

## Comments on agenda issues

- a. I submitted an agenda to cover at this board meeting in lieu of the suspended Audit and Finance Committee:
- b. Status of non-resident revenue in the calculation associated with the 50% law.
- c. Current status of the FY 2011 budget in budget format for the collective institution and for each of the colleges
- d. Prognosis for state revenue
- e. Progress toward achieving a balanced budget for FY 2012
- f. Status of actions taken on weaknesses reported in the FY 2010 audit, to include the measure A bond funds and The Peralta Colleges Foundation.
- g. Status of audit for FY 2011
- h. Stewardship of taxpayer monies
- i. Six year history of poor performance

I was advised on Monday that this aspect of the Audit and Finance review did not have sufficient priority to dedicate the time to it. Yet this Board voted to suspend the Board fact-finding Committees.

- a. The role does not go away. Our role as the stewards for tax payer monies demands that we determine the facts on behalf of the public.
- b. The Board approved a schedule that called for 17 Board meetings for the year rather than the 24 that we should conduct. That is 70% of the time that we should be committing and yet we cannot dedicate the time

to conduct the appropriate and mandatory fact finding due diligence for an area that historically has been extremely weak. I have a real problem with that.

- c. Student Learning Outcomes. This Board formally mandated a deadline of December 2011 for completion of the total process. I do not recall a briefing by the Administration that covered the goals, strategies, current status and necessary actions to meet this goal. I have personally asked to have this on the agenda to no avail. I recognize that I am only one Trustee, but I would assume that given the Federal mandate involved that this should have been scheduled automatically. Dr. Van Putten gave a report recently that indicated that the institution was behind the power curve and in trouble with respect to meeting deadlines.
- d. I have attended League workshops on this topic and it is apparent that other Community College Districts have made this a major thrust.
- e. I am not an expert on this subject, but I understand that the downside of not having the process fully completed in the acceptable format will be a loss of all Federal Funding. It is my understanding that our students would no longer be eligible for any financial assistance, including grants, student loan guarantees, GI Bill support for veterans, etc. I would guess that that would be grounds for pulling the accreditation.
- f. We have not had an agenda item that addresses the status of IT and our infamous Enterprise System. Are we still dragging anchor?
- g. When are we going to have agenda items that cover the expenditure of \$390 million dollars of bond funds for an educational master plan driven infra-structure portfolio of construction projects. I would think that this is sufficiently important to dedicate at least 30 minutes of each board meeting to some facet of the project. I frequently drive by 860 Atlantic and it has been dead in the water for a couple of years.

- h. When are we going to have a formal agenda item that covers the Strategic Plan and how it correlates to the resource allocation process that is being pursued by the institution?
- i. When will there be an agenda item that addresses the goals and objectives that have been incorporated into the strategic plan. I believe that most Board members have an interest in our status and progress in the area of student success.
- j. Why don't we have backup materials for key agenda items well before we walk in the door?
- k. When are we going to have an agenda item that addresses the status, progress and timeline for the Administration to complete the formulation of implementing procedures for all of the Board policies that are currently in effect? My recollection is that 75% of the policies do not have implementing procedures. When is this Board going to receive a status report on the degree of institutional compliance with Board policies?

#### **BOARD EVALUATION WORKSHOP:**

We had a Board evaluation workshop on the agenda for our last meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. We had no, zip zero discussion. A vote was taken and the item in the packet was approved without discussion. I didn't receive a copy of the item involved until yesterday.

If you recall, the input was due to the Board President on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December of this past year. I was chagrined to see that only 4 of the 7 Trustees took the 30 minutes or so to fill out the questionnaire two months following the deadline. That is 57% submittal rate. Then we had no discussion. I believe that this is an ACCJC requirement and that we should re-agenize the evaluation process.