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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 22, 2009

The College of Marin Board of Trustees met in Deedy Staff Lounge at the Kentfield Campus on Sept. 22, 2009. The closed session began at 5 p.m. followed by the open session at 6:30 p.m. Detailed agendas and other information can be found online at http://www.marin.edu/com/board_of_trustees.htm.

Highlights of the meeting include:

Resolution in Support of Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month is traditionally observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 of each year. In recognition of the expanding prominence of the Hispanic contributions to American history, values, and culture, the Board of Trustees endorsed Hispanic Heritage Month.

Personnel Actions:

Appointment of Classified Personnel

- Ms. Mary O'Connor, Police Officer, effective Aug. 24, 2009
- Ms. Shook Chung, Senior Creative Designer, effective Oct. 1, 2009

Appointment of Academic Personnel

- Ms. Jessica Burton, Anthropology Instructor, effective Jan. 20, 2010.
- Dr. Colleen Marlow, Physics Instructor, effective Jan. 20, 2010.

Appointment of Classified Management Personnel

- Ms. Margaret (Peggy) Iozaki, Director of Fiscal Services, effective Sept. 23, 2009.

New Board Policies Were Approved

BP 3250 Institutional Planning

BP 5150 EOPS

Conference Request Granted

The Professional Affairs Committee (PAC) approved Social Sciences Professor Walter Turner's request to participate in the *Vietnam at the Crossroads* delegation from Oct. 9 to Oct. 24, 2009, in Vietnam. The focus of the delegation is on Vietnam's societal reconstruction, cultural resurgence, and its unique mix of Socialism and Capitalism. Turner was chosen to be part of this delegation because of his board membership with organizations such as Freedom Archives, Priority Africa Network, and the African Immigrants Cultural Association. The hope is that the delegates will return to the United States able to share information about contemporary issues in the country of Vietnam.

Other Action Items

MOU to Support Solar Tech Training Program at COM

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with San Mateo Community College District for the purpose of supporting the Solar Technician Training Program at the Indian Valley campus. College of Marin will receive \$50,000 over a three year period to pay for expenses related to clean energy workforce training not already covered by College of Marin.

MOU for the Marin Simulation Center

The Board also approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Marin General Hospital (MGH) for the purpose of clarifying the role of both parties regarding the educational and community activities undertaken by the District and Marin General Hospital in the operation of the Marin Simulation Center.

Calendar of Special Events

College of Marin Diamond Physical Education Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday, October 1, 2009, at 4 p.m.

835 College Ave., Kentfield, CA

Refreshments, tours, and ribbon cutting

ACCT Congress

ACCT Congress will be held Oct. 7 through 10, 2009, at the San Francisco Hilton.

Jury Ruling

On September 11, the jury returned its verdict in the case brought by Pamela Mize-Kurzman against the District, President White and Anita Martinez. The jury found against Ms. Mize-Kurzman on all issues in her case, which was for retaliation and whistle blowing. Ms. Mize-Kurzman had brought claims of defamation, wrongful demotion, and breach of the settlement agreement in her prior case. She dismissed each of these claims before the start of the trial. She had also filed an action with the State Personnel Board, which it dismissed months before the start of the trial. The District will seek recovery of its costs.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on October 13, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the IVC campus, 1800 Ignacio Blvd., Novato 94949 in Miwok 181, Building 16.