

**San Jacinto College District Board Workshop
November 7, 2016
District Administration Building, Suite 201**

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	Board Workshop Attendees:	Board Members: Marie Flickinger, Brad Hance, Dan Mims, John Moon, Jr., Keith Sinor, Dr. Ruede Wheeler, Larry Wilson Chancellor: Brenda Hellyer Others: Lisa Brown, Danny Gertson (Wharton County Junior College Board Chairman), Allatia Harris, Chet Lewis, Mandi Reiland, Danny Snooks, Steve Trncak
	Agenda Item:	Discussion/Information
I.	Call the Meeting to Order	Workshop began at 5:31 p.m.
II.	Roll Call of Board Members	Board Members: Dan Mims, Marie Flickinger, Brad Hance, John Moon, Jr., Keith Sinor, Dr. Ruede Wheeler, Larry Wilson
III.	Update on 2015 Bond Architect Project Assignments	Chet Lewis gave an overview of the 2015 Bond architect assignments. Chet stated that a pool of architects has previously been approved by the Board of Trustees. AECOM was asked to review the pool and projects and give recommendations. The projects, project budget, and the recommended architects are listed. There is no action needed on this item, it is just informational. Brenda Hellyer stated that this item was reviewed at the last Building Committee meeting. Members present asked that this item be brought forward as an informational item for the entire Board. Updates will be provided to the Board as contracts are negotiated.
IV.	Review of Financial Impact and Performance Data of Athletic Programs and Consider Future Status of Such Programs	Brenda Hellyer gave an overview of the financial impact and performance data of the athletics programs. She stated that the handout is the same format that the Board has seen previously. Similar prior year data has been reviewed with the Board three or four times. Brenda Hellyer and Allatia Harris wanted to review this with the Board to make sure they have all the information necessary to consider the future and status of the athletic programs. Brenda reviewed the purpose of the athletic department as stated in the student athlete handbook. The

	<p>NJCAA Division I sports at San Jacinto College are Men’s Baseball, Men’s Basketball, Men’s Soccer, Women’s Softball, Women’s Basketball, and Women’s Volleyball. The changes in 2015-2016 were campus meetings in August that included review of the handbook, code of conduct, and academic emphasis. Another change was San Jac Athletics Day in the fall which includes a presentation on Title IX. The drug use policy is continually implemented. In addition, the San Jac teams have been participating in College and community outreach.</p> <p>Brenda explained that each of the programs have significant strengths. Men’s baseball has the largest non-scholarship student base. Fifty students started in Fall 2016 and 18 full scholarships were allocated. The team was national runner up at JUCO in Spring 2016, 22 players earned scholarships with major universities, and the Board can review the remaining list of strengths. The cost for Baseball is \$580,073 annually. The grade point averages (GPA’s) are listed in the handout. Brenda reviewed the current baseball player’s residency. The weakness for baseball is that it is the most expensive athletic program because of the large number of players and travel team. Brenda reviewed the current faculty and staff for the baseball program.</p> <p>The strengths for softball are they were 7th at national competition and region XIV champions. Their academic performance is improving and they are also the balance to baseball from a Title IX standpoint. The annual cost of the softball program is \$386,683. Currently 18 are on scholarship and one is not. The GPA’s are listed in the handout. Brenda reviewed the residency of the team. The weaknesses of the softball program are the high costs, the focus on grades is a challenge in the spring, and like most women’s sports, playing is a way to earn scholarships but not entry for professional play. Brenda reviewed the current faculty and staff of the softball program.</p> <p>The strengths of men’s basketball are the historic tradition of excellence, they placed 2nd in South Zone, they lost in regional quarterfinals to the number two team in the nation, and the service to the College and community is growing. The annual cost is \$322,445. Brenda reviewed the GPA for the past year as well as the current residency. The weakness for the men’s basketball program is the costly housing. Brenda reviewed the current faculty and staff of the program.</p>
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<p>V.</p>	<p>Review Public Hearing Process</p>	<p>Brenda explained that in the bylaws there is an hour limit for citizens desiring to speak before the Board, but this is flexible. The time allotted per speaker is five minutes with an additional five minutes if needed. Brenda spoke with Dan, Lisa Brown, and Danny Snooks to determine how to manage the speakers this evening. Brenda did not want to hinder anyone from speaking who desires to speak before the Board.</p> <p>Lisa Brown explained that the bylaws explained how to handle the time limits. She stated that the bylaws allow some flexibility for a Board meeting that may produce a larger than usual number of potential speakers. The bylaws allow the Chair of the Board to reduce the number of minutes per speaker to allow more speakers within the allotted hour time frame. Lisa explained that if a speaker is speaking about an item that is on the agenda, members typically do not deliberate with the speakers during the hearing of citizen's portion of the meeting. It is recommended that members wait until that particular item comes up on the agenda and address any comments at that point in time.</p> <p>Marie asked if the College could go over the hour limit. Lisa explained that since the speakers are required to sign up prior to the meeting, then it would be appropriate to calculate an allotted time for speakers in order to stay within the hour time limit. If a potential speaker does not sign up in time, then the Board is allowed to refuse to allow him/her the right to speak.</p> <p>Dan explained that the plan is that the speakers will not be able to go over their time limit because the assistant to the Board will be timing each one.</p> <p>Larry stated that he thinks that the Board should hear anyone that signs up to speak. Lisa stated that the current bylaws do not allow this. If you would like to change this for future meetings, the Board can modify the bylaws and vote to put those into action.</p> <p>Dan asked if Danny Snooks had anything to add. Danny answered that he did not.</p>

		Brenda explained that there are media present in the Board room. She stated that the draft press release is available in the handouts for review. This is ready in case the Board takes action tonight, and it would go out immediately after the meeting.
VI.	General Discussion of Meeting Items	There were no additional items discussed.
VII.	Calendar	Brenda reviewed the Board calendar.
VIII.	Adjournment	Workshop adjourned at 6:33 p.m.