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COS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – June 2, 2009

Weed / COS – Prior to the beginning of the Closed Session, a half hour study session was held. Steve Crow, Vice President of Administrative Services and Kent Gross, Controller, presented the Trustees with an overview on the technique of reading and understanding financial budget reports.

Vice President of Instruction, Barry Russell, presented the Trustees with a report about a newly acquired grant from the California Office of Statewide Planning and Development. The Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act was established in 1973 under the California Health and Safety Code to increase the number of health professional training slots in established medical schools. The program encourages universities and primary health care professionals to provide healthcare in medically underserved areas, and provides financial support to registered nurse (RN) education programs throughout California.

COS received funding from Song-Brown in 2007 and reapplied for additional funding in November 2008. Notification that the application was being considered was received and a request was made for COS to present a summary of its proposal to the Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission. In March, Gerri Fedora – COS Director of Nursing and Russell made a presentation to the Commission and the College was recently notified confirmation of additional funding of \$120,000. The grant funds will support salaries, equipment, supplies, recruitment and travel expenses for the College's ADN (LVN to RN Step-Up) Program and give COS a base with which to continue expanding its Nursing Program in order to recruit, enroll and train more RN students. Trustees approved the Song-Brown Grant and authorized expenditures. COS will receive \$60,000 each fiscal year - 2009/10 and 2010/2011.

Vice-President of Administration and Information Services, Steve Crow, provided the Trustees with information regarding the District's General Fund Tentative Budget. The Tentative Budget is presented as a recommendation for balancing expenditure requests to projected revenues for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. It is still too early to accurately predict the revenue available for 2009/2010 as the State legislator has not finalized the state budget. The Tentative Budget allows spending authority until an Adopted Budget is approved after the Governor has signed the state budget. The District will limit spending over the summer months to the bare essentials in order to minimize any potential impact on next year's budget. Trustees approved the 2009/2010 Tentative Budget.

The Board received an update on the status of the Capital Outlay / Bond Projects Program. Vice President Crow reported work on the Rural Health Science Institute is proceeding according to schedule and is scheduled for completion by July 28. Exterior coat color has been applied to the stucco exterior and interior painting has been completed except for trim and touch up activities. Installation of interior doors and flooring quarry tile is nearly complete and paving of the parking lots and extension of Campus Drive has been scheduled for June 9 thru 12. Classes to be held in the new facility will begin August 17.

Other Board Action:

- Approved the monthly Personnel List discussed in Closed Session.
- Approved the monthly Consent Agenda.
- Approved the nomination of Kitty Lyons as the 2009/10 Student Trustee. Ms. Lyons will be administered the Oath of Office at the August Board meeting.
- Approved the Associated Student Board budget for the 2009/10 fiscal year
- Approved contract with Siskiyou Training & Employment Program for staffing to conduct CalWORKs program activities for 2009/2010.

The next regular COS Board of Trustees meeting will be held July 7, 2009 at the Weed Campus in the Board Room. A study session on the Partnership with Community on Social Service Issues will begin at 4:30 p.m., closed session will begin at 5 p.m., and open session will begin at 6 p.m.