

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEATHER RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Vice-President Elliott called the regular meeting of the Feather River Community College District Board of Trustees to order at 3:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at Feather River College, Science Room 104, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, CA.

Trustees present: Elliott, Schramel, Sheehan, Student Trustee Sandlin
Trustees absent: Burkey, Marshall

The regular and consent agendas for the February 28, 2008 meeting at Feather River College, Science Room 104, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, California were approved as presented, (Schramel/Sheehan) unanimous.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 28, 2008 at Feather River College, Science 104 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, California were approved as presented, (Sheehan/Sandlin) unanimous.

A. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

B. CONSENT AGENDA

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

C. REGULAR AGENDA

*** 1. Motion Items**

a) Michael Bagley, Chief Instructional Officer, requested Approval of New and Revised Courses. He stated that new courses included HLTH 352, Caregiving, a Non-Credit course designed to provide hands-on training for family caregivers and volunteers who care for the chronically ill and elderly populations, and that revisions were to courses in the Cooperative Work Experience, Mathematics, and Anthropology programs. Dr. Bagley added that his request also included approval of a new Hydrology Technician Certificate for the Environmental Studies Program. There being no objection

or further discussion, the request for Approval of New and Revised Courses was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous

b) Susan Carroll, Superintendent/President, requested approval of New Board Policy BP 7510, Domestic Partners. She stated that the language is recommended by the Community College League and that the policy had been passed by Cabinet on February 12, 2008. There being no objection, the request for Approval of New Board Policy BP 7510, Domestic Partners, was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous

c) Jim Scoubes, Chief Financial Officer, requested approval of the Feather River Community College District Schedule of Fees 2008-09. He stated that the amounts listed in the schedule require Board of Trustee approval prior to the registration and collection of fees from students that begins in April. There being no objection, the request for Approval of the Feather River Community College District Schedule of Fees 2008-09 was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous.

d) Jim Scoubes requested approval of the 2007/08 Non-Resident Tuition Fee Revised. He stated that the State of California had revised the average amount charged by community colleges in northern California for non-resident tuition fees, and as a result it was necessary that the previously approved non-resident tuition fee of \$180.00 be amended to \$182.00 in order to remain below the statewide average. There being no objection, the request for approval of the 2007/08 Non-Resident Tuition Fee Revised was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous

e) Michael Bagley requested Approval of Full-Time Tenure Track Faculty Head Football Coach FY 09, Tom Simi. He requested that Merle Trueblood, Director of Athletic Operations and Events, share information regarding the search process and Mr. Simi's background in athletics. Mr. Trueblood reported there was a substantial pool of applicants for the position and that Mr. Simi excelled in all areas of the interview process. Mr. Simi, who was present, thanked the Board for the opportunity to coach football at Feather River College. He stated that he had previously been an assistant coach and offensive coordinator for Feather River College for three years, and prior to that he was a defensive coordinator at Eastern Oregon University. There being no objection or further discussion, the request for Approval of Full-Time Tenure Track Faculty Head Football Coach FY 09, Tom Simi, was approved as presented, (Sandlin/Sheehan) unanimous.

f) Michael Bagley requested Approval of Full-Time Tenure Track Faculty Political Science Position FY 09, Katie Desmond. He stated that Ms. Desmond has experience and expertise in Student Learning Outcome Assessment as well as distance education, and he asked that Chris Connell, Academic Senate President, share his knowledge about Ms. Desmond and her background. Dr. Connell stated that Ms. Desmond has a thorough knowledge of political science and history and is current on issues in the classroom, methodology, and what makes political science and western

civilization relative to global development. He also reported that Ms. Desmond played a large role in the accreditation process at Northern Arizona University, is proficient in analyzing data, and will finish her dissertation for her doctoral degree in November 2008. There being no objection or further discussion, the request to Approve Katie Desmond as Full-Time Tenure Track Faculty Political Science FY 09 was approved as presented, (Sandlin/Schramel) unanimous.

At Trustee Sheehan's request, Dr. Connell provided an overview of the current status of future faculty positions as discussed by the Academic Senate. He stated that at the March Board of Trustees meeting he would be submitting a list of faculty positions that have been developed through the Instructional Division for discussion. He stated that the Senate recognizes that with the current budget situation the likelihood of hiring new faculty would probably not be an option, but that the discussion would keep the Board apprised of future hiring priorities.

g) Jodi Beynon, Transfer Center Coordinator, requested Approval of the 2007-08 Feather River College Transfer Plan. She stated that this is an annual requirement and that Transfer Center operations are designed to facilitate student transfers to four-year colleges and universities. Trustee Elliott requested information on the number of students attending the college that do complete transfer to four year institutions, and Ms. Beynon reported that, although the number does vary, approximately 120 to 150 students are known to transfer on to continue their education after completing their requirements. There being no objection, the request to Approve the 2007-08 Feather River College Transfer Plan was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous.

At Trustee Elliott's request Ms. Beynon reported on the Community Supper scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2008. She stated that Feather River College would be sponsoring the event and a dinner of chicken, stuffing, salad, and desert would be provided for the community. Ms. Beynon extended an invitation to everyone to attend the event if their schedules allowed.

h) Michael Bagley requested Approval of the Academic Calendar for Fall 2008 – Spring 2009. He stated that the Academic Calendar Committee had received input from across the campus and he recommended Board approval. After further discussion, the request for Approval of the Academic Calendar for Fall 2008-2009 was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous

*** 2. Roll Call Items**

None

3. Special Items/Reports

- a) Jim Scoubes, Chief Financial Officer, presented the District's Monthly Financial Report as January 31, 2008. He reported that revenues and expenditures remain within Board-approved budget.
- b) Dianne Lipscomb, Art Instructor and Faculty Flex Coordinator, presented a report on faculty flex activities entitled: "Upholding Educational Standards." She reported that the January 2008 flex activity consisted of two days of open discussion related to educational standards, concerns related to student success, and positive ways to address those issues. She stated that concern for students remains a top priority for faculty, and she reported that student performance is the number one issue discussed by faculty. Ms. Lipscomb stated that faculty concur there is a general decline, both locally and nationally, in the preparedness of students for the rigors of a college education. She also reported on contributing factors, recommendations for improvement, academic discipline concerns, and outreach and recruitment events.

There was further discussion on basic skills testing, counseling and placement, distance education and plagiarism, and local high school recruitment and outreach. Dr. Carroll and the Board of Trustees commended Ms. Lipscomb for her report and the faculty for their efforts on the well organized and obviously productive event held during January.

4. Communications, Presentations, and Reports

a) Trustee Reports

Trustee Sheehan reported on a group of entities in the County that are coordinating a Brown Act and ethics training later in the spring, and he proposed and recommended that the college consider becoming a co-sponsor of the training together with the Special District's Association, Plumas Corporation, Alliance for Workforce Development, County Counsel and Feather River Publishing.

Student Trustee Sandlin stated she was a member of the Diversity Committee, and she reported that they are currently sponsoring a free film series beginning, Monday, March 3, 2008. She stated five additional diverse and complicated films will be offered free of charge in the coming weeks, and she extended an invitation to those in attendance to participate if their schedules allowed.

Trustee Elliott requested in lieu of recent emergency events at other colleges, that college officials provide information on the colleges' Emergency Preparedness Plan at the next Board of Trustees meeting. Dr. Carroll stated that the Safety Committee has been addressing the issue, and a report would be scheduled as requested.

b) Associated Students

Scott "Red" Russell, ASFRC President, reported that there was a Super Bowl Party held for students in January, and that Earth Day activities are currently being considered by several organizations and ASFRC will be joining in and supporting the event. Mr. Russell also reported that a political forum is planned for April 30, 2008 that will include speakers from all political parties.

c) Academic Senate

Chris Connell complimented Dianne Lipscomb on her presentation and the success of the recent flex day activity. He also reported that the Chancellor's Office has indicated that college majors that are defined as a loose conglomeration of unspecified courses are no longer allowed. Dr. Connell stated that this definition would apply to the college's Liberal Studies major, and he reported that he and Dr. Tom Heaney, History Instructor, were working on redesigning the major so that it complies with State regulations. He stated the Academic Senate continues to work on policy issues, the distance education plan, and a vision statement being developed by the faculty.

d) Classified Senate

Jamie Meiners, Classified Senate President, recapped Jodi Beynon's earlier report on the Community Supper and stated that Feather River College employees were looking forward to hosting the community event.

e) Instruction

Michael Bagley commended Russell Reid, Director of Equine Studies, for his work on receiving approval from the Chancellor's Office for the University Studies Agriculture Transfer Degree. He also stated that Pat Buckner, Director of Nursing, has written an application for nursing grant funds that in all likelihood will be awarded to the college. He added that the funding, if awarded, would be used to videoconference link classes taught in the Zygnier Allied Health Building to students in the Fall River Mills Nursing Program as well as local hospitals. Dr. Bagley also reported that Feather River College has received a special invitation from the Chancellor's Office to participate in training taking place on February 29, 2008 on how to serve incarcerated students. He added that out of 109 community college districts only nine were given the invitation to participate due in large part to the excellent work already being conducted by those involved in the ISP Program.

f) Student Services

No Report

g) Superintendent/President

Dr. Carroll reported that Student Trustee Lydia Sandlin has been chosen as one of two Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team members and will be attending a luncheon in Sacramento on March 27, 2007 honoring all participants. She added that former Feather River College student, Vanessa Covarubbias, is the other Feather River College student to receive the award, and she will be attending the luncheon in Sacramento, as well.

Dr. Carroll also commented on the recent notification by the Accrediting Commission that they had taken action at their January 9-11, 2008 meeting to accept the Progress Report submitted by Feather River College.

Dr. Carroll reported that the closed session of the Board of Trustees scheduled for 2 p.m. on March 20, 2008 would be moved to 1:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 3 p.m. There was also discussion about scheduling of sexual harassment training that is now required by the Chancellor's Office for all Board of Trustee members.

Cameron Abbott, Director of Human Resources, reported on the status of the search process for the new Superintendent/President. He stated that the search committee will meet on March 6, 2008 to review applications, sign confidentiality agreements, and also draft questions for applicants. He reported that he will encourage the committee to aggressively screen and identify applicants for the interview process, and that his goal is to have candidates to recommend for the position available to the Board at their closed session meeting scheduled for March 20, 2008. Mr. Abbott stated that this timeline is being recommended primarily due to a sufficient applicant pool, the amount of openings in the State, and the need to extend an offer to the preferred candidate as soon as feasible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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