



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

Board of Governors Meeting

Pasadena, CA

October 2-3, 2009

Minutes

Members Present: Cynthia Alexander, Homer Arrington, Ramona Barrio-Sotillo, Jim Custeau, Jeanne Dunphy, Dennis Frisch, Alex Giardino, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Bill Hewitt, Kathy Holland, Roger Marheine, John McDowell, Mitra Moassessi, Dean Murakami, Deborah Shanks, Merylee Shelton, John Smith, Chuck Van Patten

Members Absent: Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Thelma Epstein

Staff Present: Jonathan Lightman, Janet Oropeza, Andrea York

Liaisons Present: Reid Milburn, Student Senate; Paula Munoz, EOPS, Kim Schenk, CCCAOE

President McDowell called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

M/S/P

The **Board** and staff introduced themselves.

Liaison Reports

CCCAOE

Kim Schenk

Kim reported on the conference to be held October 28-30 in Long Beach. The theme is Collaborative Innovations for Economic Recovery. John noted that all **Board** members are welcome to register for their conference. The focus topics are leading the way to economic recovery and leveraging economic and workforce development resources. Attendance has been better than expected.

The California Workforce Association/BACCC/CCAOE partnership met to review the project plan in Oakland. Project director, Trish Caldwell, was hired to run day-to-day activities.

At the July 2009 retreat, a strategic plan was established. Implementation of some of the items has commenced.

CCCEOPSA

Paula Munoz

Paula reported on the 39th annual conference Oct 13-16 in Costa Mesa. Attendance will be lower than prior years because of budget cuts. She encouraged all **Board** members to attend. Senator Gloria Romero is the keynote speaker along with Chancellor Jack Scott. Senator Denise Ducheny is receiving an award for her authorship of SCR 34, recognizing EOPS' anniversary.

The categorical program sustained a 40 percent cut. Elimination of all full-time directors remains a threat. EOPSA is concerned the Chancellor's Office will propose undoing of Title 5 regulations.

Academic Senate

Jonathan Lightman for Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Richard was unable to attend as the Senate Executive Committee was meeting at the same time in Ontario. He submitted a written report.

The Fall Plenary Session, Leadership, Empowerment, Voice: Finding Equilibrium, will be held November 12-14 in Ontario. Rachel Levinson, Senior Counsel for AAUP, will deliver the session's keynote address. Jonathan Lightman will also be speaking at a general session along with Scott Lay and Jane Patton. Jonathan will also be participating in a workshop.

The Senate has four regional meetings scheduled throughout the state. The topic is maintaining and enhancing student success in difficult times: sustainable, low-cost classroom practices.

The Senate continues to participate in the Accreditation Task Group through the Consultation Council. The goal is to meet with ACCJC Commissioners and Director Barbara Beno to share the Senate's concerns and to encourage appropriate changes as recommended by their members.

Student Senate

Reid Milburn

Reid reported they are planning their fall conference at the Westin St. Frances Hotel, at which Jonathan Lightman will lead a workshop. There will be a candle light vigil Friday evening, Nov. 6. UC and CSU have offered their support.

“Community College Week” will be held in San Francisco November 2-6, beginning with a meeting of the Community College Board of Governors.

Grass Roots Advocacy Presentation

Zach Knorr, Reid Milburn, John McDowell

Grass roots advocacy training was moved ahead of budget update on the **Board** agenda.

Pres. McDowell introduced Linda Tong, Los Angeles City College and Zach Knorr, Los Angeles City College.

The Student Senate has divided itself into four advocacy teams: voter registration team, candle light vigil team, Capitol advocacy team and local advocacy team. They are trying to get students to testify on education issues at the Capitol. There will be a media event to bring students out in mass. They are looking at doing several candle light vigils throughout the state with blue candle LEDs. The local team is working with local faculty. They are looking to faculty to see how they can be more effective lobbyists.

Zach Knorr is coordinating student groups to advocate on the issue of student fees. He is educating and mobilizing on campuses. They have six interns on each LA campus whose purpose is to build support, mobilize students and hold events on campuses. There are postcard programs where students send them to their legislators. Thirty thousand cards have been completed thus far and they have ordered an additional 40,000. Their plan is to take momentum from their efforts and talk to legislators. They hope to be more effective in a broader political environment.

John noted to Zach that FACCC is committed to working with campuses throughout the state to focus on students talking to legislators. He encouraged everyone to contact FACCC staff for help. He wants to see advocacy efforts up and down the entire state.

It was noted that in addition to legislators being educated, it is also necessary to educate the public regarding community colleges, keeping the student focus at the forefront of the advocacy.

Budget Update

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan distributed the 2010-11 Budget Change Proposal (BCP). It has been posted on the FACCC website. To note, categorical and COLA are proposed to be reinstated. It is important that we take the time now to speak to legislators.

Jonathan made a presentation on categorical programs. Discussion continued about cuts to EOPS, DSPS, CalWORKs etc.

A motion was made to oppose relief of mandates, including Title 5 mandates.

M/S/P

It was suggested that we set aside some time to pursue this conversation further prior to the next conference call meeting.

Pres. McDowell recessed the **Board of Governors** at 4:43 p.m.

State and Federal Legislative Update

Due to time constraints, the legislative update and FACCC-sponsored legislative agenda will be moved to next day.

October 3, 2009

Pres. McDowell reconvened the **Board** at 8:30 a.m.

Jonathan reported that all bills approved by the Legislature are on the Governor's desk. There is a threatened veto of all of them unless a deal is reached on water and prisons.

FACCC-sponsored AB 385 (Block), pertaining to the community college growth funding request, is out of the Assembly and parked in the Senate. Part-time faculty participating in SDI program is awaiting the Governor's signature. If this bill gets vetoed, it will likely be reintroduced next year. All bills which FACCC deemed against our interests were stopped in the legislative process.

The biggest federal bill is H.R. 3221, representing the largest infusion of federal funds into community colleges in US history. There are a number of references on the FACCC website for this bill. Colleges will have to comply with many new reporting requirements about transfer. The bill has been passed by the House of Representatives.

Legislative Committee

The Committee has decided to propose only two sponsored bills. It is understood that there are standing agenda items that we are always working on – budget, retirement, pt issues. We may cosponsor a seniority bill for part-time faculty – other faculty organizations are interested in working on this.

We will meet with CCCAOE to discuss legislative ideas on Career Technical Education.

Board also discussed possibility of seeking Bureau of State Audits audit on costs of accreditation.

There is a proposal to allow students to pay for the “true cost of education” if California does not provide sufficient growth funding. There may be a manipulation of the proposal involving the four-year segments, but more research and discussion needs to happen. There was discussion about a bill to cap student fee increases. No clear recommendation was made from the Committee but there was an interest to keep the discussion going and sound out other faculty and student leaders for feedback.

Priority of budget, seniority issue, CTE and explore accreditation and possible student fees were other topics explored.

A motion was made to accept the committee recommendation that a FACCC legislative package for 2009-10 focus on CTE and part-time faculty seniority. Possibility remains open about an audit on costs of accreditation, although this would require many more stakeholder discussions.

M/S/P

Fiscal Report

Richard Hansen

Rich reported FACCC expenses and revenues are normal for this time of year. Income is typically slow and expenses are typically high at this time of year. Within a couple months, income will start catching up.

Consent Calendar

The committee representatives made a brief presentation on the committee reports prior to approving the consent calendar.

It was suggested that PowerPoint presentations be captioned or have sound so they are ADA compliant. Patrick is going to look into this.

Motion was made to accept the consent calendar.

M/S/P

No items were pulled.

Membership

Merylee Shelton/Bryan Ha

Merylee noted that with the addition of Santa Barbara's contract, membership will be at about 9,700, just short of the goal of 10,000. Various members were acknowledged for their recruitment efforts and were given a new back pack.

Bryan did a short presentation on the "member recruiting point system" for the **Board**.

New member (win) = 2 points

Invite membership director to campus (assist) = 1 point

Preventing someone from dropping membership (save) = 3 points

It was suggested an e-mail go out to the **Board** periodically so each could see how the other is doing.

Pres. McDowell called for a 15 minute break.

Communications

Patrick Harbison

Patrick presented a quick overview of the new website. He indicated that in the three weeks the new site has been up, there have been approximately 4,000 visits.

Accreditation

Richard Hansen

Commissioner Barbara Beno asked for a meeting with Chancellor Scott. He was uncomfortable meeting with her because he had established a task force to discuss this matter. He wanted the task force to first meet and present its findings to him.

The task force conducted a survey. There is going to be a meeting with part of the task force and some of the commission members.

There was a need to review the costs and time staff devote to SLOs. They must also consider cost to the colleges. This issue could be used as a way to organize and galvanize FACCC membership and receive input.

FACCC members are becoming increasingly concerned with accreditation, and it is important for the organization to solicit member input and express its concerns to the Accrediting Commission.

A motion was made to solicit member input on accreditation with the help of a task force that would lead to this letter of concern.

M/S/P

Our policy forum could possibly be on categoricals and accreditation. Pres. McDowell is going to get together with the Executive Committee to see exactly what direction should be taken.

NLIE

Jim Custeau

Jim noted elections will be coming up soon and to encouraged everyone to solicit and recommend candidates. He will send an e-mail to everyone to remind them of their terms so they can indicate if they will run again or not.

The question arose regarding the annual meeting of the membership and a desire to get back to a meeting where members can express their concerns. It was suggested a forum be held at the A&P conference.

Establishing Priorities between Meetings:

Leg office visits
Membership
FACCCC awards
Elections – recruit people for **Board** and committees
Promoting FACCC activities

Motion was made to adjourn the Board of Governors at 12:45 p.m.

M/S/P

Merylee Shelton, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC **Board of Governors** January 30, 2010.

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