

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 24, 2019

Tentative Budget Approved



The FY 2019-2020 tentative budget was approved by the SOCCCD Board of Trustees, during the June 24 board meeting. Executive Director of Fiscal Services, Kim McCord and Vice Chancellor of Business Services, Ann-Marie Gabel presented and answered questions about the budget—outlining key projections, streams of revenue, and anticipated expenditures. Most notable were the changes in the State Budget and its impact on California Community Colleges, as well as the adjustments to the funding formula.

The Board of Trustees is expected to adopt the final budget during the August 26, 2019 board meeting. More information about the tentative budget can be found online in the [report](#) or the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

1. **Invocation** by Vice President Timothy Jemal
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** by Trustee David Lang
3. **Reports:**
 - **Board Reports:**



Trustee Jay reserved her board report to provide an update on behalf of the Irvine Valley College (IVC) Foundation Board of Governors. The IVC Foundation awarded \$500,000 in scholarships and raised over one million dollars for the year. The IVC Foundation has experienced several years of success in reaching their milestones. Some of the success of the gala this year was attributed to securing the venue early.



Trustee Jemal reported that he attend the Human Services Graduation, and being that it was his first time attending, he was touched by the ceremony and mentioned that it captures the essence of why we work for students throughout the District. Trustee Jemal was unable to attend the commencements in the District because he was honored to attend his daughter's college graduation in Philadelphia. He did, however watch both of the ceremonies online and was very proud of all the students.



Trustee Lang reported that the end-of-year commencements are some of the highlights of the year. As a trustee, experiencing commencement, puts into perspective all of the efforts expended throughout the year. On another note, Trustee Lang reported that he was proud to represent the District at the Saddleback College Golf Tournament and his team was 15 under par. Trustee Lang also mentioned that during the June 24 board meeting, the Trustees will focus on financial matters, as they review the tentative budget. He was proud to announce that the District is fortunate to have experienced healthy financial standings for years and appreciates that the Board of Trustees continues to help ensure sound fiscal stewardship.



Trustee Milchiker reported on her attendance to some of, what she described as, the most auspicious events at the end of the Spring Semester, which included the commencements at Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College, as well as the Human Services Graduation at Saddleback. Each ceremony was filled with heartfelt sentiments from the speakers. For many of the graduates, their lives are forever changed after attending one of our colleges. On May 29, Trustee Milchiker appeared on Laguna Woods TV for an interview with Ken Goldenberg. A link of the show is available on [Youtube](#) and the [District's Facebook Page](#). Trustee Milchiker mentioned that her friends from various organizations watched the interview and shared that they were happy to see all of the good work being achieved by the District and the two colleges. On June 13, Trustee Milchiker attended the last Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force (OCCCLTF) meeting of the summer. The group will reconvene in September, hosted by Rancho Santiago Community College District for the next academic year. During the OCCCLTF meeting, the group reviewed the structure of the task force and Trustee Milchiker was proud to know that the structure she wrote during the inception of the task force is followed by the group today. All of the members agreed that the current structure remains relevant. The group also reviewed the progress of several bills that OCCCLTF took positions on or have been monitoring during the legislative session. Townsend Public Affairs also reviewed key points in the budget, which included:

- Approved funding for the IVC Fine Arts building
- Funding remains intact for the online college
- Funds for Cal Grants available to community college students and have nearly doubled



Trustee Whitt shared that she was very touched to attend the commencement ceremonies this year. After attending 40 plus commencements, each event remains to be meaningful and memorable for her. She appreciated seeing the striking smiles of the students who had an opportunity to celebrate all of their accomplishments. Many thanks to all of the faculty and family of students for attending. "Saluting our students is so important", said Trustee Whitt. Trustee Whitt also attended the Human Services graduation. She mentioned that all of the speakers shared heartfelt messages and encouraged students to continue in the pursuit of their goals.



Trustee Wright reported that commencement season is particularly special because of all of the year-end celebrations. He attended the Saddleback College Human Services Graduation where students were honored for their accomplishments. On May 24, Trustee Wright attended the commencement practices for both colleges, where he delivered congratulatory remarks and had an opportunity to confer degrees. Finally, Trustee Wright congratulated Chancellor Burke on being elected to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). He mentioned that her election is a great honor and great news for the District.

Student Trustee Martha Uriarte reported that she attended the Orange County School Boards Association meeting with school business officials who shared information about legislation that could have an impact on school districts throughout Orange County. Student Trustee Uriarte mentioned that summer courses are well underway at the colleges and students are very busy getting books, scheduling classes, and beginning the short semester. Finally, Student Trustee Uriarte reported that she has scheduled a meeting with IVC and SC ASG Presidents for June 25 at 10am, to openly discuss and share ideas about how to benefit the student populations at both colleges.

Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Kathleen Burke reported on items approved by the State Legislature's 2019 Conference Committee on the Budget and the various impacts to the District. The update included:

- Expansion of competitive Cal Grants approved, which can serve approximately 15,000 more students.
- The authors of AB 291 and AB 1314 decided to turn their bills into two-year bills. This process allows for further progression on financial aid reform for students.
- \$7 million from Proposition 63 funds are allocated to student mental health services.
- \$500,000 one-time funds are allocated to support a study on students experiencing hunger.
- \$9 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funds – set aside for the rapid rehousing pilot program. Early in the session, the funding was allocated to UCs and CSUs only. This recent change included the California Community Colleges.
- \$3.9 million was allocated to support the basic needs of students.

Additional information can be found in the Chancellor's [written report](#).

Irvine Valley College President's Report: President Glenn Roquemore concurred with the board that all of the end-of-year events were fantastic. He thanked everyone for attending the events around campus, including the Newly Tenured Faculty event, Early College Commencement, Foundation Scholarship Ceremony, and the Campus Community Recognition Ceremony. President Roquemore expressed that the summer schedule has been filled with activities, such as the opening of a new parking lot, installing underground mapping, and catching up on ADA obligations. Additional information can be found on President Roquemore's [written report](#).

Saddleback College President's Report: President Elliot Stern added to the congratulatory remarks for Chancellor Burke, on her election to the ACCJC. He mentioned that the opportunity allows for our district to have a valuable voice and ear in the future trends and changes in the accreditation process. President Stern also shared helpful data points about zero text book classes with the board. In the 2018-2019 year, zero text book classes increased from 5.35 percent to 14.5 percent at Saddleback. Saddleback College will be offering 43 fully online degrees and certificates in 2019.

President Stern ended his report with an introduction of new members in his leadership team, including:

- Scott Farthing, an SC faculty member since 2005, will serve as the Interim Dean of Fine Arts for one year.
- Elizabeth McCann is the new Executive Director for the Saddleback College Foundation. She comes to Saddleback from the Long Beach City College Foundation.
- Dee Oliveri is the new Assistant Dean of Health Sciences.

Additional information can be found in President Stern's [written report](#).

Irvine Valley College ASG President Feras Khatib reported that students are well into summer classes and that he is also taking three classes this summer. In the first few months of his term as ASG President, he has helped ensure that several Pride celebrations have taken place on campus, including one to be held on June 26. Feras also reported that he attended the District-wide Planning Retreat and the IVC Board of Governors meeting. Finally, he stated that he is focused on continuing the work of Matt Rosborough to increase mental health services on campus and to support those with mental health needs. He also is working with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) on funding free bus passes for students.

Saddleback College ASG President Jake Rybczyk expressed that he was extremely grateful to be at the meeting representing Saddleback College and felt fortunate to have had the guidance of his predecessor Perry Meade, as well as the continuing support of President Stern. Currently, the Saddleback College ASG is experiencing a major turnover. Interviews are being conducted to fill 40 positions on the executive team and various committees. As mentioned by President Khatib, the Saddleback College ASG continues to work with the OCTA to fund free bus passes for students. Additionally, ASG is working on updating the website, the bylaws, and resolutions focused on addressing affordable housing and meditation rooms on campus.

4. Discussion Items Presented

- SOCCCD: FY 2019-2020 Tentative Budget. [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

5. Consent Calendar Items Approved

6. General Action Items Approved

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