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LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

July 19, 2007

**Sacramento City College**

**RN 258**

12:00 p.m.

*Minutes*

*(Approved 11/29/07)*

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**Members Present:** Jerry Bernau, Bob Blymyer, Suzie Chock Hunt, Joe Debbs, Dan Lawrence, Matt Mahood, Janet Myles, Chris Reeg, Margaret Solie

**Members Absent:** Martin Kennison, Marcia Fritz

**District**

**Representatives:** Jon Sharpe, Deputy Chancellor  
Theresa Matista, Associate Vice Chancellor, Finance  
Pablo Manzo, Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management  
Jennifer Delucchi, Deputy Chancellor's Executive Assistant

**Guests:** Brice Harris, Chancellor  
Robert Martinelli, Vice President of Administration, SCC  
Greg Hayman, Director of Administrative Services, SCC

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Joe Debbs called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and all attendees introduced themselves. Jon shared that last evening the Board of Trustees approved the membership of Marcia Fritz, a new board-appointed member, and Janet Myles, the Committee's new student representative. Suzie Chock Hunt was also re-appointed to the committee, per Board approval.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The March 15, 2007 minutes were considered for approval. A motion was carried by Margaret Solie and seconded by Bob Blymyer to approve the March 15, 2007 minutes. Motion carried, 9:0.

**ELECTION OF OFFICER – VICE CHAIR**

A motion was carried by Margaret Solie and seconded by Bob Blymyer to re-appoint Suzie Chock Hunt as the Vice Chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Motion carried, 9:0.

**REPORTS**

**Budget Update**

Jon Sharpe provided a brief overview of the budget. He mentioned that the State budget is 19 days overdue. CASBO reported late yesterday that it looks as though a budget deal is close.

A handout from the Community College League of California was shared with the Committee that summarized the Conference Committee's approval of the Community College Budget. Jon specifically pointed out the \$80 million reduction in the current budget year for the Apportionment item; a 4.53% COLA; and 2.0% Enrollment Growth. He also noted that SMSR and Career Technical Education will experience a significant reduction in one-time funds.

Another handout from the League titled "Fast Facts 2007" was also provided for the Committee's information, which demonstrated how Community Colleges' funding compares to K-12. Joe Debbs asked if the reference to Student Growth refers to statewide growth. Jon confirmed that it does. He also shared that Los Rios' enrollment growth has been increasing in the Fall and Spring semesters, as well as the Summer semester which we've made a conscious effort to grow.

Chris Reeg asked about a joint initiative that the Chancellor shared with the Foundation Board. Jon explained that the statewide initiative will stabilize student fees, and would memorialize the Community College System's fair share of Proposition 98 funding. This initiative would separate the Community College System from K-12. It would also treat governance of the system much like the CSU system. The District is supportive of this initiative, but is careful to not utilize district time for advocacy.

### **Review of Expenditures**

Theresa presented a summary of the Measure A Bond expenditures through May 31, 2007 and provided an update on bids awarded since the last meeting. It was reported that \$162.5 million in bond funds has been appropriated (this includes \$6.9 million of interest income) for projects and \$100.3 million has been expended. Encumbrances amount to \$19.5 million. The total change since the March meeting is \$7.4 million (in expenditures and encumbrances). Theresa also presented a summary of the financial activity by college location. She noted that FLC is weighted a little heavier in expenditures because of the fact that it is a brand new college campus.

The appropriations to date amount to 64% of the total Measure A authorization. The expenditures and encumbrances are at 45%. Series A (\$27.5 million) was fully expended as of May 2005. Series B (\$65 million) was fully expended as of February 2007. Approximately \$4.2 million of Series C has been expended as of May 2007. Theresa said there will probably be two more series issues (D & E), and that the series issues are timed according to cash flow projections.

The total financial activity for all capital project funds, which include bond, state and other funding sources was also presented to the Committee. The total appropriations for all funds as of May 31<sup>st</sup> are \$300.9 million. A detailed list of changes to existing projects and the addition of new projects was presented to the Committee. Theresa reported that twenty four projects have been completed and seven are under construction. A list of completed projects and projects planned to bid in June 2007 through May 2008 was provided.

Jon shared that prior to the next meeting the District hopes to be announcing a new parking structure at CRC, just south of the Bruceville entrance. The District is partnering with Sacramento Regional Transit and the City of Sacramento. The structure will be very similar to the SCC parking structure, but will have architectural features that tie in to the CRC campus. Jon clarified that this is not a bond funded project. Bob Blymyer asked if the District can adjust

parking fees as needed to contribute towards these types of needs. Theresa answered that Education Code sets a limit that districts can charge for parking.

### **Projects Update**

Pablo Manzo presented an update on all the active bond funded projects and provided color photos of each project in its current phase of construction. The Committee discussed the current status of many of the projects.

### **Centers Concept**

Jon referred to the “Plan for Educating a Region” brochure provided in the Committee’s agenda materials and provided an overview of the Centers Concept. He noted there is a distinction between an Approved Center and an Outreach Center (which is not official). Los Rios developed this plan in 1998, when it was recognized that student growth was exploding in the Sacramento area. The District’s goal is to put campuses within five miles of students and locate the Centers in the areas that are growing. Jon added that Centers are more cost effective than college campuses to develop. Centers provide basic educational services; however, students have to go to the main campus for specialized vocational/occupational needs.

The District will, as much as possible, align with light rail lines and mass transit in order to maximize access for students. Currently, there is a light rail station at SCC and there will soon be one at CRC. Natomas is close to the line that will run to the airport, and the District is in discussions with Regional Transit regarding the line that will run up the Highway 50 corridor to Folsom. RT changed their plan for that line, which was originally planned to be on Bidwell. Joe Debbs inquired about why students cannot get the Universal Transit Pass in the Summer semester. Jon explained that the Summer program was not part of the agreement, other than the one exception for SCC during the construction of their parking structure. He shared that the students recently voted to approve a new agreement, which is good for 10 years. The rates are guaranteed for five years, and then will be reviewed at that time. The program has been a “win-win” situation for both organizations. Chris Reeg asked if the District underwrites the difference in the fees we collect and RT’s rates. Jon replied that we simply pass the money collected through to RT.

Chancellor Harris joined the meeting and added to the discussion regarding Centers. He mentioned that one hidden benefit thing that is sometimes lost is the impact in the neighborhoods in which the Centers are located. Proximity is a real driving factor in enrollment for many students. In Rancho Cordova and West Sacramento, in particular, we’ve seen a significant increase in enrollment in those zip codes since the Centers opened.

Jon also explained the multi-year approval process for Centers. Los Rios was successful in achieving Center status in Natomas about two years. The District currently has Letters of Intent in for Davis, West Sacramento, and Elk Grove. The Need’s Study for Elk Grove has been completed.

### **Capital Campaign**

Chancellor Harris provided an overview and update on the District’s Capital and Endowment campaign. The Los Rios Foundation began to publicly announce the campaign about two weeks ago, following their annual retreat. Each of the four projects has secured a lead gift and the District has reached 51% of its overall goal of \$19 million. The Chancellor answered a few questions from the Committee about the programs that will benefit from the Capital Campaign.

### **Annual Report**

A draft of the 2006-07 Annual Report was mailed to the Committee prior to the meeting for their review. Jon explained that statutes for all Proposition 39 bonds and Committee bylaws require the Committee to produce an Annual Report. Jon asked the Committee to let staff know of any suggestions or revisions to the report by the end of August. The report will be presented to the District's Board of Trustees at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Debbs will present the report if he is available. Members of the Committee are invited to attend the meeting as well, if interested.

### **SCC Campus Master Plan**

Robert Martinelli presented the Sacramento City College Master Plan to the Committee.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be on November 29, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. at the District's Facilities Management location. Future agenda items include:

- Audit Review

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dan Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Suzie Chock Hunt. Motion carried, 9:0. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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cc: Board of Trustees  
Executive Staff