HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MINUTES

Board of Trustees – Special Meeting
CALL 208, Training Room
411 Central Avenue
Salinas, California

February 21, 2012

OPEN SESSION
Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Trustee Padilla-Chavez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Board and assembly cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Erica Padilla Chavez, President
Candi DePauw, Vice President
Patricia Donohue
Bill Freeman
Elia Gonzalez-Castro
Ray Montemayor
Demetrio Pruneda
Juan Gutierrez, Student Trustee – (advisory vote per Board Policy 1030)

PUBLIC COMMENTS
The following individuals made public comments about the presidential search.
Rebecca Fields, Faculty, Nancy Schur-Beymer, Academic Senate President, Tony Anderson, Counselor, Ron Waddy, Faculty, Francisco Estrada, Associated Students, Melissa Stave, Faculty.

CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES (ACCT)
The Board had a lengthy discussion on the contract between ACCT and Hartnell College. Each trustee, including the student trustee, made comments about whether the college should move forward with ACCT/Dr. Fisher.
Trustee Padilla-Chavez and Terri Pyer, Associate Vice President, Human Resources reported what they learned from speaking to individuals from Delta College and State Center Community College District.

BOARD ACTION
It was motioned by Freeman, seconded by Student Trustee Gutierrez to remove the contract with ACCT for the presidential search. The motion failed on a vote of 3 Aye, 4 Nays, and one advisory Aye (Student Trustee).
(Aye: Freeman, Montemayor, Pruneda)
(Nay: DePauw, Donohue, Gonzalez-Castro, Padilla-Chavez)

The contract between Hartnell College and ACCT remains in place.
Search Committee Composition

The Board discussed the composition of the search committee and some members believed that the membership is not representative of the community or the Board; stating that they believed at the January retreat, the Board agreed that each member would have one representative each and that the Board was not in full consensus.

Other members recalled that each member would each submit two names and that the sub-committee (Montemayor, Padilla-Chavez, and DePauw) would review the submissions and, using the criteria established, forward no less than four, but no more than seven community representatives to the Board. Trustee Padilla-Chavez reminded the Board that they discussed the search committee at their special meeting of December 13th and then again, at the January 11th retreat providing ample discussion and consideration of the Board.

Trustee Donohue made a motion, seconded by DePauw, to add Trustees DePauw and Gonzalez-Castro to the search committee, but withdrew her motion contingent upon restating the motion later in the meeting.

Trustee Montemayor motioned, seconded by Trustee Freeman to add two additional committee members to the search committee appointed by Trustees Freeman and Pruneda. The motion failed on a vote of 3 Ayes, 4 Nays and one advisory Aye (Student Trustee).

Aye: Pruneda, Freeman, Montemayor (Advisory: Student Trustee)
Nay: DePauw, Donohue, Gonzalez-Castro, Padilla-Chavez

Trustee Donohue restated her motion from earlier and Trustee Padilla-Chavez made a friendly amendment to that motion, "that this motion be the only change made to the search committee". Trustee Donohue agreed to the amendment.

On a motion by Trustee Donohue, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez-Castro, by vote of 4 (Aye) 2 (Nay),1 (Abstention) and by an advisory Nay (Student Trustee), the Board moved to add Trustees DePauw and Gonzalez-Castro to the search committee and that this motion be the only change made to the search committee.

Aye: DePauw, Donohue, Gonzalez-Castro, Padilla-Chavez
Nay: Pruneda, Freeman, (Advisory: Student Trustee)
Abstained: Montemayor

Trustee Padilla-Chavez thanked everyone for attending this evening because it shows that everyone cares about the college. Further, she stated that she believes the Board adequately handled the allegations against ACCT and Dr. Fisher and that she is convinced that all those involved have the dedication and care to find the right leader for our college.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Erica Padilla-Chavez
Board of Trustees President

Phoebe K. Helm
Board Secretary