



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

**Board of Governors Meeting
Sacramento, CA
August 28, 2009**

Minutes

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved guaranteed issue Kaiser
2. Approved California State Employees Association group purchasing pool for affinity benefits

Members Present: Eduardo Jesus Arismendi-Pardi, Jim Custeau, Jeanne Dunphy, Thelma Epstein, Dennis Frisch, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Kathy Holland, Roger Marheine, John McDowell, Dean Murakami, Merylee Shelton, John Smith, Chuck Van Patten

Members Absent: Cynthia Alexander, Homer Arrington, Ramona Barrio-Sotillo, Deborah Dahl Shanks, Alex Giardino, Bill Hewitt, Mitra Moassessi

Staff Present: Silvia Farias, Bryan Ha, Patrick Harbison, Jonathan Lightman, Janet Oropeza, Andrea York

Liaisons Present: Reid Milburn, Student Senate for California Community Colleges

Guest: Chancellor Jack Scott

Vice President Dennis Frisch called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

Chancellor Jack Scott made a presentation on the budget, accreditation and other priorities.

The board and staff introduced themselves.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Rich Hansen was appointed parliamentarian.

Approval of Agenda

Added “accreditation” after FACCC board reconvenes.

M/S/P with addition of accreditation

Liaison Reports

Academic Senate

Jonathan Lightman read report prepared submitted by ASCCC

Jonathan reported that their Teaching Institute would be held February 19-20, 2010 as a conference on Equity and Diversity. The fall plenary session is scheduled for November 12-14 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. It was noted that all of their institutes are open for enrollment including next summer’s very popular Curriculum Institute. The Academic Senate budget was cut 32 percent. They have four new members on their executive committee. They are currently reviewing the Shulock report and will be responding.

EOPSA

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan reported that EOPSA is very concerned about the budget. The Legislature is now deliberating a resolution commending the program on its 40th anniversary. Their fall conference will be in October.

CCCAOE

Jonathan Lightman

The fall conference will be held October 28-30 in Long Beach and their spring conference will be held March 17-19, 2010 in San Francisco. The legislative committee participated in weekly phone conferences regarding budget and advocacy strategies. CCCAOE attended Assemblywoman Hayashi’s Select Committee on Community Colleges hearing on August 25. They held their retreat on July 9-10, which allowed the board to focus on the definition of strategic directions and activities for the short and long terms. CTE has been widely touted as the single most important element in facilitating economic recovery. They are actively engaged with multiple partners in an examination of the current delivery model and formulating recommendations to effect system improvements.

Reid reported their new terms began in July and that they have 11 returning members. Their general assembly will be in November in San Francisco. They will be holding a candlelight vigil the first night of their general assembly. They will be holding a voter registration drive, which is ongoing. The student senate will be co-sponsoring with FACCC at the Advocacy and Policy conference. They are very grateful for working with FACCC. It was suggested FACCC put a link on its site to the student senate newsletter.

Issues and Strategies

State Budget

Jonathan noted that some of the victories FACCC had was that they defeated the governor's proposal to downgrade PE to be reimbursed at the non-credit rate. FACCC also worked with other cc organizations to defeat the Governor's proposed five-year suspension of the Faculty Obligation Number and the Fifty Percent Law.

We still do not have sufficient detail in the implementation of the budget cuts, specifically the cuts to categorical programs and the workload reduction.

Major priorities in the Capitol now are prisons and water. They anticipate a clean up bill from Dept. of Finance. Federal stimulus monies are not known at this time but should happen either next week or week after. It was suggested that board members go back to their campuses to talk about categorical programs. Jonathan again encouraged everyone to participate in the weekly budget conference call.

Operations

Consent Calendar

Board liaisons made a short oral report reviewing their committee report(s) in the consent calendar.

M/S/P to approve the consent calendar

Vice Chancellor Terri Carbaugh made a short presentation regarding communicating the community college message. She mentioned they are working closely with Jonathan on the budget. The communications office has been relatively dormant for the last year or so. She is beginning to turn this around. They have a new communications director and hope to bring on a new web master and writer/editor.

Patrick made a presentation on the new website. One of the new features will be a video page. He noted that the new site should be launched next week.

California State Employees Association

Introduction to Board of Dave Hart, President of CSEA; Kay Thomas, Benefits Manager of CSEA & Leeland King, General Manager of CSEA by Donna Snodgrass.

Our membership committee and executive committee agreed to suggest partnering with CSEA on enhanced benefits. CSEA has joint memberships with many groups, most recently San Luis Obispo County Employees. Now CSEA members have benefits of SLO employees and any other organizations that enter into this collaboration.

Donna mentioned specific products that might be of greatest value to FACCC. Jonathan reviewed our projected agreement with CSEA of \$1.00 per year for the whole organization to partner with them. In so doing the membership of the whole becomes much larger and the benefits become very economical.

CSEA has a third-party administrator to make sure rights of members are best protected. Rich wanted to make sure we don't have competing products. Merylee mentioned that our membership could determine which products we want to present to our members.

Bryan discussed the guaranteed-issue Kaiser plan. He has been working with Scott Lucas of JC Insurance. The plan is most beneficial for part-timers and retirees.

Motion was made to approve guaranteed issue Kaiser.

M/S/P

Motion was made to approve the California State Employees Association group purchasing pool for affinity benefits. It was suggested that the Membership Committee decide which benefits would be most useful.

M/S/P

Recruitment Activities

Merylee Shelton

Merylee reported there are labels for business cards to be distributed along with the membership trend report. Target lists were also distributed. Merylee also mentioned Bryan has recruited nearly 120 new members. McDowell applauded Jeanne for recruiting 20 new members recently.

Fiscal Condition

Rich Hansen

Rich noted the numbers are in good condition. He also mentioned there are now two CDs at different banks to keep FACCC's deposits completely insured.

Legislative Update

Andrea York

Andrea reported AB 385 (Block), pertaining to the System's annual growth funding request, would be put on hold until February.

AB 381 (Block), pertaining to SDI insurance, has been cruising through the Legislature. It is anticipated the governor will sign. All legislation that FACCC has opposed has been killed.

It was noted there would be face to face meeting of the Legislative Committee on September 25 in Santa Monica.

Retirement Update

Rich Hansen

Rich reported that the Social Security offsets, known as the WEP and GPO, continue to be a big issue, with the Legislature calling for their repeal through a resolution, AJR 10 (Torlakson). There is also federal legislation on this issue, but it is doubtful there will be any traction this year.

There is an upcoming conference call to discuss how part-time parity is calculated in the calculation of the Defined Benefit program.

CalSTRS is moving towards setting its own rates, akin to CalPERS

Follow-Up From Retreat

Due to the shortage of time, McDowell suggested focusing on the need to arrange district visits with legislators.

Board members should organize at least one visit for each office. Students, faculty, faculty leaders, staff and college presidents to be included, but it shouldn't be in the exclusive domain of the college presidents.

Fridays are the best time. Jonathan announced that he and Andrea can help with the process. The goal is for each board member to arrange for one legislative visit each semester with their assembly members and one with senators. If there is any town hall meeting or meeting on campus, take the lead to get a legislator there. This should be a continuous practice. It was suggested there be some training at the next board meeting, especially for those wearing multiple hats.

McDowell recessed the board of governors at 3:36 p.m.

McDowell reconvened the board of governors at 3:52 p.m.

It was suggested accreditation be placed on the next agenda for 30 minutes. It was noted that it has been asked if the policy committee investigate and bring back thoughts.

It was also noted that equivalency qualifications for CTE be discussed. The ASCCC came very close to opposing equivalency which could devastate CTE programs. The Executive Committee will investigate and report back.

McDowell adjourned the board of governors at 3:56 p.m.

Merylee Shelton, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors October 3, 2009.

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