

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting of the Board of Trustees, July 15, 2019

District IT and the Student Design Team



During Monday's meeting, a presentation was made to the Board of Trustees about the District Student Design Team, formed to contribute to the overall development of web programs tailored for students at both colleges, such as the SmartSchedule.

Dr. Robert Bramucci and Jim Gaston were joined by students Bitu Gheibi and Sam Seifollahi to present on the impact, benefits, and challenges of the Student Design Team. The presentation also included a professional video with interviews of the entire team. To learn more, please click the link to view the [video](#).

Saddleback College Presents New Plan for ATEP



President Elliot Stern presented a plan to the Board that entailed a new proposal of programs to be offered at Saddleback College's future ATEP campus. The new plan included information about the expansion and growth of an Automotive Transportation and Logistics program along with a Culinary and Hospitality program. Data about the labor market, industry concentration, and partnership opportunities was also shared. To learn more, please click on the link to view the [full presentation](#).

1. **Invocation by Trustee Lang David Lang**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance by Trustee Marcia Milchiker**
3. **Reports:**
 - **Board Reports:**



Trustee Jay congratulated the Saddleback College athletic teams on their fine academic achievements for the 2018-2019 academic year. Trustee Jay mentioned that a majority of the teams completed the year with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. The Saddleback College Women’s Tennis Team set the record for the year with a cumulative team GPA of 3.75. Trustee Jay expressed that the athletics programs bring so much to the colleges and the students work hard to balance both sports and their studies. The high GPAs across all athletic teams, are a testament to the work ethic and commitment to excellence of the Saddleback College athletes, as well as the staff and faculty who support them. Trustee Jay also reported on former Trustee John Williams who was recently inducted into the Police Olympics Hall of Fame. Trustee Williams once lead the Gaucho Track and Field team as a high hurdles and intermediate hurdles competitor. Congratulations to former Trustee John Williams.



Trustee Jemal provided comments about [Item 6.3](#) on the agenda that addressed a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Calbright Community College—the new California Community College. Trustee Jemal commented that he is supportive of the online college because it expands the opportunity for more students to receive an excellent education at an affordable cost. Many students must take classes online due to their work or family structures. A community college online will provide greater access and exposure to the programs that the California Community College system has to offer. Trustee Jemal stated that the presence of the Calbright Community College may also circumvent the efforts of for-profit institutions who engage in predatory tuition practices and cause local students to incur massive amounts of student loan debt. A partnership with Calbright is a positive opportunity because it allows us to support the expansion of offerings to students for an accessible and affordable education.

Trustee Lang had no report.



Trustee Milchiker reported that she met with Chancellor Burke twice, Letitia Clark, and Vice-Chancellor Ann-Marie Gabel and that much was accomplished during their meetings. Although we are in the summer months, administrators are working, professors are teaching summer school, students are learning, and classified staff are holding it all together. Trustee Milchiker announced that she is looking forward to seeing everyone at Professional Development week, which begins on Monday, August 12 with Chancellor Burke’s Opening Session, followed the next day by presentations by both presidents. Classes begin the following Monday.



President Prendergast welcomed Student Trustee Martha Uriarte to the Board, as he missed her swearing-in. He thanked Student Trustee Uriarte for her time and commitment to the Board and looks forward to working with her. President Prendergast also reported that he attended an Association of California Cities Orange County (ACCOC) Environment and Energy Committee meeting. During the meeting he learned about Assembly Bill 1486 authored by Assembly Member Ting, which could impose requirements on how public institutions can sell or lease surplus land. Since the bill could have an impact on the District, he alerted district staff of the issue and we now have an opportunity to express a concern about the bill and propose amendments.



Trustee Whitt shared similar sentiments with Trustee Jay by expressing her pride for the achievements of the Saddleback College athletes and applauding them for their efforts. Trustee Whitt thanked the Chancellor and College Presidents for their excellent board reports and wished everyone a great rest of the summer.



Trustee Wright reported that he has plans to attend the ATEP site tour and board study session on July 16 at the ATEP location. He also thanked Chancellor Burke, Dr. Stern and Dr. Roquemore for excellent board reports. He expressed that the reports continue to be well written and informative. Finally, he expressed his enthusiasm to participate in the 2019 Professional Development Week, which will begin with the Chancellor's Opening Session on August 12.

Student Trustee Martha Uriarte reported that she held a conference call with the ASGs of IVC and Saddleback to discuss the schedule for future fall meetings and how to increase the communication of goals and decisions with students on all of the campuses. Student Trustee Uriarte also hopes to increase communication efforts to increase transparency and accountability between the elected student leaders and the general student population.

Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Kathleen Burke encouraged everyone to review her written report included in the agenda packet which featured information about the California Census, the Congressional Wounded Warrior Fellowship program, and updates about legislative priorities at the state level. Additional information can be found in the Chancellor's [written report](#).

Irvine Valley College President's Report: Vice President Davit Khachatryan reported to the Board that President Roquemore was attending a leadership conference with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and sends his regrets. Vice President Davit Khachatryan reported that IVC is currently focused on the Facilities Master Plan and the requests for proposals. In this process, IVC has worked with Saddleback College and the District for input and feedback. Additional information can be found in President Roquemore's [written report](#).

Saddleback College President's Report: President Elliot Stern thanked the Board for the accolades associated with his written report and emphasized an aspect to this month's report that is focused on the Return on Investment (ROI) of support to students. Support can surface in many forms, such as scholarships. Through a study referenced in his report, Dr. Stern highlighted that partial scholarships led to double attainment numbers in some cases and full scholarships nearly tripled attainment numbers to 75 percent. Additional information can be found in President Stern's [written report](#).

4. Discussion Items Presented

- [SOCCCD: District IT Student Design Team Video](#)
- [Saddleback College: Plan for the Advance Technology and Education Park PowerPoint Presentation](#)

5. Consent Calendar Items Approved

6. General Action Items Approved

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Broadcast Schedule

7 pm, Friday July 19 - Irvine Valley College TV33
7 pm, Saturday, July 20 - Saddleback College TV39

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