

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEATHER RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

President Burkey called the regular meeting of the Feather River Community College District Board of Trustees to order at 3:07 p.m. on October 18, 2007 at Feather River College Science Room 104, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, CA.

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

The regular agenda for the October 18, 2007 meeting at Feather River College Science Room 104, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, California was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous.

The consent agenda for the October 18, 2007 meeting at Feather River College Science Room 104, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, California was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 20, 2007 at Feather River College, Science Room 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) Susan Carroll, Superintendent/President requested approval of new and revised Board Policies, BP 5150 Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), BP 5205 Student Accident Insurance, BP 5300 Student Equity, BP 6750 Parking, and BP 6751 Animals on Campus. She stated that

all the policies had been through the approval process and that where applicable, Administrative Procedures had been included in the Board packet for review. Trustee Sheehan requested information on BP 6751, Animals on Campus. He stated that requiring approval of the Chief Instructional Officer and Director of Facilities for animals to participate in a college approved instructional activity appeared to be overly restrictive, and he inquired as to whether or not the Academic Senate had discussed it. Dr. Chris Connell, Academic Senate President, stated the issue had been discussed at Cabinet, and he explained that there were separate policies covering cattle, horses, and service animals on campus. He added that he was satisfied with the content of BP 6751 and he recommended Board approval. There being no further discussion or objection, BP 5150, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), BP 5205 Student Accident Insurance, BP 5300 Student Equity, BP 6750 Parking, and BP 6751 Animals on Campus were approved as presented, (Schramel/Sandlin) unanimous.

b) Jim Scoubes, Chief Financial Officer, requested approval to replace/exchange a District pickup that had been used exclusively in the Equine/Rodeo Program. He stated the replacement is required due to the original vehicle being considered totaled by the insurance company, and that a new vehicle will safely meet the transportation needs that the Equine Studies Program requires for the hauling and towing of trailers containing livestock. There being no objection or further discussion, the request to replace a District pickup used exclusively by the Equine/Rodeo Program 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 Quarterly Financial Report as of September 30, 2007. He reported that revenues and expenditures remain within Board-approved budget.
- b) Dr. Chris Connell provided an overview of the draft of the Feather River College Education Plan for 2007-2011. He stated that by design the Education Plan contains a high degree of quantitative data, research to support the data, and that the contents are presented in a manner that reflects vision, coherency, and clearly identifies needs for growth, space, and technology as the college evolves. Dr. Connell prefaced his report by commending Dr. Michael Bagley, Chief Instructional Officer, his advisory group the Council on Instruction, composed of the Division Chairs, Academic Senate President, Library Director, Learning Center Director, and the faculty for the extensive time and input they devoted to the plan. He stated that the Office of Instruction and academic division goals will be guided by the Education Plan, which ultimately is guided by the mission of Feather River College.

Trustee Sheehan requested that Dr. Connell give further explanation to “Number of Non-FTE General Students” from Page 8 of the Plan. Dr. Connell explained that this term refers to students who reside in states other than California or Nevada, or are international students. He stated that these students pay higher tuition costs; however, the college does not receive FTES from their enrollment.

Dr. Connell continued his overview of the draft of the Education Plan by explaining Division Summaries and Program Reviews, Facilities: A Review and Plan for Future Instructional Goals, and the Plan’s Connection to Student Services, Administrative and Instructional Services. He explained that Section Two of the Plan covers Additional Educational Opportunities, the Guiding Process for the Educational Plan, and Recommendations and Goals.

Trustee Sheehan requested that the final draft of the Education Plan provide statistical information regarding Sojourn to the Past and Mini Corp enrollment. Dr. Connell stated this would be brought to the attention of the Council on Instruction.

4. Communications, Presentations, and Reports

a) Trustee Reports

Trustee Sheehan reported that if there was interest in obtaining copies of the judge’s decision that was rendered regarding the Quincy Library Group lawsuit he could provide them. He stated the timing of the Moonlight Fire in the Greenville area appeared to have had some influence in the 28 page decision handed down by the judge hearing the case. He stated the decision is being appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court, but he did not anticipate that the decision would be overturned.

Student Trustee Sandlin reported that she had again traveled to Susanville to the California Correctional Center to tutor and work with incarcerated students. She stated she finds the students thoughtful, interested, and enthusiastic, and correctional staff at the facility report involvement in educational programs is proving to be a factor in decreasing institutional violence. Dr. Carroll added to Student Trustee Sandlin’s comments by reporting that she had toured the facility in Susanville and found meeting the staff and the students both useful and informative.

b) Associated Students

Student Trustee Sandlin reported that over half of full time students have participated in recent surveys, the most pertinent being the survey regarding the proposal for an on campus fitness center. She stated she would be addressing the Board with the results of the survey at the November Board meeting. Trustee Sandlin reported new clubs are being formed on campus and student participation is high.

c) Academic Senate

Dr. Connell reported that the Ad Hoc Committee formed to address a new coaching model for Feather River College has nearly completed their work, and their findings have been that virtually all colleges in the State do hire their coaches as full time tenure track positions. Dr. Carroll asked Dr. Connell to provide the Board with some background on the study that the Ad Hoc Committee is conducting and why it had been formed. Dr. Connell stated that during the summer, three faculty coaches resigned leaving Randy Rick the only full time tenure track coach still employed with the college. He stated that this situation presented an opportunity for a committee to be formed to look at different models across the state in an effort to determine what coaching model would work well for the college in terms of integrating academics and athletics. Dr. Connell reported that in addition to other findings, the committee work provided data indicating that although coaches felt tenure was a positive aspect to staying at Feather River College, movement to other coaching positions was also an inherent part of advancing their coaching careers. Dr. Connell reported that additional information on the committee work would be provided at the November Board meeting.

Dr. Connell reported that although the Academic Senate is pleased with progress to date on the search committee for Superintendent/President there is a request for information on what the next step in the process will be. Dr. Carroll requested that Cameron Abbott, Director of Human Resources, provide information on the progress made to meet with Dr. Carl Ehrmann, Principal Consultant for PPL Leasing. Mr. Abbott reported that Dr. Ehrmann had been scheduled to meet with the Board at their October meeting, but that this had been postponed so that the meeting could include all Board members. Mr. Abbott recommended a special Board meeting be arranged in November to meet with the consultants and committee members prior to the Thanksgiving holiday break. Trustee Sheehan recommended that November 19th be set as a tentative date for the meeting, and that Board members be notified if there is a change in the date for the regular meeting.

d) Classified Senate

Jamie Meiners, Classified Senate President, reported that the TRIO Department is sponsoring events throughout the month of October including a Scarecrow Contest and Haunted House Event, and she extended an invitation to Board members to attend if their schedules allowed. Ms. Meiners also reported that there is Poetry and Lyrics night scheduled for November 8, 2007 and also invited members of the Board to attend this event if they were able to do so.

e) Instruction

No Report

f) Student Services

Dennis Bailey-Fougner, Chief Student Services Officer, reported that a new advising model is being reviewed by faculty and classified staff based on an

action plan developed at training previously received in Salt Lake City earlier in the summer. Mr. Bailey-Fougner also reported that Feather River College sponsored College, Vocational and Career Night on October 17, 2007 at Quincy High School. He stated the event showcased many of Feather River College's programs and degrees, and it was well attended by high school students throughout the county. Mr. Bailey-Fougner reported to the Board that five employees will be traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana to take part in an Enrollment Management conference on October 28, 2007, and they plan to return with ideas for Enrollment Management concepts that can be applied effectively to Feather River College.

Trustee Sheehan referred back to the Education Plan, and he asked that Dr. Connell reference the number of high school students in Plumas County in the final draft of the Ed Plan, and if there were statistics that reflect whether or not Feather River College is capturing a significant amount of that enrollment. Dr. Connell reported that he would address the issue with appropriate members of the Ed Plan committee.

g) Superintendent/President

Dr. Carroll welcomed Josh Sebold, Staff Writer for Feather River Bulletin, to the Board meeting, and she asked that he provide Board members and others present with some background information on himself. Mr. Sebold reported that he grew up in Plumas County, attended Quincy High School, and received his undergraduate degree in English from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He stated that he is looking forward to keeping the residents of Plumas County informed about events happening at Feather River College and throughout Plumas County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m., (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous.