



President's *Report to the Board of Trustees*



September 30, 2016

Following is a compendium of email reports to the Board for the month of September.

1. Here are views of projects under construction and in design. 9/30/16
 - [Business & Computer Technology Building Overview](#)
 - [Business & Computer Technology Upper Walkway](#)
 - [Solar Field Overview](#)
 - [East Athletic Complex Overview](#)
 - [Stadium Field View](#)
 - [Transit Center and Central Campus Plan](#)
2. If you are available, it would certainly be a pleasure to have you attend one of the Town Hall Meeting sessions next week. 9/23/16

Our next Campus Town Hall Meetings will be Thursday of next week, September 29th, at both 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, each in the Clarke Theatre. The topic is Campus Safety and Security. In particular we will discuss:

 - Reorganization of the Public Safety Division
 - Policy on Weapons on Campus
 - Policy on Use of Force
 - Policy on Closed-Circuit Television Surveillance
 - Emergency Communication Systems: Alertus Pilot

Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training
3. Barbara Beno, the head of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges has announced that she will retire at the end of June 2017. See the [attached](#) memo. 9/21/16
4. The [attached](#) message was posted last Tuesday on the web service NextDoor. 9/19/16
5. Don Sciore, Associate Dean of Instruction and our point on ITT Tech student transition, provided the report below on our information sessions last Friday. 9/19/16
 - The information sessions for ITT students were informative and seemed to be well received. The students are frustrated, angry, and, even with the potential of Federal loan discharge due to school closing, their greatest emotions were about the loss of time they have already put in.
 - Clearly understandable. Chau Dao and her team were able to compliment the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education information with the financial aid information as necessary. They did a great job!
 - Several students are interested in Mt. SAC and know that they have some homework to begin the exploration into the best solution for their particular situations. Most were consumed with the immediate situation of getting answers as to what happens to their credits and degrees, and less in what Mt. SAC has to offer. The credit-by-exam discussion was heard, but they are still in the place of "how do I transfer my credits" and, "why can't I just move them anywhere?" With that

said, we had many discussions afterwards with students who get it, and just want to move forward. They were very interested in our programs.

- We did our best to promote the idea that we want to help, and will work on a case by case basis.
- We are hoping to offer more information sessions next week including an evening one, and I have contacted April Oakley to see if she can send representatives again.
- I want to add that Marcus Williams, and our staff Marlyn Lanuza and Martin Lamas helped facilitate the event as if we had weeks to plan.

6. My self-evaluation is [attached](#) and the evaluation form we have used in recent years is [attached](#) as well. If you could complete this form by Friday, September 30, and send the response directly to Carol, this would give her the time to compile the results in preparation for the Board to meet in closed session for my evaluation prior to the October 12th Board of Trustees meeting. Thanks.
9/13/16
7. [Attached](#) is the data on the implementation of SB 415. Seems to be a clear outcome. It would be my intention to share this information as part of the President's Report at Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting. 9/12/16
8. [Attached](#) is the Commissioner's finding on the "decorum violation" by Bernard Schirmer: Level 1 infraction, 60 month suspension. 9/12/16
9. The LA Times carried a story ([attached](#)) about our Mt. SAC player, Bernard Schirmer, striking a referee at the game with Ventura College Saturday. The story is in the Monday edition, in the Calendar section, page B3 below the fold. Note that the headline does not name Mt. SAC. Note also that the arrest was made by Ventura College police. 9/12/16
The Tribune posted the video online Sunday at noon with a short story but does not seem to have printed it. The text is below.
A Mt. San Antonio College football player was arrested after allegedly punching a referee during a football game against Ventura College on Saturday night, the Ventura County Star reported while also posting updates on its twitter feed. The Ventura County Star tweeted video of the punch, and announcers broadcasting the game for socialcollegesports.com, couldn't believe what they witnessed. "The ref just got punched in the face by a player," the broadcaster said. "I've never seen anything like that before in my life." Mt. SAC offensive lineman Bernard Schirmer was arrested following the game and taken to jail, the Ventura County star reported.
Mt. San Antonio College hasn't released a statement, but a response was posted on social media Sunday morning using Mt. SAC Football's twitter account, suggesting the punch was unintentional and claiming the referee punched was not pressing charges. Those claims haven't been verified, and Mt. SAC removed its statement on twitter about an hour later. "For those of you unable to attend the game last night, the athlete involved did not intentionally attack the referee," Mt. SAC football posted on twitter before quickly removing it. "The referee was accidentally struck during the scrum while pulling the players off. The referee has decided not to press charges knowing Bernard Schirmer did not intend to hit him."
Even if Schirmer doesn't face charges, he could possibly face a significant ban for throwing a punch that intentionally or not, knocked a referee to the ground. The two schools finished the game, with Ventura defeating Mt. SAC, ranked No. 1 in the country by JC.com, 34-29. 9/12/16
10. We got front page (below the fold) coverage from the Tribune ([attached](#)) on our outreach to help ITT Tech students to come to Mt. SAC. 9/12/16

11. An unfortunate incident occurred during the Saturday night football game between Mt. San Antonio College and Ventura College. During the aftermath of a disputed play, offensive lineman Bernard Schirmer became agitated and a referee moved him away from the play. According to statements obtained by Mt. SAC staff, Bernard has a habit of slapping himself in the head in these situations. As seen on the video, he raised his arm to do so and his elbow violently struck the referee on the side of his head. Bernard is 6 foot 7, and the referee, who is of average height, fell to the ground unconscious for one or two minutes. Bernard was ejected from the game. Police on the scene arrested Bernard although, again according to statements secured by Mt. SAC personnel, the referee did not wish to press charges. 9/11/16
 - Live video is posted on a number of web sites. Try http://laist.com/2016/09/11/video_mt_sac_football_player_arrest.php . The commentator immediately assumed that the incident was an intentional act. Quite unfortunate.
 - Joe, Debbie, Brian, Audrey, Jill, Yen, Coaches Bob and Rod and I have been corresponding throughout the day as well as communicating with media. The situation was unclear until more information was available. This afternoon we agreed on a public statement which is [attached](#) to this message and posted on the Mt. SAC web site... Some of the news coverage web links are listed below. Brian Yokoyama will be videotaped for Good Morning America tomorrow (Monday) morning. (We THINK this will be played, but as with all news coverage, the outcome is uncertain.)
 - *Mt. SAC football player "truly sorry" for hitting referee, says incident unintentional, Bernard Schirmer:* <http://www.vcstar.com/story/sports/2016/09/11/mt-sac-lineman-truly-sorry-hitting-ref-during-ventura-college-game/90230672/>
 - *Statement on Mt. SAC Football Game Incident:* <http://www.mtsac.edu/trending/2016-09-10-football.html>
 - *Mt. San Antonio College OL Bernard Schirmer arrested on suspicion of battery of game official:* http://www.espn.com/espn/story/_/id/17518640/mt-san-antonio-college-ol-bernard-schirmer-arrested-suspicion-battery-game-official
12. I have [attached](#) a campus map with our current thinking on future parking solutions. We will be working with Psomas Engineering to evaluate these options as part of a comprehensive traffic and parking study. We have a meeting this morning with Psomas at 10 am. 9/9/16
13. Our attempts to find a local contact to work with the ITT Technical Institute campus in San Dimas have not been successful to date. However, we are in touch with senior officials of ITT. You can see from the email below that we have been included in their transition process. Our state Chancellor's Office has put together a contact list for each California Community College for students who reach out; we are on that list. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education has a web page with information and links for student affected by the closure: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/itt>. 9/9/16
14. [Attached](#) is a legal opinion letter regarding Mt. SAC's obligations under SB 415, the California Voter Participation Rights Act. This letter confirms my previous recommendations to the Board. We have requested the necessary voter data to determine if the conditions in SB 415 will require moving our Board elections to even numbered years. We will provide the necessary analysis when the data is received. 9/7/16
15. David Reyno just called to convey that Foothill Transit has been awarded a \$7.24 Million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to build the Bus Transit Center at Mt. SAC. This, combined with

\$2.4 M from Foothill Transit, will provide almost \$10 M to build the Transit Center. The Board of Trustees will approve the MOU for the project at next Wednesday's Board meeting. Hurray!! 9/6/16

16. Although CEO leadership challenges have been an ongoing issue for California Community Colleges, a recent study ([attached](#)) shows further deterioration at a time when strong leadership has never been more important. And just to let you know, I plan to be around here for another three or four years if you will have me! 9/1/16