. Chuck Tines, Director of Purchasing, and Mr. Bill Wilson, Coordinating Architect for their presentation to the Project Management Institute; and Mr. Russell Stowers, Director of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program for re-accreditation of that program.

Dr. Lee Sloan, Dean of Business, Professional and Technology Education, announced the voluntary national accreditation of the Automotive Technology Program by NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation), and recognized Mr. Jorge Sanchez (not present), Mr. Duane Beadle, Mr. Joe Goode (not present), Mr. Richard Shurley, and Mr. Tommy Carpenter, chair of the program advisory committee, and service director for Sames Crow Ford.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Mr. Bill Martin, chair, reviewed the action taken at the committee meeting and discussed the lighthouse project.

## REGENTS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. McCampbell announced the Board will host a reception for the three interim president finalists on June 18, 2007, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Boggs asked the Board to consider the proposal of community group to re-establish an intercollegiate athletics program at Del Mar College. The community group, consisting of Mr. Hector Salinas, former A&M-CC baseball coach; Mr. Marty Bell, boys' basketball coach, Carroll High School; and Mr. Chad Magill, local businessman, presented their proposal along with a PowerPoint presentation.

Dr. Carlos Garcia introduced Ms. Chris Tetzlaff-Belhasen, who presented a historical report of the DMC athletics program and its discontinuation.

Ms. Mary Ann Williams, Chair of the Council of Chairs, read a resolution of the Council urging the Board to direct administration to form a college-wide taskforce to determine the pros and cons of the initiative.

Dr. Gordon Hilley, Chair of Kinesiology, Health Studies and Recreation, stated that the department unanimously supported Ms. Williams' statement, as well as Dr. Carlos Garcia's call for a feasibility study. He encouraged the Board not to take any action until a thorough feasibility study has been completed.

Dr. Ann Lopez, Dean of Arts and Sciences, expressed her support to the Chairs Council, the Kinesiology Department and President Garcia.

Mrs. Adler requested that President Garcia appoint a diverse taskforce to investigate the feasibility of establishing inter-collegiate athletics, and submit a recommendation to the Board.

## STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services, provided an update on Accountability Measures and "Closing the Gap."

Mr. Mike Westergren, In-house Counsel, gave a brief report on information requests, procedures and processes, and new legislation pertaining thereto.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Garcia reported the recent State audit was very positive.

Dr. Garcia reported on the meeting in Austin with other community college CEO's and board chairs. He noted that DMC's formula funding increased \$46,175, which is not a lot of money considering the college's \$82.5 million budget. He stated the good news is that the increase in funding for health insurance, or proportionality, looks very good.

Dr. Garcia also discussed the awarding of the South Texas Educational Liaison of Laboratories for Agricultural Research (STELLAR) grant to the Natural Sciences Department (Dr. Jonda Halcomb) in the amount of \$230,000.00. The grant objectives are to (1) enhance agricultural technology curriculum, (2) improve the delivery for different learning styles, (3) to promote awareness of agri-science, (4) provide research experiences to support the local agri-economy.

Dr. Garcia reported on the outstanding pass-rate of the Del Mar College GED program. He noted the national pass rate is 71.2%, Texas average 86%, and the DMC average is 99%. Mr. Bud Harris noted that 54% of the graduates transition into the College, an increase from 24% three years ago.

Dr. Garcia then introduced Ms. Laura Parr to discuss the NSF grant in partnership with Texas A&M-Kingsville. Ms. Parr introduced three students who participated in active research projects with full-time faculty at A&M-Kingsville.

Dr. Garcia reported that budget planning is in progress. He commented that last year the increase in valuation in the taxing district was up \$1 billion, and this year it's up \$1.5 billion. That amount translates into an additional \$2.5 million for the College.

#### PENDING BUSINESS

Dr. Garcia reviewed the list of pending business.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – April 10, 2007

Regular Meeting – May 8, 2007

Called Meeting – April 30, 2007

Called Meeting – May 11, 2007

Called Meeting – June 4, 2007

Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boggs, to approve the minutes as presented. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Request for Qualifications for Financial Advisor.

Mr. Joe Alaniz discussed the need for RFQ for Financial Advisor, and, if approved, he

anticipated a report to the Board in July. He confirmed that the attorney had reviewed and approved the form, which the College had used in the past. Mr. Alaniz responded to questions of the Board.

Mr. Watts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to approve the request to pursue RFQs for financial advisor. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Acceptance of Investments for May 2007.

Mr. Alaniz reported on the Investments for May 2007.

Mr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to accept the Investments for May 2007. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Acceptance of Financial Statement for April 2007.

Mr. Alaniz reported on the Financial Statement for April 2007.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to accept the Financial Statement for April 2007. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to a.) TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071 (Consultation with legal counsel), regarding pending or contemplated litigation; or a settlement offer; including 1.) Cause No. 04-2183-E; *Velda Vela vs. Del Mar College*; in the 148<sup>th</sup> District Court, Nueces County, Texas (Court of Appeals No. 13-05-00279-CV, with discussion and possible action in open session; and, 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, and/or, to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, including 1.) the hiring of an interim College President; and, 2.) hearing a complaint against a public officer; with discussion and possible action in open session.

The Board entered into closed session at 3:12 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:26 p.m.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the settlement of the Velda Vela lawsuit, Cause No. 04-2183-E, as presented by legal counsel. There being no public comments, a voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously by Regents Adler, Boggs, Dawod, Estrada, Martin, McCampbell and Watts.

The Board returned to closed session at 3:27 p.m.

Mr. Watts left the meeting during closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:10 p.m.

Mrs. Estrada made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, that regarding the employee's complaint pending before the Board, there is insufficient evidence to support the complaint. There being no public comments, a roll-call vote was taken, and the motion passed, with Regents Adler, Boggs, Dawod, Estrada, and Martin in favor; Mr. McCampbell abstained because he was not at the prior meeting.

Mr. McCampbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dawod, to add Dr. Albert Ethridge as candidate for Interim President as replacement for Dr. Charlen Bolen, who dropped out for family reasons. A roll-call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items) – 3-minute time limit

There were no public comments.

#### CALENDAR: Discussion and possible action related to calendaring dates.

June 18, 2007 (5:30-6:30 pm)  
College-wide reception for Interim President candidates

June 18-19, 2007  
Interview of final candidates for Interim President (Closed Session)

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Adler adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.