

The following is a summary of the highlights of the SMC Board of Trustees meeting of Nov. 1, 2011. The Board summaries are posted at <http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Pages/Trustees-Meeting-Information.aspx>.

In addition, the meeting minutes, which provide all the official actions of the Board, are also posted at <http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Pages/Trustees-Meeting-Information.aspx>.

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

**SCIENCE-TECH-ENGINEERING-MATH GRANT:** The Board voted unanimously to accept a \$5.8 million federal grant with UCLA that will direct more underrepresented students into the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. The five-year Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. The SMC-UCLA grant was one of 34 such awards to California community colleges, all Hispanic-Serving institutions, totaling \$37 million statewide. Representatives of the SMC science faculty and UCLA outlined a wide variety of strategies and activities that will be used to get students interested in science-related degrees and careers and guide them toward baccalaureate and graduate degrees.

**MASTER PLAN FOR EDUCATION, 2011-12:** The Board heard a report from Executive Vice President Randal Lawson that the SMC Master Plan for Education has been reviewed and updated for 2011-12. The 2011-12 update incorporates all of the efforts initiated over the last two years to more clearly document linkages within the overall institutional planning process. The final document – reviewed by the District Planning & Advisory Council and recommended to President Dr. Chui L. Tsang – is at [http://www.smc.edu/ACG/DistrictPlanningPolicies/Documents/District Planning and Advisory Council/DPAC%202011-2012/MPE%202011-2012.pdf](http://www.smc.edu/ACG/DistrictPlanningPolicies/Documents/District_Planning_and_Advisory_Council/DPAC%202011-2012/MPE%202011-2012.pdf).

**INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS:** The Board heard a report from SMC officials on the recently completed “Institutional Effectiveness Data 2011” document that measures the college’s effectiveness in five key areas: innovative and responsive academic environment, supportive learning environment, management and fiscal environment, sustainable physical environment, and supportive collegial environment. The detailed report provides data on many performance indicators, ranging from the student persistence rate to operating surplus-deficit to annual student per-capita waste disposal. Vice President of Enrollment Development Teresita Rodriguez and Director of Institutional Research Hannah Alford also spoke to the Board about the Accountability Reporting in the Community Colleges report. Both written reports are at [http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Documents/Board%20of%20Trustees%20Meetings/Board of Trustees Meetings/2011/2011%20IE-ARCC-Report.pdf](http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Documents/Board%20of%20Trustees%20Meetings/Board_of_Trustees_Meetings/2011/2011%20IE-ARCC-Report.pdf).

**STUDENT SUCCESS TASK FORCE:** Executive Vice President Randal Lawson and Academic Senate President Janet Harclerode reported that the newly formed Student Success Task Force, which they co-chair, is off to a strong start. The task force was formed in response to a report issued in late September by the California Community Colleges Task Force on Student Success that outlines draft recommendations for a plan to significantly improve the success rates of students. Lawson said the SMC task force plans to have a completed

response to each of the draft recommendations, which the state Chancellor's Office calls "sweeping in their scope," by the beginning of December.

**ATHLETICS:** Just three years after SMC Athletics was marked by internal conflict and the football team was put on probation for residency violations, the department has made a dramatic – and what the Western States Conference calls an "extremely successful" – turnaround, SMC officials told the Board. Athletics Project Manager Joe Cascio reported that WSC officials, who recently conducted a program review, were impressed with the changes made in Athletics over the past two years. Vice President of Student Affairs Mike Tuitasi attributed the turnaround to Cascio and Dean of Special Program Leonard Crawford. In other Athletics news, Cascio reported that SMC will begin offering a men's soccer program in fall 2012 and that the football team not only is undefeated in conference play, but could host a postseason bowl game.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** SMC Police Sgt. Jere Romano reported that his department has been coordinating earthquake and other emergency preparedness drills – including the Great California Shakeout Oct. 20 – on campus and that he has been conducting classes in which more than 200 individuals have been trained in preparedness.

**PERSONNEL COMMISSION:** The Board voted unanimously to affirm the reappointment of Barbara Greenstein to the SMC Personnel Commission for a three-year term beginning Dec. 1, 2011. Greenstein is one of two commissioners on the five-member board appointed by classified employees at the college.

**QUARTERLY REPORT:** The Board voted unanimously to acknowledge submittal of the college's quarterly report as of Sept. 30, 2011 to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

**MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION:** Management Association President Judy Neveau reported that Lisa Rose, Deyna Hearn and Katharine Muller will be representing the Management Association on the newly formed SMC Strategic Planning Task Force.