

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
(APPROVED OCTOBER 19, 2023)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in open session on Thursday, September 14, 2023, in Room T-200 at the Oceanside Campus. President Frank Merchat called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:
Rick Cassar

Frank Merchat. Pessa

C. Regular Meeting of August 17, 2023

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Fischer, the board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 2023.

Vote: 7/0/0

Aye: Cassar, Clendening, Fischer, McNeil, Merchat, Pedroza, Simon

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON AND NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

V. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER

None.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Associated Student Government Leadership Introductions

The 2023/24 ASG student leaders were introduced.

B. Distance Education Update

Faculty Coordinator of Online Education Dr. Jim Julius provided a report on distance education (DE). The report included an update on distance education data over time, including online course offerings, student participation, and success and retention data disaggregated e/MCID 21 >2 (en)10 (thn (aggr)7 (e)1/44 >>BDC9 (l)6 (ul)6 (i)6 (us)4 ()10]TJ T*B dis C5 () (i)5.9nd riaee D4 ()u(s)4 (w)12eron (di)6 ((di)6d r)7 ptance e/M9 (er) (ga6 r4)6 (us10C i200(S)1 ()10 (da (e)92 (a)1a(C5 (e)10 (pa1T*BDC9 -5 d()xe)]TJ (u0 (,)2 (an (uw L)2.1 (9 ((l)naT

VII. CONSENT ITEMS

A.

Trustee Merchat attended the State of the City for Carlsbad. He noted the facilities planning is getting us to where we need to be, in spite of the turmoil that cost escalations and costly DSA changes have caused. Trustee Merchat discussed a signal that continues to emerge post pandemic - a sense of community seems to be a major priority that is needed.

B. Students

Student Trustee Kenneth Pilco reported he visited Mt. San Jacinto College for a tour with their student trustee. He and fellow student trustees are exploring resolutions that may be supported within the region.

The Community Learning Center (CLC) is working to improve signage in the parking lot. ASG is supporting the Dia de los Muertos event that will be held at the college and trying to increase presence.

The San Elijo Campus continues their focus on student engagement.

ASG is working on their mission statement. They are also focused on increasing student engagement and holding more community events, perhaps even a music festival, on campus. Pilco acknowledged this is HSI week, and he thanked the board for their support for this population as well as for all students.

C. Classified Employees

Immediate Past Classified Senate (CS) President Carl Banks says he feels we're back, even when joyfully searching for a parking spot. He noted how students are hanging out on campus, and not just leaving when classes are over.

Classified Senate is participating in the subcommittee work for the transformation process of professional development. Another cultivating human connections joint event with the Academic Senate.

D. Faculty

Academic Senate (AS) President Leila Safaralian thanked colleagues who have worked on the Chicanx/Latinx Heritage Month events.

The MiraCosta Mathematics Department team, which included three MiraCosta students led by Mathematics Instructor Zika Perovic, has won first place in the American Mathematics Association of Two Year Colleges for student research on the topic of addressing hunger and food insecurity with a mathematical model after working with the community and local schools to determine their needs.

The Academic Calendar taskforce, chaired by Curry Mitchell, has been formed and includes a broad scope of college representation to research, collaborate, and develop a calendar model that best serves our students.

E. Assistant Superintendents/Vice Presidents

1. Instructional Services

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Pescarmona reported FTES at the CLC is up more than 20 percent this semester over last fall semester and is above pre-pandemic levels. Overall, we are seeing an increase of seven percent in headcount and eight percent in FTES over last fall. We are approaching 2020 enrollments, however, we are still off about 1,000 students from this time in 2020. We are looking at where we are missing the mark in serving students and focused on strategic planning for improvement.

We were selected for a \$1M Bioscience Hub National Science Foundation (NSF) grant – a first for MiraCosta. Only about 25 of these NSF grants are awarded each cycle across the United States to higher education institutions. This can open the door for more NSF and Federal grants in the future. This experiential learning in emerging and novel technologies grant will assist with professional development and training opportunities for students in bioscience careers.

2. Student Services

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Wojcik submitted a written report. She added that Outreach Student Services Specialist Gabby Baez received a proclamation as a representative of the Mexican community from the City of Encinitas. Gabby spoke about contributions to the community and also about the work that MiraCosta has done around HSI (Hispanic Serving Institution).

Wojcik thanked the board for approving the reorganization of Student Services, which has been in the works for the last five years and will serve students in welcome centers on both the first and second floors and offer students a truly one-stop-shop experience. Staff members in Counseling, Financial Aid, and Admissions and Records, which are the busiest departments in the Student Services Division, will be cross-trained to serve students with an even broader skillset and knowledge base in preparation for their new roles and the move to the new Student Services Building.

3. Administrative Services

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Flood reported our parking lots are full from 9am to 1pm. Steps are being taken to alleviate some of the gridlock.

Flood expressed appreciation for the tremendous lift by the Fiscal Services team, as well as the PIO team, for their work on the final budget book.

4. Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Ng reported a lot of work is being done around onboarding and professional development. The DEI work at the college contributes to a variety of areas, including the onboarding process.

Ng worked at the CLC for a day and was approached by a number of students who expressed how grateful they are for the support they receive from CLC staff. Working at the various sites has provided an opportunity to engage with MiraCostans in a more connected way.

F. Superintendent/President

Superintendent/President Cooke reported the Administrators Committee has an all day workshop on September 21 where they will actively engage in futures scenarios.

The visit by the accreditation team is coming up on September 18. Because we don't have any core inquiries, we are optimistic that things will go smoothly.

Cooke noted that professional development is critical to our being nimble and flexible. We've been dreaming big to position ourselves as learners who help others learn. Planning continues around this area.

CSU will increase their tuition over the next five years, and we expect this could impact our enrollment.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Frank Merchat
President

Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President