

# SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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## Board Meeting Highlights

### Meeting of the Board of Trustees, January 21, 2020



#### Legislative Priorities Adopted

On January 21, the Board of Trustees received a presentation about [proposed legislative priorities](#) for state and federal advocacy efforts. Approved priorities at the state level include support of college affordability, support of the College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 (Proposition 13), support of affordable housing and funding to eliminate non-academic barriers (basic needs).

1. **Invocation** by **Trustee Milchiker**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** by **Trustee Prendergast**
3. **Reports:**

#### Board Reports:



**Trustee Jay** reported on her attendance at several events that were a part of the Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College Professional Development Weeks. Highlights of the activities included the keynote presentation by Dr. Suman Pendakur, Chief Learning Officer for the USC Equity Institute at the USC Race and Equity Center. Dr. Pandakur's talk featured several different ways to think about equity on campus and in our lives, challenging us to push ourselves beyond our own limits and strive to make every environment more equitable for all.

Trustee Jay also discussed the other events she attended on IVC's campus in support of faculty and staff professional development. Additionally, Trustee Jay described similar events attended on Saddleback College's campus with an emphasis on the presentation made about student success and the utilization of progress reports to support student success. Finally, Trustee Jay extended congratulatory remarks to Saddleback and

SOCCCD for winning the CCC Energy and Sustainability Award and to Chancellor Burke for her appointment to the Orange County Business Council.



**Trustee Jemal** reported on his attendance at the Saddleback College Opening Session and Luncheon at Irvine Valley College. Trustee Jemal also spoke about his participation with the Board Goals Review meeting on January 13, and stated that the review session was productive with good discussion. Lastly, Trustee Jemal announced that he looks forward to the CCLC Legislative Conference in Sacramento with colleagues, scheduled for the end of January.



**Trustee Lang** wished everyone a happy new year — joy, success and good health.



**Trustee Milchiker** reported on her busy schedule during professional development week on both campuses, where she attended more than 20 events. Trustee Milchiker opened her remarks with a welcome back to campus to all students, faculty, and staff, and wished everyone a happy new year. She hoped that everyone had an inspiring start to New Year 2020. “Lots of 2020 puns to start out the year with a chuckle, but you can only understand a 2020 joke in hindsight.”

Trustee Milchiker congratulated Saddleback College for being awarded the Excellence in Energy and Sustainability Award by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. She also said, “What I gleaned from the Professional Development Week presentations I attended was, as I indicated earlier in my invocation, we have magnificent staff here! I love catching staff members hard at work, and thank them for their contributions! I created a spreadsheet of events I planned to attend. Here are some of the best:

- SC President’s Opening Session, end of IVC’s president’s opening session
- IVC faculty equity discussion and tour of IVC services supporting equity
- Geek Report, faculty lunch, IVC President’s classified staff lunch – our classified staff are incredibly hard working and engaged. They are the first people our students meet and are vital for student success. Classified senate was started at Saddleback College.”

Trustee Milchiker said, “I truly appreciate the professors who assemble flex week to try their best to have both president’s addresses on different days, so board members can attend both.” Finally, Trustee Milchiker made mention of several great ARTS events coming up –such as BLOOM at SC – Exploring CA Ecology through Dance Theater – February 5-8.



**President Prendergast** reported on his attendance at IVC’s Opening Session. During the session, President Prendergast provided opening and welcome remarks to all in attendance on behalf of the board, and was happy to do so. One of the highlights of the presentation that stood out to President Prendergast, was a slide about representation of races and ethnicities in children’s books. The slide, presented by Dr. Suman Pendakur, demonstrated the prevalence of animals and white males in children’s books—overwhelming more than minorities and females.



**Trustee Whitt Rydell**, wished everyone a happy and productive new year. Her report included information about her attendance at the Board Self Evaluation meeting and that it was very productive. Trustee Whitt Rydell stated that the meeting was informative and that the board goals are in line with the needs of students and steps necessary to ensure success. Trustee Whitt Rydell also mentioned that when the board strives to meet the needs of the students, they simultaneously meet the needs of the community. Finally, Trustee Whitt Rydell reported on a holiday event she attended with the Saddleback College Foundation and also stressed the importance of participating in the US Census.



**Trustee Wright** attended seven different events as a part of professional development week, including both Saddleback and Irvine Valley College's opening sessions. Trustee Wright also reported on his attendance at the math, science and engineering luncheon, the IVC Geek Report event, and faculty association luncheons. Finally, Trustee Wright mentioned that he was proud to see his three grandsons earn the Eagle Scouts and Arrow of Light awards with the Boy Scouts of America.

**Student Trustee Martha Uriarte** wished everyone a happy new year and reported that she is looking forward to meeting with Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College ASG representatives to work on goals and initiatives for the new semester.

**Chancellor Kathleen Burke** – reserved her reporting time to discuss her concerns about accreditation within the current draft of the Higher Education Authorization Act, and encouraged Trustees to advocate for changes in the language before supporting the reauthorization under the current administration. Chancellor Burke directed the Board of Trustees to her written report for additional information about her activities in January. Chancellor Burke's written report can be found by clicking on the [link](#).

**Irvine Valley College President's Report: Acting President Cindy Vyskocil was represented by VPI Chris McDonald** who had no additions to the written report. The written report can be viewed by clicking on the [link](#).

**Saddleback College President's Report: President Elliot Stern** announced the success of their re-enroll campaign. 500 students re-enrolled, which demonstrated the importance of reaching out. In Saddleback's outreach, they were able to get in contact with lost parts of the student community who needed additional services. President Stern also reported that he was happy to support his team at the Capo Unified School District meeting, where the team presented a dual enrollment plan about programs that will lead to credentials and baccalaureate degrees in automobile education technology, communications and IT, and business. The presentation was received well by the school board. Saddleback will soon send CCAP agreements for approval by the board.

**Saddleback College ASG President's Report: ASG Representative** reported that the ASG, now 71 members strong – passed executive policies during their retreat at UCI. The retreat entailed successful team bonding and guest speakers from administration and faculty. The ASG Representative also thanked President Elliot Stern for speaking to their group during the retreat. The ASG Representative announced that a personal reflection room would be available to students on campus through the end of February. Finally, the ASG Representative reported that elections for open ASG positions will end on March 5.

**Irvine Valley College ASG President's Report: ASG Representative** reported that the ASG is preparing for the Spring Semester and has been working on reconstructing the ASG to be more efficient and effective. The ASG

Representative also reported that they soon will meet with a representative from ASG and Acting President Vyskocil to explore a program that will help to eliminate transportation barriers for students through free or reduced fee bus passes.

## **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Presentations:**

**4.1**—Letitia Clark presented the proposed advocacy priorities for the 2020 legislative year. The purpose of this presentation was to allow for review and discussion of advocacy priorities the Board of Trustees may want to support. Under General Action Items at **6.1**, the Board approved [District legislative priorities for the 2020 legislative session](#).

**4.2**—Letitia Clark presented current information of the [customary and normal speakers' fees](#) based on data collected from a variety of sources. This presentation was presented to allow Board members to discuss the costs of speakers in general terms and is associated with item **6.6**, which are the Board Policies for review and study. In particular, **BP 6140**, which addresses **College Speakers**.

### **Resolutions:**

**5.2 (1.)**—Approved a resolution to support [climate change and sustainability goals](#), which is recommended based on action taken by the Board of Governors (BOG) that sets community college system-wide goals.

**5.2 (2.)**—Approved a resolution requesting [financial assistance](#) from the County of Orange and their receipt of **Mental Health Services Act** funds (Proposition 63) as approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

**5.7**—Adopted Resolution No.20-20 authorizing the establishment of the [Student Representation Fee Fund](#)  
**970**—This fee is required following an amendment made to the California Education Code – Section 76060.5.

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### **Broadcast Schedule**

7 pm, Friday, January 24 - Irvine Valley College TV33

7 pm, Saturday, January 25 - Saddleback College TV39

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