

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

Dean Al Taccone welcomed trustees and attendees. With enrollment up 900 students this fall at the San Elijo Campus, Dean Taccone credited the good work of MiraCostans who have created scheduling and support services that are meeting the needs of students. He shared some of the upcoming events taking place at the San Elijo Campus, including a Hispanic Networking breakfast on November 18.

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Denée Pescarmona welcomed the new Executive Director for the Technical Career Institute Tom Tubon, who joined MiraCosta in his new role on September 30.

Community member Carrie Elwin, representing Cardiff 101 Main Street, a non-profit organization that advocates for Cardiff residents and business, spoke about the Farmers Market held on Saturdays at the San Elijo Campus. She expressed concern about the fees charged to Cardiff 101 for the use of the college's parking lots each Saturday.

V.

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Clendening, consent items A-F and H-R were approved.

Vote: 5/0/0

Aye: Cassar, Clendening, Conklin, McNeil, Simon

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat, Pedroza

By motion of Trustee Simon, seconded by Trustee McNeil, consent item G was approved.

Vote: 5/0/0

Aye: Cassar, Clendening, Conklin, McNeil, Simon

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat, Pedroza

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adopt the MiraCosta Community College District Initial Proposal to the MiraCosta College Faculty Assembly

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Simon, the board adopted the MiraCosta Community College District Initial Proposal to the MiraCosta College Faculty Assembly for the contract as stated.

Vote: 5/0/0

Aye: Cassar, Clendening, Conklin, McNeil, Simon

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat, Pedroza

B. Approve Award of a Design-

The sunshine of the MiraCosta College Faculty Assembly initial proposal to the MiraCosta Community College District was provided for information.

X. COLLEGE-RELATED REPORTS

B. Trustees Activities

Trustee Clendening expressed gratitude to the College and the Foundation Board for their support of the Gentlemen Gourmet Dinner, hosted by the North County African American Women's Association, which both she and Trustee Cassar attended, and she praised the opening of the Frontwave Arena. She also attended the CSU San Marcos Report to the Community with Trustee Pedroza and Oceanside's Finest Basketball event, which promotes affordable activities for the community. Trustee Clendening also participated in a webinar on social mobility hosted by CSU San Marcos and along with Trustee Conkin, the League of Women Voters' 49th Congressional District Candidate Forum alongside.

Trustee Conklin has been actively involved in voter engagement and has participated in many Get Out the Vote efforts. She attended a Meet and Greet with the Encinitas City Council at the San Elijo Campus and a Proposition 36 Town Hall with the District Attorney and President Cassar. She volunteered at the Youth Political Event at Oceanside High School, focusing on young voter engagement. She also attended the North County LGBTQ Gala in support of their new space in Oceanside.

McNeil attended the Facility Liaison meeting with President Cassar and Trustee Merchat. He congratulated Vice President Flood and his team for their achievements. Additionally, he supported MiraCosta athletics by attending many soccer and volleyball games, and he shared the current first place ranking that both the women's and men's soccer teams have achieved.

Trustee Cassar attended an information session hosted by MiraCosta College's Dr. Ha regarding Propositions 33 and 36. He attended an orientation for the two Trustee Area 5 candidates as well as a candidate meet and greet hosted by the MiraCosta Foundation and Faculty Assembly.

C. Students

Student Trustee Rahime Demirci reported the Associated Student Government (ASG) facilitated a question panel for the City of Oceanside, providing a platform for student engagement. Additionally, 6-8 students will attend the upcoming California Community College Student Advocacy Session, demonstrating MiraCosta's commitment to student representation at the state level. Rahime also mentioned that students will attend the Community Leaders Breakfast on October 18.

D. Classified Employees

Interim Classified Senate (CS) President Carl Banks congratulated Omar Jimenez, who is now on parental leave. Banks will serve as interim Classified Senate president until mid-January, and Kimberly Holmes has filling the role of interim vice president during this same time. The End of Year Celebration is scheduled for December 20 at El Camino Country Club, and he encouraged all to attend.

E. Faculty

Academic Senate (AS) President Curry Mitchell shared the college is currently focused on the Common Course Numbering project, starting first with six departments. In Phase 2, an additional 12 departments will be included.

The Academic Senate has initiated a task force to explore faculty needs related to AI topics and technologies. Given the complexity of the subject, the task force plans to organize a small conference featuring breakout sessions and poster presentations to facilitate learning and discussion.

Jim Sullivan has launched four strands for teaching and learning, providing a structured approach to support faculty development. He sends a weekly newsletter highlighting one of these strands every Friday. These initiatives underscore our commitment to advancing academic excellence and supporting faculty in emerging areas like AI and innovative teaching strategies

F. Assistant Superintendents/Vice Presidents

1. Instructional Services

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Pescarmona reported the spring 2024 class schedule is now available on SURF, and registration begins on November 4. Counselors and staff are ready to assist students in making informed decisions about their education plans and courses.

MiraCosta College is in the final stages of the Adult High School Accreditation process, moving closer to completion.

Over the past year, MiraCosta College received \$1.34 million to support faculty in developing Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) pathways. MiraCosta is among the top three colleges in the state, leading the way in creating course pathways where students no longer need to worry about textbook costs. Forty percent of the course sections in upcoming spring semester are expected to be ZTC. This initiative, which will save students hundreds of dollars each semester, will use grant funds to hire a classified professional as an instructional designer to support faculty in implementing ZTC resources. MiraCosta is proud to lead the state in advancing this important work to reduce student costs and improve access to education.

2. Student Services

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Wojcik reported a group of four students and three MiraCostans recently traveled to Ghana to attend the All African Diaspora Education Summit. For many students, it was their first time traveling, and the long, emotionally packed days profoundly impacted the 350 attendees participating in this life-changing experience. Students reflected on their experiences through daily vlogs, sharing what each day meant. The insights gained from this experience were profound, and the group is deeply grateful to the Board of Trustees for their support.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

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