

The following is a summary of the regular SMC Board of Trustees meeting of Dec. 6, 2011. Board minutes, which provide all official actions of the Board, and these Board summaries are posted at <http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Pages/Trustees-Meeting-Information.aspx>.

Podcasts of the meeting are available at <http://www.smc.edu/itunes>.

**NEW BOARD CHAIR & VICE CHAIR:** Trustees voted unanimously to elect Dr. Margaret R. Quiñones-Perez chair and Dr. Nancy Greenstein vice chair of the Board for 2012. Quiñones-Perez, who was first elected in 2000 and served as chair in 2004, succeeds Dr. Andrew Walzer as chair, a post that rotates annually. Greenstein succeeds Quiñones-Perez.

**2011 CO-FACULTY OF THE YEAR:** The Board presented certificates of recognition to philosophy professor Amber Katherine and Transfer Center Faculty Leader Dan Nannini for being selected 2011 Co-Faculty of the Year by the SMC Academic Senate.

**SMC'S ECONOMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD:** SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang announced that the college was selected for the 2011 Economic Excellence Award given by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. The award, which will be officially presented Jan. 26 to the college at the annual chamber's annual State of the City, recognizes organizations that have served as a driving economic force through employment, stability and overall community participation.

**TRANSFER:** The Board heard a report from Transfer Center Faculty Leader Dan Nannini that SMC continues to be the No. 1 transfer institution to the University of California, USC and Loyola Marymount University. A more detailed report is available on Pages 8-9 of the Dec. 6 Board Agenda at [http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Documents/Board%20of%20Trustees%20Meetings/Board\\_of\\_Trustees\\_Meetings/2011/12-6-11%20Agenda.pdf](http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Documents/Board%20of%20Trustees%20Meetings/Board_of_Trustees_Meetings/2011/12-6-11%20Agenda.pdf).

**WINTER & SPRING 2012 ENROLLMENT:** Vice President of Enrollment Development Teresita Rodriguez reported that five days into the enrollment period, the Winter 2012 session – which is larger than the 2011 session – is already 48 percent full, and Spring 2012 classes are at 34 percent capacity. Describing the enrollment activity as “very robust,” Rodriguez said not all students have even yet been given access to sign up for classes in winter or spring.

**STUDENT SUCCESS TASK FORCE:** Officials presented to the Board SMC's detailed response to the widely debated California Community Colleges' Board of Governors Student Success Task Force Recommendations. Academic Senate President Janet Harclerode and Executive Vice President Randy Lawson, co-chairs of the SMC Task Force that was charged with responding to the state, said the issue sparked “lively debate” but yielded a consensus on the state's recommendations, many of which SMC already practices. The SMC Task Force response is posted at [http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Documents/Board%20of%20Trustees%20Meetings/Board\\_of\\_Trustees\\_Meetings/2011/SSTF%20Response%20Task%20Force%20Recommendations.pdf](http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Documents/Board%20of%20Trustees%20Meetings/Board_of_Trustees_Meetings/2011/SSTF%20Response%20Task%20Force%20Recommendations.pdf)

**SCA 5 (PARCEL TAXES):** The Board voted unanimously to support Senate Constitutional Amendment 5, sponsored by State Sen. Joe Simitian, which would reduce the two-thirds voter approval requirement on parcel taxes to 55 percent.

**RETIREE HEALTH LIABILITIES:** The Board heard a report on the college's Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities, which analyzes the liabilities associated with its current retiree health program as of June 30, 2011. The college engaged total Compensation Systems, Inc. to analyze the liabilities so that it can manage the costs of such benefits; communicate the financial implications of such benefits to internal and other affected parties; and to comply with government accounting standards. The full report is available at [http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Documents/Board%20of%20Trustees%20Meetings/Board\\_of\\_Trustees\\_Meetings/2011/Actuarial%202011%20Report.pdf](http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Documents/Board%20of%20Trustees%20Meetings/Board_of_Trustees_Meetings/2011/Actuarial%202011%20Report.pdf)

**STATE BUDGET:** Vice President of Business & Administration Bob Isomoto reported that it is still unclear whether mid-year state budget cuts will be triggered, but noted that the Legislative Analyst's Office recently projected that revenues will be down by \$3.4 billion this fiscal year. Under the terms of the 2011-12 state budget, mid-year cuts can be triggered by a number of factors, including a revenue shortfall of \$2 billion or more. However, he said, the LAO has said its estimate could be as much as \$2 billion off. Meanwhile, Gov. Jerry Brown and other organizations in the state have started petition drives to put on the state ballot next fall various measures that would increase taxes. In addition, Brown will be unveiling his proposed 2012-13 state budget on Jan. 10, Isomoto said.

**TECHNOLOGY RELOCATION PROJECT UPDATE:** The Board heard a presentation from Morris Architects on the planning and design of the Information Technology Relocation project. The project is designed to consolidate campus technology resources in one location and provide the proper infrastructure for future growth. The plan calls for relocating Information Technology from the third floor of Drescher Hall to a new building slated to be constructed on the current location of the Library Village temporary structures just south of the Media Center.

**CORSAIR AWARDS:** The Board presented certificates of recognition to many of the student newspaper Corsair staffers in recognition of the 24 awards the paper received in the 2011 Southern California Convention of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges.

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & DINNER:** SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang reported that his annual Holiday Luncheon for employees will be held Dec. 15 and the Holiday Dinner for night crew employees will be held Dec. 16.

**CLOSED SESSION:** The Board voted unanimously in closed session to suspend a classified employee for three days without pay, beginning Dec. 7.

