



**Faculty Association of California Community Colleges**

**Board of Governors Meeting  
Citizen Hotel, Sacramento  
February 28, 2009**

**Minutes**

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

Members Absent: Homer Arrington, Ramona Barrio-Sotillo, Roger Marheine, Merylee Shelton

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

Liaisons Present: Kim Schenk, CCCAOE; Richael Young, SSCCC

**Part A: Introductions**

**Call to Order**

President Bill Hewitt called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian**

Mitra Moassessi was appointed parliamentarian.

Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda: following the liaison reports, preparation for the Zuk & Associates presentation that is on the FACCC-EI agenda; a report on the

California Forward event under Issues and Strategies (VII A); and consideration of board meeting start times at the end of this meeting.

Motion to approve agenda with added items – passed unanimously

## **Part B: Liaison Reports**

### **ASCCC**

Executive Director Jonathan Lightman reported for Shaaron Vogel who was unable to attend. He discussed the Counseling Institute on the Fifty Percent Law. He was one of three featured speakers, alongside Alan Frey (CTA) and Jane Patton (Academic Senate). There were approximately 100 in attendance. Jonathan also discussed the upcoming Spring Plenary. He will lead a workshop; Andrea may also lead one.

### **EOPSA**

FACCC took a leadership role in defeating the Administration's proposal to allow for "flexibility" within the categorical programs. Assemblymember (and FACCC member) Lori Saldaña worked with FACCC on this issue. EOPS will be well represented at the upcoming Advocacy & Policy Conference.

### **CCCAOE**

**Kim Schenk**

Kim Schenk reported that funding for workforce programs is the primary concern at present. Central to this is the federal renewal of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Federal stimulus funding will allow community colleges to directly contract with workforce investment boards. CCCAOE working to increase its visibility in the State Capitol and develop a working model for delivery of CTE in the System.

### **Student Senate**

**Richael Young**

Student Senate President Richael Young said she was happy to be able to attend today's meeting. She reported that eight Student Senate officers plan to attend FACCC's Advocacy & Policy Conference tomorrow. She also spoke about the work of planning the March 16 rally and thanked FACCC for use of its office for weekly meetings. The Student Senate is also working on student appointments to the Community College Board of Governors.

### **Zuk Presentation**

**Bill Hewitt**

Hewitt asked the Board to reserve judgment during the Zuk presentation scheduled for later in the afternoon. A discussion of the pros and cons of the FACCC relationship with Zuk will be on the agenda for the May board meeting. For today, he asked the Board to reach an understanding Zuk's program in light of the current economic situation.

## **Part C: Issues and Strategies**

### **State Budget**

**Jonathan Lightman**

Lightman reported that this year's budget process was unusual with deliberations held primarily behind closed doors among legislative leaders and the governor. Nevertheless, he and Legislative Advocate Andrea York have been extremely busy, meeting with from 60 to 70 legislators. The budget will be the primary focus for FACCC's Lobby Day. There will be no COLA, and there will be a reduction from \$58.1 to \$50.7 million in Proposition 98 funds. Compared to other state services, however, community colleges did comparatively well.

"Thank you" is an appropriate community college reaction to those who crafted the budget deal. He advised the Board to prepare for the next round by reaching out to community college constituency groups to be sure they are ready to support the system if additional cuts are sought. Lightman noted that FACCC committees have been coordinating on budget advocacy. Now, he said, it is time for vertical integration from Sacramento to faculty on the campuses.

### **Legislation**

**Jonathan Lightman**

Lightman reported that most groups have had a very difficult time getting bills placed with legislators. FACCC has been successful in placing two bills. He noted that Assemblymember Marty Block should be commended for accepting two FACCC bills.

One is AB 385 that allows the System Office to request an unemployment bump beyond the current two percent allowed by law to fund System growth. The current formula incorporates the weighted average of California population of persons between ages of 19-24 and 25-65, adds an unemployment bump when unemployment exceeds five percent, not to exceed two percent, and allows the system chancellor to add an unfunded FTES amount. AB 385 eliminates the cap on the unemployment bump.

Block's second FACCC bill is AB 381, providing a means of making the California State Disability Insurance Program (SDI) more accessible for part-time faculty. The bill would permit wall-to-wall faculty bargaining units to break out its part-time members for separate election of SDI eligibility. Kathy Holland thanked Andrea for her hard work on this issue.

FACCC is also cosponsoring AB 551 (Furutani), an automatic property tax backfill for community colleges. Lightman reported that FACCC has taken this issue to the Legislature six times. This bill follows the model used by Assemblymember Blakeslee.

Assemblymember Warren Furutani is working on a community college caucus, but the politics of the budget has left him out of favor with the Speaker at the moment.

## **Retirement**

**Andrea York**

York reported that the committee did not meet between board meetings but will do so before the next one. They will have recommendations on anticipated legislation at that time. York expects a relatively quiet year on retirement issues but noted that there is current discussion about the 525 annual lower limit for faculty load. This may need to be lowered or eliminated altogether. She also warned that the sour economy is fostering private sector jealousy of state employee defined benefit programs.

## **Lobbying the Federal Stimulus**

Lightman reported on his participation with Community College League of California and System Office representatives in an advocacy trip to Washington, DC. It was especially important to be there this year during the “Stimulus Package” debate. He reported partial success in expanding the definition of “eligible expenses” for federal student aid. For California Community Colleges, fees are kept low as a matter of state policy, so it is important to extend federal aid to textbooks and other expenses.

Lightman gave a presentation on the federal stimulus package, and League President Scott Lay who also took part in the Washington trip provided additional insight. He noted that California is more important for the present administration than it was for the past eight years.

Hewitt recessed the Board at 12:48 p.m. for lunch.

## **California Forward**

**Rich Hansen**

During lunch, Secretary Rich Hansen reported on the California Forward workshop on community colleges that was held yesterday, February 27. He reported that the meeting had been postponed from October when the System had resisted participating in a program that appeared to be motivated by critics of the community colleges. This February meeting had been billed as an opportunity to bring interest groups together, in particular community and business leaders who have an interest in the community college role in economic revival. He noted, however, that when State Chancellor Jack Scott asked participants to introduce themselves, very few represented community or business groups. Instead, Hansen suggested, participation was still dominated by those critical of California community college principles of open access and affordability.

## **Part D: Guest**

### **Guest Speaker**

**Scott Lay**

League President Scott Lay gave a presentation on the state budget, noting the important role of the Proposition 92 legacy in protecting the community colleges. He stressed the importance of the May 19 special election in which the public will be called upon to approve the current budget deal. Lay suggested that quality is suffering under the budget

constraints that date from passage of Proposition 13. He suggested that we work toward financial aid equity for California community college students and warned that external forces are trying to divide the community college family.

## **Part E: Operations**

### **Fiscal Condition**

**Teresa Aldredge**

Treasurer Teresa Aldredge gave the FACCC financial report. She noted that, as usual, income is expected to catch up with and pass expenses. Questions were raised with respect to the staff salary expenditure percentage and the amount allocated to vacation time. To make the reports more up to date, Janet Oropeza will start reporting the actual numbers to the accountant's office on a quarterly basis.

### **Consent Calendar**

Motion to add the Legislative Committee meeting notes to the consent calendar.

M/S – Frisch/Alexander; Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve consent calendar.

M/S – Hansen/McDowell; Passed unanimously.

### **FACCC Elections**

**Jim Custeau**

NLIE Chair Jim Custeau reported on the upcoming FACCC elections. Nominations are due March 13, and so far, there have been two nominations. It was suggested that nominations are often last minute. Custeau reminded the Board that FACCC does not endorse any specific candidate and asked the Board to read the Election Manual carefully. If a candidate wants to send campaign material to the general membership, the NLIE chair needs to be copied. "Big Pulse" will be handling online voting again this year. Custeau also gave a few pointers on how a board member can approach someone to run.

Hewitt urged all board members go back to their campuses and encourage candidates.

### **Membership**

**Natalie Devlin**

Membership Director Natalie Devlin reviewed recruiting goals for the year. The membership goal is 10,000 by 2010, and we are currently at 9,527. She also noted that we have FACCC calendars that will be sent out to all board members. Lightman suggested that we must review the services FACCC offers to its contract members.

Hewitt recessed the Board of Governors at 2:56 p.m.

Hewitt reconvened the Board of Governors at 4:46 p.m.

John Smith noted that Santa Barbara may be listed in the wrong FACCC region. Hewitt will work with Devlin to resolve the discrepancy.

## **Part F: Discussion**

### **Assessment of Follow Up Between Meetings**

**Bill Hewitt**

Hewitt commended the Board for its efforts to publicize the Advocacy & Policy Conference. He also urged the Board to schedule more visits with legislators, noting that some had tried but were unsuccessful. Hewitt asked if anyone needed help setting up a visit, and President-Elect John McDowell noted that this is going to be covered at the conference. It was also suggested that role playing among board members might be helpful.

### **Establishment of Priorities Until Next Meeting**

**Bill Hewitt**

The next board meeting will be by conference call on April 17 at 4:00 p.m. Hewitt encouraged board members to

1. solicit people to run for the board (senate presidents, union leaders, etc.);
2. recruit members;
3. attend McDowell's conference workshop on advocacy and lobbying;
4. speak with Devlin about walking campuses to recruit.

### **Meeting Start Times**

It was suggested that meeting times be moved back to 11:00 a.m. to accommodate those flying in. This will be discussed further by the Executive Committee.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Governors at 5:12 p.m.

Passed unanimously.

Richard Hansen, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors May 15, 2009.

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