

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEATHER RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

President Elliott called the regular meeting of the Feather River Community College District Board of Trustees to order at 2:08 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at Plumas Bank Notes Department, 32 Central Avenue, Quincy, California.

Trustees present: Elliott, Schramel, Shamberger, West, Student Trustee Camp
Trustees absent: Sheehan

President Elliott invited those in attendance to observe a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Rosemarie Cortez a long-time and valued employee of Feather River Community College.

President Elliott welcomed all those in attendance to the annual joint meeting of the Feather River Community College District Board of Trustees and Feather River College Foundation Board of Directors.

The agenda for the December 10, 2009 meeting at Feather River College, Plumas Bank Notes Department, 32 Central Avenue, Quincy, California was approved as presented, (Schramel/Camp) unanimous.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2009 at Feather River College, Science Room 104, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, California were approved as presented, (West/Schramel) unanimous.

A. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Personnel Requisitions, Personnel Actions, Payroll and Commercial Warrants, Budget Transfers, and Budget Augmentations and Reductions were approved as presented, (Shamberger/West) unanimous.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

*** 1. Motion Items**

a) Nick Boyd, Director of Facilities, requested Approval of MOU between County of Plumas and Feather River College. He introduced Mr. Joe Wilson, Plumas County Director of Facilities and Airports, and Mr. Boyd explained that he and Mr. Wilson have joined together to apply for an energy efficiency modernization grant. He further explained that the grant includes \$108,000 in

funding for lights, management systems, and heating upgrades and that the County will act as the qualifying agency and Feather River College will provide collaboration by providing an energy efficiency lab class through the Office of Instruction where students, as part of their class, will be installing the upgrades in different County and College facilities. After further discussion and there being no objection, the request for Approval of MOU between County of Plumas and Feather River College was approved as presented, (Schramel/Shamberger) unanimous.

After the vote President Elliott requested information on the Learning Resource Center construction project and Mr. Boyd provided those present with a brief update on the topic.

b) President Elliott requested discussion regarding the Election of Officers for the Board of Trustees for 2010-2011. Trustee West recommended and made a motion that Bill Elliott be elected to the role of President of the Board of Trustees, and that John Sheehan be elected to the role of Vice-President of the Board of Trustees for 2010-2011. Trustee West also recommended that Dr. Ron Taylor be appointed to the position of Secretary to the Board of Trustees for 2010-2011. There being no objection or further discussion, Trustee Elliott was elected as President of the Board of Trustees, John Sheehan was elected as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, and Ron Taylor was appointed as Secretary to the Board of Trustees for the term beginning July 1, 2010, (West/Schramel) unanimous.

*** 2. Roll Call Items**

(a) Jim Scoubes, Chief Financial Officer, requested Approval of Resolution #09/10-16 – Approval to Withdraw from the Schools Excess Liability Fund JPA. Mr. Scoubes explained that Feather River Community College District is a member of the Northern California Community College Self Insurance Association JPA for the purposes of pooled investment for funding property and liability coverage. He also stated that due to potential gaps between the different layers of insurance and the costs associated with retaining the layer of coverage provided by Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF), he would recommend that the District approve the resolution which gives notice of withdrawal to SELF by December 31, 2009, with an effective date of July 1, 2010. Mr. Scoubes added that the District would have continued coverage and at no time would the District be without the proper levels of insurance coverage. Mr. Scoubes additionally provided an attached letter from the Statewide Association of Community Colleges (SWACC) that explained the coverage issues of prior claims. There being no objection or further discussion, the request for Approval of Resolution #09/10-16 was approved as presented.

Ayes: Elliott, Schramel, Shamberger, West, Student Trustee
Camp

Noes: None

Absent: Sheehan

Abstain: None

3. Special Items/Reports

- a) Jim Scoubes presented the District's Monthly Financial Status Report as of November 30, 2009. He reviewed the Unrestricted General Fund Summary and he noted that revenues for the period totaled \$2,217,802 and that this amount did not include November's apportionment funding. Mr. Scoubes also stated that expenditures for the period totaled \$4,856,979 or 38 percent of the budget.
- b) Katie Desmond, Political Science Instructor, introduced student project managers Morgan Daniels, Edgar Pérez, and Mallory Williams and fellow students Michael Sarria and Nathaniel Sweeney from her POL140, Multi-Ethnic America class who provided those present with a report on campus members' perceptions of diversity, comfort, and equity or fairness at Feather River College. There was general discussion of the data and members of the Board thanked the students for their efforts and their report.

4. Communications, Presentations, and Reports

a) Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Camp reported that she has met with Lisa Kelly, Interim Associate Dean Student Services and Enrollment Management regarding the issue of the current food and beverage policy on campus and that they had discussed solutions to the drawbacks the existing policy causes for students and campus clubs. She also reported that together they are working on a food and drink proposal that will cover all the facilities on campus and sanctioned student activities. Lisa Kelly stated that she was pleased to work with Ms. Camp and Nick Boyd to resolve the issue.

b) Associated Students

Levor Ross, ASFRC President, reported that he would be transferring to another college at the end of the semester and that this would be his last meeting as ASFRC President. He also reported that there had recently been a moonlight walk around campus and students provided input regarding areas of concern with regards to student safety. Lisa Kelly presented Mr. Ross with a plaque of appreciation and apparel from the College bookstore for his service and representation of the students of Feather River College. President Elliott additionally thanked Mr. Ross for his good work and wished him well in his future educational endeavors.

c) Academic Senate

Chris Connell, Academic Senate President, reported that it has been a challenging semester for the Academic Senate, but that in spite of the challenges and the inability to accomplish all that they had on their agenda they continue to move forward on the work of the College. He also reported that the focus of the Academic Senate this semester included accreditation

recommendations, budget infrastructure, administrator evaluations, and faculty hires. Dr. Connell additionally stated that there is sense of change shared by the faculty and that there has been discussion regarding the prioritization and filling of faculty positions. He also stated that how best to educate the students attending Feather River College will remain a high priority for discussion.

d) Classified Senate

Jodi Beynon, Classified Senate President, introduced Connie Litz, Classified Senate Vice-President to those present and she reported that Ms. Litz would be transitioning into the position of Classified Senate President in the near future. Ms. Beynon also reported that there was a memorial service held December 5, 2009 for Feather River College employee Rose Cortez and that she will be greatly missed by staff, students, and community members. Ms. Beynon also reported that there was a highly successful coat drive recently held on campus for students who had arrived unprepared for the cold weather. She further explained that with donations from staff, local churches, and community members students were provided with coats, gloves, hats, and scarves to keep them warm through the winter. Ms. Beynon additionally acknowledged Quincy Methodist Church and Alley Cat Café for their support and donations to the event. In closing remarks, Ms. Beynon reported that classified employees, Student Services, and the Eagle Perch Café had collaborated to provide a nutritious Thanksgiving luncheon for approximately 300 students and staff on November 24, 2009, and she added that children from the Child Development Center were also in attendance.

e) Instruction

Michael Bagley, Chief Instructional Officer, reported that Zachary Parks, Hatchery Manager, and nine students recently attended the International Aquaculture Conference in Redding, California where Mr. Parks was a presenter. He also reported that several students have received generous scholarships from the Department of Fish and Game to further their education and Feather River College was acknowledged as they are the only community college in the State that has a hatchery. He also reported that the week of December 14, 2009 is finals week on campus and many students are anxiously wrapping up class and transcript requirements and preparing to transfer or complete their semester. Dr. Bagley also reported that he is dedicating a large amount of time to program review in the Office of Instruction to prepare for budget development as part of the planning process. He also reported that Feather River College in collaboration with Force Consulting have been working to put on a DACUM to develop curriculum on what would be required to become a green energy employee.

f) Student Services

Lisa Kelly reported that Student Services is active and working with the Office of Instruction to enhance collaborative problem solving. She also reported that she is taking seriously her role in strategic enrollment management and she plans to make the strategic evaluation of input and data a campus-wide effort. Dr. Kelly also indicated that there is a broad spectrum of constituents on the committee and they are excited about the prospect of meeting and reviewing data in order to make informed recommendations. Dr. Kelly also reported that students held a gay marriage debate at the Town Hall Theatre

on December 9, 2009 and that she felt that the students modeled professionalism, leadership, and the highest level of learning during the event. Dr. Kelly thanked Nick Boyd and John Burns, Safety Officer, for their assistance with the Moonlight Walk recently reported on by Levor Ross. She additionally reported that she had participated in the Sparkle Parade with students from the College and had enjoyed the event and the perspective.

g) Superintendent/President

Ron Taylor stated that the reports from constituents on the many good events happening on campus exemplifies the leadership that is currently present on campus. He also stated that Dr. Connell's comments about the dialog in the Academic Senate and the struggles that faculty are conscientiously engaging in for the future of the College also represents the high degree of leadership involved with these discussions. Dr. Taylor stated that he had attended the debate held the previous evening and he felt that the College was well represented while debating a controversial topic.

Dr. Taylor also reported that he had submitted input to Scott Lay, President, Community College League, regarding fee policy going into discussion of the state-wide budget. He explained that Mr. Lay had decided to conduct an online discussion soliciting input as he felt that the issue would come up in budget discussions about whether or not to increase or decrease student enrollment student fees, etc., and that it would be a good idea to present a united front. Dr. Taylor also stated that he is preparing to send a letter to Congressman McClintock to encourage his support for HR4196, a bill that hopes to secure additional support for community colleges nationwide.

Dr. Taylor additionally reported that nominations are coming up for California Community College Trustee Board members and if there was interest in being nominated to a vacancy on this board to please let him know by January 2010. He also mentioned that he had held a campus meeting on Friday, December 5, 2009 to discuss how the administration would be responding to the employee survey conducted last spring and broad and important budget concerns facing the institution for the next four to five years.

In closing remarks, Dr. Taylor stated that there will be a public forum to discuss the future of Feather River College on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Plumas County Library and an additional public forum in Greenville, California on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. also at their branch library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the Foundation Board meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Trustee Elliott reconvened the Board of Trustees' meeting at 4:32 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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