



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

Board of Governors Meeting
Laney College, Oakland
January 30, 2009

Minutes

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved Roger Marheine to fill vacant seat left by Jim Newman
2. Approved Warren Furutani (D-Long Beach) for Legislator of the Year
3. Approved Amy Supinger for Legislative Staff Achievement award
4. Approved faculty award winners (Deborah Dahl Shanks, Carolyn Widener, Tim Dave and Stacey Burks)
5. Approved bylaw amendments
6. Approved building refinance
7. Approved 2009 Elections Manual
8. Approved sending reminder dates to the membership for the election on April 16, 23, and 28
9. Approved Chris West being added to the Communications Committee
10. Approved a contribution (amount to be determined) along with resolution to the Carl Brown Scholarship

Members Present: Teresa Aldredge, Cynthia Alexander, Homer Arrington, Ramona Barrio-Sotillo, Jim Custeau, Jeanne Dunphy, Dennis Frisch, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Lisa Gunderson, Richard Hansen, Bill Hewitt, Kathy Holland, John McDowell, Mitra Moassessi, Merylee Shelton, John Smith, Chuck Van Patten

Members Absent: Alicia Wang

Staff Present: Natalie Devlin, Silvia Farias, Jonathan Lightman, Janet Oropeza, Suzon Walton, Andrea York

Liaisons Present: David Fisher, American River College, Student Senate; Marlene Hurd, Region 3 Student Senate Senator; Mercy Yanez, EOPSA; Will Bruce, EOPSA; Kim Schenk, CCCAOE; Shaaron Vogel, Academic Senate

President Bill Hewitt called the Board of Governors meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. The Board and liaisons introduced themselves.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Mitra Moassessi was appointed parliamentarian.

Approval of Agenda

M/S – Holland/Shelton

A report was added, under Issues and Strategies as Item IX(A), on a CCA/CFT meeting that President-Elect John McDowell and President Hewitt attended. Also, added under Item VIII, was the selection of a legislative staff achievement award recipient.

Passed unanimously as amended.

Appointment of Vacant Board Seat

Jim Newman has resigned from the Board due to health reasons. A proposed replacement is Roger Marheine from Pasadena City College.

Motion to approve Roger Marheine to complete the board term of Jim Newman.

M/S – McDowell/Holland

Hewitt reported that Marheine is currently president of the faculty association at Pasadena that recently went independent. He has been teaching at Pasadena for 24 years and will be a great asset to the Board. He is also an active participant with the Southland Faculty Alliance.

Passed unanimously.

Liaisons

Academic Senate

Shaaron Vogel

Shaaron Vogel reported the State Academic Senate recently held its accreditation institute in San Jose. On February 20-22, there will be a special institute for counselors and librarians at the Hayes Mansion in San Jose. The vocational education institute is scheduled for March 12-14 at the Sheraton Universal in Los Angeles. Spring session is April 16-18 at the San Francisco Westin at which two major papers will be presented: non credit and enrollment management. The Senate is conducting several surveys and is working on prerequisites and basic skills.

CCCAOE

Kim Schenk

Kim Schenk distributed a written report. She commented that the CCCAOE spring conference is in San Francisco on March 12-14. The theme of the conference will be career pathways. The fall conference will be in Long Beach, October 21-23, and will be co-sponsored with the Institute for Women in the Trades, Technology, and Science. Advocates will go to Washington in February and be in Sacramento in March. The spring conference will have an awards ceremony, honoring retirees, and she asked the Board to send nominees.

EOPSA

Mercy Yanez, Will Bruce

Mercy Yanez reported on a recent EOPS meeting in Sacramento at which FACCC Executive Director Jonathan Lightman spoke. The budget is a major concern. EOPS has been working with the Chancellor's Office on a one-day training session in April. Planning is underway for the fall conference, October 13-16, at the Costa Mesa Hilton.

Student Senate

David Fisher, Marlene Hurd

David Fisher reported that the next general assembly of the Student Senate is scheduled for May 1-3 in San Diego at the DoubleTree Hotel. The program will emphasize student advocacy training. Plans for the student rally on March 16 are progressing, including a march from Raley Field to the Capitol. He thanked FACCC for all its help. Starting next week there will be weekly planning meetings at the FACCC office. It was clarified that students may attend FACCC's Advocacy and Policy Conference for \$25 per day. He also said that students were engaged in a letter-writing campaign in support of the federal stimulus package.

Marlene Hurd praised FACCC's Equity and Diversity Conference and reported that she is coordinating disabled students for the March rally in Sacramento. She will be working with FACCC Program Director Silvia Farias to secure interpreters for the event. She is also the statewide president for the Black Caucus for the California Student Association which is holding its conference, February 13-14, at Foothill College.

State Budget

Jonathan Lightman

At the FACCC Policy Forum, featuring Assemblymember Sandré Swanson, that preceded the board meeting, Lightman reported that the governor and Legislature are working on an 18-month budget

covering the second half of 2008-09 and 2009-10. They are dealing with a \$41.7 billion deficit with a plan that includes a \$31 billion combination of cuts and new revenue, so they are still some \$10 billion short. The lottery proposal brings in another \$5 billion if, indeed, the public will buy additional lottery tickets. The rest of the money comes in the form of IOUs known as RANs and RAWs, Revenue Anticipation Notes and Warrants.

For the community colleges, the governor's proposal pulls the 0.68 COLA and then rolls over the remaining current year base budget for the coming year with a provision for three percent growth in 2009-10. The governor also wants to eliminate the Competitive Cal Grant program but so far has not raised fees. However, the Legislative Analyst Office just released a new report calling for a fee increase to between \$30 and \$40 per semester unit. Lightman noted that such an increase could translate into a loss of students; the last time fees were increased to address a bad state budget, the system lost some 305,000 students.

Picking up at the board meeting where he left off at the policy forum, Lightman explained that categorical issues inappropriately carry over to the community colleges from K-12 which is seeking so-called "relief" from its numerous categorically funded programs. The community colleges have only a few, and the system is not seeking such "relief" from its categorical requirements. Lightman reported that at this point, thanks to effective advocacy, the integrity of community college categoricals remains intact. He concluded that community colleges are comparatively faring better than other state funded programs, but the cuts are real and the threats are huge.

With regard to advocacy, Lightman said that the new Chancellor, Jack Scott, has continued his predecessor's practice of participating in the weekly budget advocacy task force conference call. He said that, as chair of the group, he can add anyone wanting to participate on the contact list. McDowell sounded a note of caution about sending a message, during advocacy, that the community colleges are satisfied when, in fact, no public service sector is doing well in this budget. Secretary Rich Hansen added a note of concern about administrators and trustees seeking a more comprehensive moratorium on full-time faculty hiring requirements than that already granted by the Board of Governors. Hewitt noted that there is a task force being formed in Consultation Council on the faculty obligation number. It was recommended the faculty obligation number and the fifty percent law reporting be referred to the Legislative Committee as issues for possible legislation. It was noted February through April must be devoted to activism.

Legislative Update

Jonathan Lightman

Lightman reported on two FACCC bills. Assemblymember Marty Block has agreed to carry the bill allowing part-time faculty to opt into SDI as a separate group. He may also carry the second bill on the statutory formula that acts as a guide for legislative discussions about community college enrollment growth. The bill would eliminate the cap on the unemployment component of the calculation. In addition, the governor has promised to sponsor/sign property tax backfill legislation. Lightman noted that the end of February marks the deadline for introducing new bills. He also noted FACCC has received calls from some legislators who have read reports from the LAO citing Nancy Shulock and making recommendations on CTE programs.

Merylee Shelton reiterated a point she made at the prior board meeting that all the home foreclosures throughout the state could offer an opportunity to address faculty housing needs. It was recommended

that the Board members check with their faculty unions about this idea and report back at the next board meeting.

Selection of Legislator of the Year

Dennis Frisch

Vice President Dennis Frisch reported that the Legislative Committee recommends Warren Furutani (D-Long Beach) for FACCC Legislator of the Year. Furutani offered to carry the property tax backfill bill before the governor stepped in. He is Chair of the Committee on Workforce Development and is taking a leadership role in organizing a community college caucus in the Legislature. His office is in close contact with FACCC on community college issues. He also attended the CCCAOE conference and was a solid supporter of Proposition 92. Lightman noted that the current timing of the FACCC conference makes it impossible to give a freshman legislator of the year award.

Legislative Committee recommendation approved unanimously.

Selection of Legislative Staff Achievement Award

Lightman and Legislative Advocate Andrea York recommended that FACCC give its second Legislative Staff Achievement Award to Amy Supinger. It is not yet known that she will accept. Over many years as Senate Budget Analyst, she has worked hard to advance the causes of part-time faculty, the CTE program, and the system COLA. She guided former Senator Jack Scott, now System Chancellor, on budget discussions for many years.

Motion to approve Amy Supinger for the Legislative Staff Achievement Award.

M/S – Hansen/Gunderson; Passed unanimously.

CalSTRS Discussion

Rich Hansen

Hansen reported that discussions on the retiree earnings limit did not lead to a consensus on modifications, and no change is anticipated in the immediate future. Discussions continue on procedures to implement the new plan for purchasing power protection. He explained that over the coming years, purchasing power will be guaranteed at a level between 80 and 85 percent with the level to be determined using actuarial projections on the health of the SBMA fund. At issue is the length of time over which to protect the fund. Hansen concluded noting that the current economic decline has led to new consideration of the CalSTRS unfunded liability. The agency is still gathering data, and more will come on this issue.

CCA/CTA Discussions

John McDowell, Bill Hewitt

McDowell reported on the union merger talks between CCC and CCA. There was a recent meeting that included McDowell and Hewitt representing FACCC and CCA officers Ron Reel and Lynette Nyaggah as well as CCC President Carl Friedlander. The merger has also been discussed in separate discussions among Dean Vogel, incoming CTA president, and CFT officers Marty Hittleman, Dennis Smith, and Mona Field. Additional meetings will take place in about six weeks. While there are still hurdles to overcome, a successful merger create an impressive community college faculty PAC. At present there is no agreement on a structure. It is unclear at this time what role FACCC will play, but some of the leaders

involved recognize the importance of the organization. Hewitt reported that such a merger would affect 50-60% of FACCC's membership.

Hewitt called for a 10 minute break.

Hewitt reconvened the FACCC Board and called the Education Institute Directors to order at 4:15 p.m.

Advocacy and Policy Conference

Lisa Gunderson

Review of Program

Gunderson reminded the Board that the Advocacy and Policy Conference will be held March 1-2 in Sacramento. She stressed the importance of having the Board promote attendance. Sunday's portion will be at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, where there will be a negotiations focus group prior to the conference conducted by Keenan & Associates. The focus group is limited to 18 participants who are faculty negotiators or benefit committee members. Keenan is offering a \$150 gas card to each participant. Board members wishing to participate will be put on a wait list to give priority to the general membership. The CalWorks Association is also doing a pre-conference workshop. System Chancellor Jack Scott will be the keynote speaker at lunch. There will be three levels of advocacy training, beginner, intermediate, and advanced. *Jeopardy!* will also be offered as a PAC fundraiser with three or four teams, each pairing a faculty member with a student. Dinner, the awards ceremony, and dancing will end the day.

Breakfast will be offered Monday morning at Ambrosia. All other Monday festivities will be held at the Capitol.

Board Role in Promoting Conference

Gunderson encouraged the Board to suggest that their local faculty use substitutes for Monday classes. She suggested the conference flier be sent out to a wide audience on board member campuses. She said that board members could offer non-members the member rate to help promote the conference. Lightman urged early registration so legislative appointments can be made and food counts can be accommodated. He also encouraged the board to register now. It was recommended that, if a district offers conference funding, that board members put in for transportation and hotel costs in addition to the conference fee. Flex credit may be available for those attending.

Selection of Faculty Award Winners

Margaret Quan Award – Deborah Dahl Shanks

Vasconcellos Award – Carolyn Widener

Full-Time – Tim Dave

Part-Time – Stacey Burks

Motion to approve recommended award recipients.

Passed unanimously.

Bylaws

Rich Hansen

Motion to approve the bylaw amendments as read and edited at the November meeting of the Board.

M/S – Moassessi/Smith

Hansen reported, in compliance with the amendment process, the bylaw changes have been posted on the web for 45 days. He noted that one written response on the new retiree board position questioned whether a retiree would have sustained interest in serving on the board. In addition, there have been other positive comments about the new retiree position.

Passed unanimously with 16 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstentions.

Lightman noted that the Education Institute bylaws must be reviewed in light of these approved amendments to the FACCC bylaws.

Hewitt recessed the Board of Governors and Board of Directors at 4:55 p.m.

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Hewitt reconvened the Board of Governors at 8:40 a.m. and announced that a discussion of the Carl Brown scholarship program would be added to the agenda under New/Old Business.

Consent Calendar

The Executive Committee report was pulled from the consent calendar.

Motion to approve consent calendar with exception of the item pulled.

Passed unanimously.

Hewitt explained that as a means of avoiding a Board vote without the benefit of input from the Executive Director, the Executive Committee had discussed granting the Executive Director the right to call for a “point of information” in advance of any vote. The Executive Committee recommends the following procedure: “Consistent with Roberts Rules, the Executive Director is granted the right to call for a point of information at any time prior to a vote for the purpose of providing information relevant to the discussion.” He asked that a record of this discussion and the recommended language be added to the Executive Committee report.

Motion to approve the Executive Committee report with this addition.

Passed unanimously.

Executive Committee recommendation to adopt the Executive Director right of a point of information procedure: “Consistent with Roberts Rules, the Executive Director is granted the right to call for a point

of information at any time prior to a vote for the purpose of providing information relevant to the discussion.”

Passed unanimously.

Fiscal Report

Teresa Aldredge

Treasurer Teresa Aldredge reported on the fiscal condition of FACCC. It was noted that income is now showing an increase consistent with the dues increase. A question was raised about the amount given in the vacation line item. This will be checked, and a report will be given at the next board meeting.

Aldredge also discussed a plan to refinance the FACCC building loan. The current 7.9 percent loan is set to be paid off or refinanced in 2011. The refinancing would open a seven-year loan at 6.5 percent with an adjustment at five years at which time FACCC could either pay off the loan or continue for two more years until it is paid off in November 2016. The refinance payment would be about \$400 per month more than is currently being paid. It is recommended to proceed with the refinance.

Motion to approve refinancing the building as described.

M/S – Aldredge/Frisch; Passed unanimously.

NLIE

Jim Custeau

Approving Election Manual

Jim Custeau reported on the revisions made to the election manual for 2009. Several grammatical errors were noted in the manual, and it was recommended that the manual should not be distributed until these are fixed. It was noted that, despite grammatical errors, the timeline must be approved today. In addition, the data information policy on page 3 should be changed to read, “The president and/or Executive Committee must approve any requests for lists of information containing personal data from the FACCC database.”

Motion to approve the 2009 elections manual with the noted change on page 3, updated timelines and details, with grammatical, non-substantive, errors to be corrected.

M/S – Aldredge/Hansen; Passed unanimously.

It was recommended that emails be sent out with election passwords three times as the voting deadline approaches.

Motion to amend sending reminder dates to the membership on April 16, 23, and 28.

M/S – Gunderson/McDowell; Passed unanimously.

Recruiting Members to Run

Those positions available and interested candidates are:

Secretary – Merylee Shelton
Treasurer – Rich Hansen
Governor at Large – Eduardo Jesus Arismendi
Governor at Large – Roger Marheine
Governor at Large – Eileene Tejada
Region A Governor – Alicia Wang
Region E Governor – Homer Arrington
Region F Governor – Chuck Van Patten (?)
Part-Time South – Kathy Holland
Retiree Governor – Carolyn Russell
Part-Time Officer – Deborah Dahl

Van Patten may prefer to run for a Governor at Large position instead of Regional Governor. A closed session was called to discuss candidates.

Motion to go into closed session.

M/S -- Alexander/Shelton; Passed unanimously.

Following the closed session, Hewitt reported that there was no action to report.

Hewitt recessed the Board of Governors at 10:02 a.m.

Hewitt reconvened the Board of Governors at 11:07 a.m.

Recruiting Members to Run

Discussion continued about candidates for the available positions. Hewitt indicated that Deborah Dahl had expressed an interest to run for Part-Time Officer, but she has not confirmed. He will also call Alicia Wang and Eileene Tejada about running for Region A governor. It was suggested that board members should reach out to colleagues to see if they would like to run. Lightman noted that the strategic plan states that the board will contact other faculty organizations to get potential candidates. It was also noted that committee members are sometimes good sources for board candidacy. It was suggested that an email from the president asking members to run might be persuasive.

Recruiting Members to Serve on Committees

Chris West was added to the Communications Committee.

Motion to add Chris West to the Communications Committee.

M/S – Custeau/Alexander; Passed unanimously.

Membership Recruiting

Merylee Shelton, Natalie Devlin

Merylee Shelton and Membership Director Natalie Devlin gave a presentation on membership. They reported that membership has increased and announced a goal of 10,000 members by 2010. Challenges

include the aging of the full-time membership and the economy. Staff goals include more campus visits, increased visibility through speaking engagements, recruiting at related conferences, and more effective targeted communication. Board goals include having each board member recruit 10 new members between now and the May board meeting and having each board member schedule a campus visit.

It was suggested again that a FACCC sticker be put on the back of business cards. Also, board members should make greater use of informational “from the desk of” memos to faculty. These have board members’ names and pictures. Board members should recruit when attending other organization meetings. It was suggested that an annual cumulative new member count be reinstated on the membership trend report. Also, drops need to be listed. Membership lists, both member and non-member, must be sent to each board member every Fall and Spring. Hewitt noted he would like to see everyone schedule a campus visit by April.

Executive Director Contract

The Board went into closed session to discuss the Executive Director’s contract.

Returning from closed session, Hewitt reported that the board had voted unanimously to renew the Executive Director’s contract. It will be in effect for three years and five months, February 19, 2009, to June 30, 2012.

New/Old Business

Carl Brown Scholarship

Foothill - De Anza District Chancellor Martha Kanter’s husband, Carl Brown, passed away recently. Brown worked in disabled student services for many years. To commemorate Brown’s long-term service to community college students, FACCC would like to contribute to a scholarship fund that has been established in his name.

Motion to make a contribution of an amount to be set after consultation among Hewitt, Aldredge, and Lightman to the scholarship fund along with a resolution.

M/S – Shelton/Moassessi; Passed unanimously.

“Hot Topics” and Board Priorities Between Meetings

Hewitt recommended that board members join the weekly budget task force call. He reminded the Board that its next meeting would immediately precede the FACCC Advocacy and Policy conference and urged board members to invite their colleagues and students. Finally, he encouraged board members to encourage colleagues to run for the Board and serve on FACCC and FACCC-EI committees.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Board of Governors at 12:11 p.m.

M/S -- Alexander/Frisch; Passed unanimously.

Richard Hansen, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors February 28, 2009.

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