

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 19, 2007 • 9:00 a.m.
Educational Services Center • Board Room
770 Wilshire Boulevard • Los Angeles, California 90017

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District was called to order at 9:12 a.m. with Trustee Georgia L. Mercer presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Mona Field, Warren T. Furutani, Georgia L. Mercer, and Angela J. Reddock. Absent: Kelly G. Candaele (arrived at 12:56 p.m.), Nancy Pearlman (arrived at 9:17 a.m.), and Sylvia Scott-Hayes (arrived at 10:22 a.m.). Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There being no objection, the regular meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole at 9:13 a.m.

Trustee Mercer chaired the Committee of the Whole.

Building Program Update, Progress Report, and Community Survey

Chancellor Drummond reported that the District has determined which projects can be completed with its current resources. Furthermore, decisions need to be made regarding projects not yet completed and the emerging realities affecting career and technical education. There is an action item on today's Board agenda requesting Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates to conduct an opinion research survey of registered voters in order to determine how the public feels about the Bond Program project goals and whether support exists to place an item on a 2008 ballot. The College Presidents have been working with their faculty on revising their Educational Master Plans. In February or March 2008, he will present the Board with the resolution of all of the plans and a possible proposal for another Bond measure.

(Trustee Pearlman arrived at 9:17 a.m.)

Mr. Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development, presented a video showing the progress of the Bond Program construction projects for each college.

There was discussion regarding the construction projects with respect to the budgets and the schedule of completion.

Trustee Furutani requested that the District revisit its shared governance policy and the impact it has on the process of the Bond Program construction projects.

Chancellor Drummond indicated that he would make sure "shared governance" is redefined with respect to the process of the Bond Program construction projects.

Mr. Eisenberg discussed the progress and costs of various construction projects at the colleges.

Trustee Field expressed her concern regarding the changing needs of education. She requested that the list of construction projects be closely scrutinized in terms of the changing technology of educational methods of delivery. She also requested that any future reports that are presented to the Board for public support be scrutinized as well.

Mr. Eisenberg indicated that each of the colleges is working to incorporate the new technological methods of education in their new educational facilities.

Trustee Furutani indicated that the construction of the community colleges is an ongoing process of a dynamic institution. He stated that the responsibilities in education are growing on a daily basis and the District is more important than ever.

There was discussion regarding the funding and status of the construction projects.

Potential Trustee Vacancy

Ms. Camille Goulet, General Counsel, indicated that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is expected to certify the final results of the February 2008 election by March 4, 2008. The certification of the final results will determine the effective date of the vacancy on the Board of Trustees, which she anticipates will be March 5, 2008. The question before the Board on that date will be whether to declare an election or fill the vacancy by appointment. This decision must be made within 60 days of the effective date of the vacancy. If the Board decides to conduct an election, there must be a minimum of 130 days notice. The Board would not be able to hold an election in June 2008 because this date would be less than 130 days notice. If the Board decides to conduct an election, it would have to be held in November 2008. If the Board appoints a Board member, this individual would have to run for election to the Board in 2009. If a special election is conducted in November 2008, the individual elected would serve for the balance of the term, which ends on June 30, 2011.

(Trustee Scott-Hayes arrived at 10:22 a.m.)

Ms. Goulet indicated that if the Board decides to fill the vacancy by appointment, they must make this appointment by May 1, 2008.

There was discussion regarding the costs and the pros and cons of appointing a Board member versus conducting a special election.

Trustee Field inquired if a special Board meeting could be held on April 30, 2007 for the purpose of conducting the appointment process.

Ms. Goulet responded that this could be done if the February 2008 election is certified by the end of February. She indicated that if the Board decides to appoint a Board member, the appointment process would be reviewed and adopted at that time.

Board Self-Evaluation and Setting of Goals

Copies of a document entitled "Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation FY 2006-2007" were distributed.

Trustee Mercer inquired if the Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation document is the result of the self-evaluations that the Board has gone through over the years as well as the discussion at the special Board meeting that was held on September 8, 2007.

Ms. Daphne Congdon, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, responded that this document is not a result of the special Board meeting discussion. It is the result of the annual self-evaluation that was conducted in October and November 2007. The survey was conducted among the Board members, the Student Trustee, the College Presidents, the Executive Leadership, and the Resource Table representatives. The survey covers four categories—administration, finance, community relations, and education—and includes a section for additional comments. There were no significant changes in the Board of Trustees ratings from the previous two years.

Chancellor Drummond indicated that the Board would be provided with specific reports regarding various aspects of the Strategic Plan with respect to its accomplishments.

Mr. Gary Colombo, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness, indicated that he would share the draft core indicators of LACCD college effectiveness with the Planning and Student Success Committee in January 2008.

Copies of a document entitled "Some Possible Board Goals for '07-'08" were distributed.

Trustee Reddock requested that the Board set specific outcomes that they would like to accomplish within these goals. For example, with respect to the goal of increasing outreach to communities, a specific goal would be to establish a relationship with a particular organization.

Mr. Colombo indicated that he would present reports on a regular basis regarding the progress that is being made on the various goals.

Trustee Reddock requested that the Board be provided with updates on a quarterly basis and a final report at the end of the year regarding Board goals and strategic plans.

Mr. Colombo indicated that he would start collecting information for the quarterly updates through the Planning and Student Success Committee. With respect to Goal number 4—"Increase outreach to communities and groups that have been historically underserved by higher education to increase college awareness and participation"—he stated that an effective high school outreach program at the college costs from \$300,000 to \$500,000. The District would need to obtain funding to support this program.

Dr. Linda Spink, President, LAHC, and Dr. Tyree Wieder, President, LAVC, emphasized the importance of focusing on career and technical education as a means of assisting students to obtain employment.

With respect to Goal number 7—"Continue to address the physical and capital needs of the District"—Dr. Spink requested that fiscal needs be added to this goal.

Dr. Jamillah Moore, Interim President, LACC, inquired if there has been any discussion regarding the definition of "decentralization" and how it is working within the District.

Mr. Colombo responded that the issue of decentralization will be revisited in response to the Cityside accreditation team's request to redefine "decentralization" with respect to the split of District and college responsibilities. He indicated that Chancellor Drummond will prepare a vision statement of what decentralization is within the District. Other future projects include a process mapping project that will outline the various critical processes that engage both the colleges and the District Office and show where the responsibility lies for various decision points and a project to place on the District website a list of all of the District committees with respect to their functions and meeting times.

Trustee Field requested that a goal regarding decentralization be added to the list of Board goals.

Mr. Colombo indicated that Goal number 2 would be divided into two separate goals—one on outreach to youth and the other on the development of career and technical education. A tenth goal would be added to the list to continue the Districtwide dialog on decentralization and further clarify the distribution of roles and responsibilities between the colleges and the District Office.

Trustee Mercer indicated that the Board had adopted five strategic goals and requested that Mr. Colombo indicate where each of these five goals would fit on the list of Board goals.

With respect to Board Goal number 5—"Monitor the effectiveness of efforts at the colleges and the District Office that are meant to foster a Districtwide culture of customer 'service and accountability,' as stipulated in District Strategic Plan Goal #4"—Trustee Mercer requested that the Board be provided with information regarding the evolving structure of the District Office administration in order to ensure that the Board has the support necessary to implement and monitor its goals.

Dr. Adriana Barrera, Deputy Chancellor, indicated that the Chancellor's Cabinet has requested information as to which offices are responsible for specific duties. She is in the process of preparing this information and will present it to the Chancellor's Cabinet in January 2008.

Trustee Pearlman requested that clarification of the Board's role in the shared governance process be incorporated in the list of Board goals.

Chancellor Drummond indicated that on an annual basis he reads AB 1725, the classified contract, and the faculty contract because they guide the District's overall framework. He recommended that the Board members read these documents to obtain information regarding the District's shared governance process.

Mr. Colombo recommended that the Board conduct a study session or a Committee of the Whole during the spring of 2008 to discuss decentralization, centralization, the vision statement, and shared governance.

Chancellor Drummond indicated that the Board members would be provided with materials well in advance including a summary of AB 1725 and the shared governance statement from each college.

(Trustee Reddock left at 11:24 a.m.)

Mr. Colombo indicated that the revised list of Board goals would be presented for action at the regularly scheduled Board meeting of January 16, 2008.

Public Speakers

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Field, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole.

APPROVED: 5 Ayes

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Trustee Mercer relinquished the gavel to President Scott-Hayes.

(Trustee Furutani left at 12:00 p.m.)

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees reconvened at 12:33 p.m. with President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Mona Field, Nancy Pearlman, Angela J. Reddock, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Kelly G. Candaele (arrived at 12:56 p.m.), Warren T. Furutani, and Georgia L. Mercer (arrived at 12:36 p.m.). Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CLOSED SESSION AGENDA MATTERS

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions, Roman Numeral II. Disciplinary Actions of Permanent Classified Employees, Item A.

President Scott-Hayes stated that in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act, Woodrow Rowell, Jr., a permanent classified employee assigned to Los Angeles Southwest College as a Supervising Accountant, has requested that he be allowed to speak at the public session of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Rowell was present.

Mr. Michael Shanahan, Associate Vice Chancellor, Employer-Employee Relations, explained what should occur with respect to the disciplinary case.

(Trustee Mercer arrived at 12:36 p.m.)

Ms. Camille Goulet, General Counsel, explained the process for suspending a permanent classified employee.

Mr. Shanahan summarized the charges against Mr. Rowell.

Mr. Rowell addressed the Board regarding the charges against him. He distributed copies of the Skelly Review Report and documentation materials related to his disciplinary case.

Scheduled speakers Mr. Javad Sabokpey and Mr. Reginald McCoy were not present.

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions, Roman Numeral I. Routine Report

Mr. Robert Ebow addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the status of his employment with the District.

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions, Roman Numeral II. Disciplinary Actions of Permanent Classified Employees, Item B.

President Scott-Hayes stated that in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act, Mark Toomes, a permanent classified employee assigned to Los Angeles City College as a Custodian, has requested that he be allowed to speak at the public session of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Toomes was present.

Ms. Goulet recommended that the same procedure be followed as was previously articulated for Mr. Rowell.

Mr. Joaquin Flores, Representative, SEIU Local 99, addressed the Board on behalf of Mr. Toomes and requested that Mr. Toomes not be suspended.

Mr. Toomes addressed the Board regarding the charges against him.

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions, Roman Numeral II. Disciplinary Actions of Permanent Classified Employees, Item C.

Ms. Goulet indicated that scheduled speaker Mr. Gregory Gardner has withdrawn his request to address the Board.

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions, Roman Numeral III. Dismissal of Tenured Academic Employee

Ms. Goulet indicated that Ms. Gwen Walker, Employee, LAMC, was entitled to be present at 12:30 p.m. to address the Board, but she elected to submit a written statement to the Board in lieu of verbally addressing the Board.

(Trustee Candaele arrived at 12:56 p.m.)

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Pearlman, seconded by Trustee Field, to recess to Closed Session in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act and the Education Code. The Board will discuss the matters on the Closed Session agenda as posted and announced (see Attachment A).

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

The regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 12:58 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District reconvened at 3:41 p.m. with President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Mona Field, Nancy Pearlman, Angela J. Reddock, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Kelly G. Candaele (arrived at 3:42 p.m.), Warren T. Furutani, Georgia L. Mercer (arrived at 3:42 p.m.). Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

Trustee Field led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(Trustees Candaele and Mercer arrived at 3:42 p.m.)

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Pearlman, to adopt the following minutes:

Regular Meeting and Closed Session – November 7, 2007

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE

Ms. Sandra Lepore, Executive Secretary, AFT College Staff Guild, wished everyone happy holidays and peace in the New Year.

Mr. Carl Friedlander, President, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, expressed his appreciation to Chancellor Drummond for his assistance in getting the LACCD Job Fair moved from one of the hotels near LAX that is being boycotted.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (CATEGORY A)

Oral Presentations

None.

Proposed Actions

Com. No. 2/A. Restart baseball on LACC campus instead of forcing students to practice and play up in Griffith Park

Mr. Duke Russell addressed the Board requesting that they take action to let students play baseball on the LACC campus as they did on Snyder Field for many years.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MULTIPLE AGENDA MATTERS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD

The following reports to the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by the Board of Trustees and action taken as indicated.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session – December 19, 2007

President Scott-Hayes indicated that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that certain matters determined in Closed Session be reported during the public session that follows.

The Board took no actions that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires to be reported.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Mercer reported on this morning's Committee of the Whole meeting at which there was discussion regarding the current status of the Proposition A and AA Bond Program construction projects, the goals of the Board of Trustees as they relate to the statewide strategic plan and the District strategic plan, and the potential vacancy on the Board of Trustees in early 2008.

Com. No. BT1. Resolution – District Classified Employees Retirement

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adopt Com. No. BT1. as follows:

- WHEREAS, The classified employees identified below have been with the Los Angeles Community College District for many years; and
- WHEREAS, These classified employees have contributed significantly toward providing the highest quality of services to our students and the public on behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Personnel Commission and the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District do hereby commend the employees for their contributions and extend best wishes in their retirement.

SUMMARY OF RETIRED CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES November 1, 2007 – November 30, 2007

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	JOB CLASSIFICATION	YEARS OF SERVICE	LOCATION
1 Jones	Alex	Operations Manager	30	West
2 McSwine	Essie B.	SFP Director	26	City
3 Rubin	Jeanne C.	Executive Assistant to the President	6	Valley

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

REPORTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR AND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

The following reports to the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by Chancellor Drummond and action taken as indicated.

Chancellor Drummond announced that Mr. Marvin Martinez, Vice President, Planning and Development, Santa Monica College, has been appointed to serve as the Vice Chancellor of Economic and Workforce Development for the District beginning in January 2008. He introduced Mr. Martinez and welcomed him to the District.

Mr. Martinez acknowledged Dr. Susan Aminoff, President of the Board, Santa Monica Community College District. He expressed his appreciation for the appointment and indicated that he is looking forward to working for the District.

President Scott-Hayes welcomed Mr. Martinez to the District.

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Chancellor Drummond deferred to Mr. Gary Colombo, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness.

Mr. Colombo gave an update presentation regarding the District's African American outreach efforts. He indicated that the District created a coordination group to oversee the outreach efforts. This group became known as the African American Outreach Initiative. On May 25, 2007, a Districtwide organizational meeting was held that brought together more than 85 faculty and staff from across the District. Trustee Reddock was the guest speaker at this meeting. As a result of this event, the District created a volunteer community ambassador pilot program. He indicated that the District's has signed ten articulation agreements with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) that would enable District students to transfer to the HBCUs.

There was discussion regarding the need to evaluate how successful the District has been in increasing its student population, to build partnerships with local churches and civic groups for outreach purposes, and to build support mechanisms for the students when they attend the colleges.

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With respect to the state budget crisis, Chancellor Drummond indicated that the District is in the process of reviewing contracts for the colleges and the District Office in terms of general spending. Measures to reduce District spending will be implemented after the first of the year.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

President Scott-Hayes entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar Items on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote, with the limitation that the Student Trustee's vote shall not apply to HRD1., PC1., and the Correspondence.

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adopt the Consent Calendar Items on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote.

The Trustees discussed the following Consent Calendar agenda items:

Com. No. BF1. Budget and Finance Routine Report

With respect to Roman Numeral I. Acceptance of Income for Multi-College Grants, Trustee Mercer inquired as to how many international students the District serves and whether the number of international students has been increasing or decreasing.

Mr. John Clerx, Vice Chancellor, Instructional and Student Support Services, indicated that he would provide this information to the Board.

Trustee Pearlman indicated that she was in favor of waivers for the students who have insurance, but the District contract does not permit waivers. She inquired as to when the contract can be renegotiated to include the waiver.

Ms. Dawn Bastin, Director, Business Services, responded that there is not a waiver for individual insurance policies because the students can cancel their insurance at any time.

Com. No. BF2. Amend Board Rule 7503.10 – Mileage Reimbursement Rates

Com. No. BSD1. Business Services Routine Report

With respect to Roman Numeral I. Ratify Placement of Insurance Item B. as it relates to equestrian general liability and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for the Equestrian Center at Pierce College, Trustee Field indicated that this will cost the District \$17,000 for one year. She requested clarification of this cost.

Ms. Bastin subsequently provided the Board with information regarding the general liability insurance coverage for the Equestrian Center.

Com. No. BSD2. Ratifications for Business Services and Facilities Planning

Com. No. FPD1. Facilities Planning and Development Routine Report

With respect to Roman Numeral IV. Authorize Termination of Professional Services Agreements as it relates to the termination of agreements to provide design services for the Northeast Campus at LACC, Trustee Mercer inquired if the District would be able to use the designs that were created by the three firms that were providing these services.

Mr. Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development, responded that the District will use these designs. He indicated that the District is terminating the agreements because the work of the three firms has been completed in the design phase.

With respect to Roman Numeral II. Authorize Amendments to Professional Services Agreements Item E. as it relates to an amendment to an agreement with Playa Vista Job Opportunities and Business Services to provide additional services related to the "green" kiosks for LEED™ certified buildings Districtwide, Trustee Candaele inquired as to the purpose of the kiosks.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that the purpose of the kiosks will be to provide information about the buildings including the sustainable features of the buildings.

With respect to Roman Numeral XI. Authorize Lease Agreement as it relates to an agreement with Charles Dunn Company, Inc. to lease interim classroom and office space at 3020 Wilshire Boulevard for the Franklin Hall Modernization project at LACC, Trustee Mercer inquired as to how many classrooms will be in this facility.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that there are approximately 20 classrooms. Some of the classrooms are configured for nursing education.

Dr. Moore indicated that LACC is in the process of moving some of the self-contained study programs such as nursing and dental technology to 3020 Wilshire Boulevard. This would eliminate the need for students to go back and forth between locations. Students will not be required to pay for parking if they have already paid for parking at LACC.

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

Dr. Barrera noted the following amendment:

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II. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS OF PERMANENT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

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~~B. The three (3) days suspension of classified employee (1014403), assigned to Los Angeles City College as a permanent Custodian, is based on the following causes:~~

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~~C. The dismissal of classified employee (786779), assigned to Los Angeles City College as a permanent Custodian, is based on the following causes:~~

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Withdrawn.

Com. No. PC1. Personnel Commission Action

Accept Recommended Disposition of Correspondence

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 6 Ayes

Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote

Com. No. BF3. 2007-2008 Budget Adjustments

Dr. Barrera noted that due to an oversight, a memorandum that accompanies the action item was omitted from the Board report. Copies of the memorandum entitled "Allocation Grant Task Force Recommendation RE: Mission College's Request for Financial Relief of \$1.5 million Deficit" were distributed.

Com. No. FPD2. Authorize Disposal of Surplus Personal Property from Los Angeles Community Colleges

Trustee Pearlman inquired if the colleges are aware that they can look at what the other colleges are giving away.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that a list is circulated to all the colleges in the District indicating what items are being proposed for the surplus list. The colleges have a two-week period to look at these items. He indicated that typically the items on the surplus list are old and in a state of disrepair, but they might be of value to someone.

Trustee Pearlman inquired if faculty members—especially part-time faculty members—are aware that surplus items might be available.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that the process at each college is that if administrators, faculty, staff, or students have a need for any surplus items, they would identify their need to the central purchasing office. The Purchasing Officer and Facilities Director are provided with a list of the requested items. They then match the availability of the surplus items with the particular request.

Dr. Spink indicated that a majority of the surplus items are unusable.

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. Nos. BF3. and FPD2.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

None.

NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES

None.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category B)

Oral Presentations

None.

Proposed Actions

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trustee Reddock expressed her appreciation once again to the Board of Trustees for appointing her. She indicated that she has enjoyed working with each Board member, the administrative team at the District Office, the College Presidents and their staff, and the representatives at the Resource Table.

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President Scott-Hayes wished everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT

President Scott-Hayes entertained a motion to adjourn in memory of Trustee Furutani's mother, Mrs. Mary Furutani, who recently passed away.

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Pearlman, to adjourn in memory of Mrs. Mary Furutani.

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

MARSHALL E. DRUMMOND
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: _____
Laurie Green
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Sylvia Scott-Hayes
President of the Board

Date _____ February 13, 2008