LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Laredo, Texas

The regular meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, March 31, 2010, beginning at 6:02 p.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room Laird Hall 124 of the Fort McIntosh Campus.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Pete Saenz, Jr., President
Cynthia Mares, Vice President
Leonides G. Cigarroa, Jr., Secretary
Carlos Carranco, Jr. (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)
Hilario Cavazos, III
Rene De La Viña
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Edward C. Sherwood

OTHERS
Juan L. Maldonado
Federico Solis Jr.
George Meurer, College Attorney
U.S. Customs and Border Protection Representatives: Marcus Sauceda, David Dimas, and Jose Ibarra

ROLL CALL

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MEMBERS ABSENT
Alfonso Martinez, Ex-officio

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Saenz called the meeting to order. Dr. Cigarroa called the roll. A quorum of the members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2010 AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2010

Mr. Martinez moved that the minutes be adopted as presented. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mr. Jerry W. Archer signed up for public testimony but indicated that he was there to address any issues pertaining to Item 8.

Dr. Maldonado requested a change of order on the agenda to have Item 9 moved up to be discussed. Mr. Cavazos so moved and it was seconded by Mr. De La Viña; motion carried unanimously.

TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Maldonado deferred to Mr. Federico Solis, Jr., Vice President for Instruction, to make the presentation. Mr. Solis presented the 2010 – 2011 tenure recommendations:

1. Humberto Cardenas, Jr., English
2. Lina Marie De La Garza-Dougherty, English
3. Mary Sue Galindo, English
4. Nancy Herschap, English
5. Margaret Wintersole, English
6. Mauricio J. Gonzalez, English as a Second Language/Spanish
7. Cin Bickel, Speech
8. Claudette Quintanilla, Government
9. Pablo A. Martinez, Psychology
10. Matthew Adams, Music
11. Randolph Gonzalez, Kinesiology
12. Antonio C. Carranza, III, Mathematics
13. Adriana B. Nunemaker, Medical Lab Technology
14. Manuel Ramirez, Emergency Medical Technology
15. Sergio Lujan, Computer-Aided Drafting and Design
16. Jorge Bernal, Jr., Welding
17. Juan Valdez, Auto-Body Technology
18. Roberto Garcia, Jr., Transportation Technology
19. Rachel Bohmfalk, Librarian

Dr. Cigarroa moved to accept the tenure recommendations. Mr. Cavazos seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Saenz asked that the record reflect that Mr. Carranco joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Maldonado reported the following:

♦ He introduced the student representative – Ms. Martha Reyes. She is a 1993 Cigarroa High School graduate and member of the Revolutionary Arts and Cultural Empowerment Club. Her major is nursing and plans to transfer to TAMU.

♦ The results from the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP™) for the 29 students that took the exam from 02/01/10 thru 02/28/10 had a 100% passing rate.

Mr. Saenz asked that the record reflect that Ms. Mares joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

♦ LCC received a maintenance of accreditation for a period of eight years from JRCERT for the Radiologic Technology Program, which is very difficult to receive. Dr. Maldonado recognized Mr. Oscar Gomez and Ms. Virginia Avila for their commitment to LCC and the students.

♦ LCC’s Phi Theta Kappa’s Chapter “Theta Theta” received five awards at the Texas Regional Convention held in Houston, Texas. The awards were: District V Chapter of Service Award, Pinnacle Award (for increasing membership by 25%), Horizon Award (Best New Advisor – Ms. Laura Ramirez Cruz), Five Star Chapter Award (received 6th year in a row), and Texas Top Chapter Award (LCC has never won before). Dr. Maldonado recognized the two advisors – Ms. Laura Ramirez Cruz and Mr. Rene Montemayor. Ms. Ramirez Cruz recognized the club officers – Yi Lu, Vice President; Kristine Reyna, Secretary; Sharel Gaskey, President for 2009-2010; Chantil Rubio, Treasurer and Past-President for 2008-2009; and Jorge Hernandez, Jr.,
♦ LCC has been recognized along with five other Texas community colleges by The Pell Institute in their report, *Bridging the Gaps to Success*, which reported each college’s innovative and effective programs to help students succeed. Dr. Maldonado acknowledged the hard work of all employees.

♦ Ms. Lu Sparkman, Dr. Sara Carrasco, and Dr. Terri Gonzalez worked together on an article about the modified exercise class that they created for students with physical challenges. The article will be published in the September 2010 issue of *OT Practice*.

**FACULTY ASSEMBLY REPORT**

No report due to absence of Dr. Martinez.

**RIVERBEND PROJECT REPORT**

Dr. Maldonado reported that the project is completed. Representatives from U.S. Customs and Border Protection - Officer Marcus Sauceda, Mr. David Dimas, and Mr. Jose Ibarra presented an overview of the Laredo Sector Riverbend Project – Phase 3A, which illustrated before and after photos of the project. Mr. Martinez asked if legal counsel can work on a resolution complimenting U.S. Customs and Border Protection for their kindness and impressive work done on this project. Mr. Meurer noted that this item was for information only but will work on a resolution.

**PROPOSAL TO ADDRESS THE RESIDENTIAL TRANSITION OF LCC STUDENTS FROM THE STUDENT DORMITORIES**

Dr. Maldonado reported that Phase I of the renovation and preparation of Laredo Community College Fort McIntosh Campus is ready to begin with construction of the new academic building. Due to the location selected for the new academic building, it would require razing the dormitories. Administration has met with the dormitory residents and the residents have requested financial assistance for the transition process. Dr. Maldonado noted that he has been discussing with legal counsel about the possibility of using public funds for providing scholarships, which would equate to the amount of money each resident has already paid for their dormitory. Dr. Maldonado explained that a specific proposal was not ready to be made but asked the Board for authorization to proceed to look at the possibility of providing scholarships, which will be between $69,249 - $102,813 and will come out of the residential services auxiliary fund. Dr. Maldonado deferred to Mr. Meurer to discuss the issue of the use of public funds. Mr. Meurer noted that LCC needs to be careful not to violate Texas Constitution Article 3 by giving public funds. Further investigation needs
to be done. Dr. Cigarroa made a motion for Dr. Maldonado and legal counsel to proceed with an investigation in offering some type of help within the legal boundaries that legal counsel has explained. Mr. Cavazos seconded the motion. Mr. Jerry W. Archer with Rio Grande Hotel mentioned that the hotel is able to help the students by offering them a package which will cost no more than what the students are currently paying. In addition, there is a shuttle van service to the college. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:57 p.m., the Board went into executive session as moved by Ms. Mares for the items indicated below:

10. Closed session consultation with the Laredo Community College District's attorney regarding legal issues concerning the Level III grievance hearing of Jose A. Guerra pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

11. Closed session consultation with Laredo Community College District's attorney regarding Cause No. 2008CVQ001592-D2; Calixto Leija v. Laredo Community College, pending in 111th Judicial District Court, Webb County, Texas pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Cigarroa; motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE LEVEL III GRIEVANCE HEARING OF JOSE A. GUERRA

At 7:19 p.m., the Board reconvened from executive session. Mr. Saenz noted that no action was taken. Ms. Mares made a motion to have administration schedule the Level Three Grievance Hearing for Mr. Jose A. Guerra for sometime in May. Mr. De La Viña seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Special Board of Trustees Meeting on April 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Cigarroa wished everyone a happy and holy Easter.

Dr. Maldonado noted that the April 13, 2010 meeting is cancelled and the next meeting after that is April 29, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:22 p.m., Ms. Mares moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Carranco; motion carried.