

Support Oxnard College Committee

Minutes

Date: July 27, 1978

Place: Oxnard City Council Chambers

Presiding: Dr. Tsujiro Kato

Present: Bob Bland, Mark Brandl, Marc Charney, Ann Dunleavy, Humberto Garza, Charles Godwin, Eva Hearst, Delton Lee Johnson, Carroll Lorbeer, Casey Love, Nancy Mackall, Linda Mackowiak, Alice Mill, Lali Mohens, Lydia D. Naniz, Mary Nelson, Sharon A. Nelson, Sylvia Orta, Marilynne Parker, Norman L. Posen, Sylvia Preston, Darlene Ramsey, Cheryl Riggs, Bill Robeson, Lydia Roseby, Joe Ruscio, Javier R. Santana, Jerry Serros, Ali Shalleri, W. M. Simpson, Mary Sommerville, Juan L. Soria, Jane Tolmach, Deloris Tullis, Lupe Valdez, Beverley J. Young.

1. Dr. Kato gave a background on what has happened since our last meeting: Board of Trustees to whom we communicated Oxnard's position about the college, his contact with Congressman Lagomarsino, the astronomical funding for a community college of less than double our size in the Washington, D. C. area, and that the Trustees refused our invitation for an Oxnard meeting. Dr. Kato reiterated our two goals: Funding for 3-year plan at Oxnard College, and support of Dr. Simpson. The City Council supports the college and Dr. Kato's efforts in its behalf and is seeking information on the formation of a new district.
2. Jane Tolmach had information from the County Counsel's Office about forming a new college district. The good news was that we would both retain our campus and receive compensation for past contributions (as decided at the state level). But the bad news was that the Ventura County Community College Board of Trustees would have to approve our withdrawal since we are a 3-college district. We discussed our options.
3. Dr. Simpson read us his statement against the recall position (herein enclosed). He said that the district staff may not go, nor is motivated to go ahead with moves contrary to the Board vote. Since the district will forever lose the \$1.8 million State funds unless we come up with the \$1.2 million match in six weeks, our efforts must be to apply pressure to the Trustees, to the State Chancellor and Finance Offices, Senator Rains and Assemblyman Imbrecht. We need a counter campaign for the college and against the recall. A letter to the Chancellor's Office stating our concerns was approved.

4. Dan Tullis said that raising matching funds from the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Office was unsuccessful but that Dr. Schecter was referred to Herb Roberts at H.U.D.

5. Dr. Kato said that City funds may assist, but the backing and commitment of the people is essential, and offered \$1,000 to begin local fund raising.

6. Committee Reports:

Public Relations - Cheryl Riggs reported plans for mailers, flyers, newspaper spreads, and announced that a Speakers' Bureau had been formed, and was soliciting organizations and groups that SOCC representatives could speak to. She suggested additional letters to the Editor and to the papers in Turner's and Joliceur's areas.

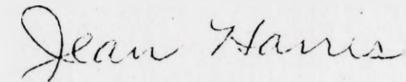
Committee to Support Dr. Simpson - Interim co-Chairmen Charles Godwin and Bob Bland will announce specifics of statement of support petitions at next meeting. In addition, will provide information to counter statements made by Mr. Giberti in his recall petition.

Fund-Raising Subcommittee - Marc Charney, appointed chairman, will report ideas for organizing fund raising programs.

Treasurer elected - Florence England will establish an account with checks co-signed by Mr. Charney or Jean Harris. She suggested that we form a Non-Profit Organization.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jean Harris
Secretary

Statement by William M. Simpson, College Trustee

to District 5 Voters

1. The real purpose of this Recall effort is obvious. Dick Giberti of Ventura has threatened recall action against any Trustee who supports Oxnard College. If Oxnard College can be halted or abolished, then more of our taxes will go to Ventura College.

2. It is true that I have made campaign promises to support Oxnard College, and I have kept those promises. But Giberti's other charges are false or distortions. For example, complete extermination of Oxnard College would not save a single penny on anyone's property tax bill.

3. The Oxnard Plain has paid more taxes for the construction and operation of Ventura's campus than Ventura has paid. Now that Ventura's college is complete, they want to violate the promises made to Oxnard during the past 17 years.

4. I have many valid reasons for supporting Oxnard College. A college always upgrades a community, and helps people to succeed as wage-earning, tax-paying, responsible citizens. We should be allowed to use some of our college taxes for our own community.

5. All efforts to halt or abolish Oxnard College must be viewed as shameful discrimination against the community (Oxnard-Hueneme) that has the most urgent needs, and that pays the most college taxes.

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