

**MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2023

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in open session on Thursday, August 17, 2023, in Room T-200 at the Oceanside Campus. President Frank Merchat called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Rick Cassar

Raye Clendening

Frank Merchat

Anna Pedroza

VI. PRESENTATIONS

Center. On August 15, she attended the quarterly Foundation Board meeting, and she acknowledged Thao Ha, Jacob Sneary, and David Parker for their innovation grant presentations. Additionally, Trustee Clendening announced the Gentlemen's Gourmet Scholarship fundraiser, hosted by the African American Women's Association at the El Corazon venue on September 16.

Trustee Simon attended a play at Southwestern College, the Carlsbad State of the City at the Dove Library, as well as a Women Leaders of District 38 event, where Dr. Cooke, along with Bea Palmer (Service Learning) received special recognition. Trustee Simon, along with Trustee Merchat attended the Cultural Competency Conference on the Oceanside Campus.

Trustees McNeil and Merchat attended the facilities liaison meeting via zoom on August 1, and they commended the Facilities folks and those working with Facilities for their efforts on our campuses.

Trustee Cassar noted climate change as a Futures signal, and he gave some examples of the efforts made by the college to slow down climate change and decrease our carbon footprint, like using solar power, teaching online classes. Trustee Pedroza noted that a number of schools are now embracing AI as a tool, which she is glad to see.

B. Students

Student Trustee Kenneth Pilco attended the Student Trustee Conference in Riverside August and made some good connections with student trustees from other institutions. He attended the two-day ASG retreat which was held at the SEC on the first day and Chicano Park on the second day.

At this time, total headcount, which includes both credit and noncredit enrollments, is up 8.5 percent in headcount and 11 percent in FTES for fall. She credits the Welcome Fests, outreach at the high schools, and the efforts of the Student Services Division to accelerate the registration processes. She noted the CLC, which experienced decreases in enrollment due to the pandemic, is now growing and thriving, and students are excited to return to classes.

Accounting Instructor Mike Deschamps and team renewed our accreditation with the California Tax Education Council.

CLC Instructor Erica Duran developed new curriculum for a affordable housing management certificate in conjunction with the San Diego Housing Federation. Some who have completed this program have also gone on to earn their real estate license.

2. Student Services

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Wojcik reported we're ready for students to come back on Monday. Almost 1,000 students, many of whom brought family members, were served at the Welcome Fests held on the San Elijo, Oceanside, and Community Learning Center campuses in August.

Help Huts will return to welcome students on Monday and Tuesday. Nearly 75 percent of our new students have already completed their orientation requirement. Wojcik noted that \$1.5M in Pru0 Td[1w 1.89Td[1,.(Tcl r)3aV:-1.15 Td[(eg)10d8801w -33.62

expand the reach of the grant for many years to come. They are also trying to fill gaps in facilities funding with opportunities for naming buildings and spaces.

PIO continues their work with communications that positively impact enrollment.

Dr. Cooke thanked Aaron Roberts, Debby Adler, PDP, and Jim Sullivan who have made a tremendous contribution to the success of the program.