

**SAN JACINTO COLLEGE DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**January 19, 2010**

**The Board of Trustees of the San Jacinto Community College District met at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2010 in Room 201 of the Thomas S. Sewell District Administration Building, 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas for a Board Workshop.**

**Present: Marie Flickinger, Dan Mims, Ben Meador, Larry Wilson, Wayne Slovacek, Dr. Ruede Wheeler, John Moon, Jr., Brenda Hellyer, Ken Lynn, Laurel Williamson, Steve Trncak, Allatia Harris, Neil Matkin, Maureen Murphy, Christopher Darville, Teri Fowle, Danny Snooks, Rob Stanicic,**

**I. Legislative Update from Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC)**

Presented by Brenda Hellyer: Texas Community Colleges – State of the State, TACC  
PowerPoint presentation

**Overview:**

- \* Review of the 81st Legislature
  - Appropriations/Budget
  - Key Bills & Policy Issues
- \* Partnerships
- \* The Road Ahead
  - Economic Outlook
  - Enrollment Growth
  - Meetings with Trustees/CEOs

**Instructional Formula Funds:**

- \* \$1.84 billion for 2010/2011 biennium
- \* An increase of \$139.7 million; 8.2 percent
- \* \$7.11 appropriation per contact hour (biennium)

**Other Funds for Community Colleges:**

- \* Texas Educational Opportunity Grant: \$24 million total; an increase of \$10 million.
- \* Nursing: \$49.7 million provided in 2010-11 for increasing the number of nursing graduates
- \* Comptroller's JET Grant Program (Jobs and Education for Texans)
  - New Program
  - \$10 million for development of high demand technical programs
  - \$5 million for student scholarships
- \* Adult Basic Education: additional \$10 million
- \* Alternative Teacher Certification (new): \$2.25 million
- \* Developmental Education: \$5 million

**Reporting:**

- \* HB 2504 by Kolkhorst: College Websites

Each College must make available on its Website the following information for each undergraduate classroom course:

- A syllabus and a curriculum vitae of each regular instructor
- If available a departmental budget report of the department under which the course is offered.

Governing Boards must designate an administrator to be responsible for the implementation of these requirements.

Colleges shall conduct end-of-course student evaluations of faculty and develop plans to make the evaluations available on their Website

### **Partnerships:**

- \* The Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) has been working closely with the University of Texas System and the Texas A&M system on collaborative efforts at transfer.
- \* Efforts include:
  - Transfer 101- Website for students who are seeking to transfer to a four-year institution.
  - Annual Phi Theta Kappa All-Texas Team Recognition Ceremony.
  - Ongoing discussions on issues and linkages to best serve students.
- \* Lumina Foundation
- \* Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- \* Greater Texas Foundation
- \* Houston Endowment Inc

### **Current State Revenue:**

- \* Concerns over possible shortfall in current biennial budget
- \* Sales tax collections declining for current biennium
  - Currently down 14.4% in November 2009 over November 2008
  - Declining since March 2009
- \* Revenue from sales tax must now grow significantly simply to catch-up with forecast in revenue estimate

### **Possible Deficit for 2012 – 2013 Budget**

- \* Federal Funds
  - Legislators used approximately \$6.3 billion in federal ARRA to replace State General Revenue for Medicaid and education in 2010-11.
  - The next legislature will face the challenge of replacing this one-time ARRA money with state funds.
- \* Structural Deficit
  - Property tax cuts for public school districts will cost the state \$14.9 billion in the current budget.
  - Off-setting revenue from franchise tax reform and increases in cigarette tax will provide \$5.6 billion.
  - Creates a structural deficit of \$9.3 billion.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Gulf Coast - Galveston, February 23, 2010

## **II. Tuition and Fees**

Presented by Ken Lynn

- \* 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature funded 48% of full funding formula
- \* Instructional Costs
  - NACUBO cost classes 1 to 5
    - Instruction, Public Service, Instructional Administration, Academic Support, Student Services,
  - SJC Funds by
    - State Appropriation + Tuition and fees

- 2008-2009 CAFR
- \* Tuition and Fees = \$39.7million
- \* State = \$37.1
- \* Total \$76.8 million vs. RFOE costs of \$92.0 million

### **5 Year Revenue Trend**

- \* FY 04-05
  - Property taxes 32% of total state, taxes and tuition
- \* FY 08-09
  - Property taxes 37% of total state, taxes and tuition

### **SJCD Tuition and Fee Structure**

- \* In-District Calculation for 12 SCH
  - Tuition 12 X \$33 = \$396
  - General Service Fee = \$130
    - Total = \$526
    - Per SCH = \$43.83 rounded to \$44/SCH

### **Peer Comparisons**

- Statewide In-District
  - SJC is 6<sup>th</sup> lowest in state at \$44 per SCH
- Gulf Coast In-District
  - SJC is 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest of 10 peers
- Multi-Campus In-District
  - SJC is 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest of 13 peers

### **Recommended Tuition and Fee Philosophy**

- \* Recommendation
  - Develop T&F philosophy that addresses
    - Practice of systematic review and adjustments
      - Biennial review in Fall of odd numbered years
    - Desired position of In-District charges relative to Gulf Coast and Multi-Campus peers
      - Move SJC toward the average of gulf coast and multi-campus peers
    - Out of District charges relative to property taxes paid by In-District students
    - Use of General Service Fee in lieu of tuition charges
    - Use of course related Fees

### **III. Dinner**

### **IV. Human Resources Transition Plan**

Presented by Steve Trncak

- Reviewed information previously seen by the Board
- Brenda Hellyer requested any questions or comments, none
- Phase 1 of Transition Plan to be presented as an action item at the February Board meeting

### **V. Retreat Documents**

- Board Retreat scheduled for January 26, 2010

**VI. General Discussion**

- Christopher Darville gave update on Houston Symphony

**Adjourned to regular Board Meeting at 6:45 p.m.**