



**Faculty Association of California Community Colleges Board of Governors  
and Education Institute Board of Directors Conference Call  
April 17, 2009**

**Minutes**

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved the partnership in "The Road Home" conference

Members Participating: Teresa Aldredge, Cynthia Alexander, Homer Arrington, Jim Custeau, Dennis Frisch, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Lisa Gunderson, Richard Hansen, Kathy Holland, Roger Marheine, Mitra Moassessi, Merylee Shelton, John Smith, Chuck Van Patten

Members Absent: Ramona Barrio-Sotillo, Jeanne Dunphy, Bill Hewitt, John McDowell, Alicia Wang

Staff Present: Jonathan Lightman

**Call to Order**

Vice President Dennis Frisch called the conference call for the FACCC Board of Governors and Education Institute Board of Directors to order at 4:06 p.m.

## **Agenda Approval**

Frisch asked for the addition of an item on FACCC participation in a conference at Pasadena City College on returning veterans.

Motion to approve the revised agenda.

Passed unanimously.

## **Veterans Conference**

**Dennis Frisch**

Frisch explained that FACCC has been asked to be a partner in a conference at Pasadena City College on May 15 designed for returning veterans. The conference will be called “The Road Home: From Combat to Community College and Beyond.” Roger Marheine said that the Pasadena faculty union has endorsed the conference. He explained that the conference will be free and will be designed for counselors, teachers, and advisors with an emphasis on mentoring returning veterans.

Motion to approve FACCC partnership in “The Road Home” Conference.

Passed unanimously.

## **Membership Updates**

**Homer Arrington/Dennis Frisch**

Homer Arrington reported that Santa Barbara City College faculty had voted overwhelmingly in support of forming a contract membership with FACCC. The Board congratulated him for his efforts and also applauded the good work of Membership Director Natalie Devlin.

Dennis Frisch reported that Santa Monica faculty had reaffirmed its contract membership with FACCC in a strong vote to implement the recent increase in FACCC dues.

## **Legislative Committee Recommendations**

**Dennis Frisch**

Frisch reported that the Legislative Committee had met the day before to consider Propositions 1A through 1F that are on in the May 19 special election ballot. He explained that the recommendations were based on policy implications for the community colleges, the state, and the members of FACCC considered in the context of the FACCC mission. As a result, Frisch reported, the Legislative Committee recommends that FACCC support the first five propositions (1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E) and remain neutral on the sixth (1F) because its fiscal implications are mostly symbolic and its policy implications fall outside of FACCC’s mission.

Executive Director Jonathan Lightman stated that those who take a different approach to these propositions must explain where the money for the community colleges will come from. Frisch noted that in addition to making the positions on the propositions, the Legislative Committee recommended that FACCC publish a detailed analysis of the measures on its web site.

Lightman reported that CFT/CCC supports 1B but opposes all of the other propositions, while CTA/CCA supports all six. He said that the Community College League of California will likely

support all six propositions. A detailed explanation of the content of the propositions followed, and a lengthy debate ensued.

On the Legislative Committee recommendation to support 1A-1E and remain neutral on 1F.

6 yes; 2 no; 6 abstain.

Given the divided nature of the vote, the Board was unclear as to what this vote would mean as a direction. Motion to recognize that the Board had no consensus on the package of propositions, and rather than recommend positions FACCC will direct members to detailed analyses on its Web site.

8 yes; 6 no.

To address concern that the Board should consider each proposition individually, a straw poll was conducted. As a result, all the propositions except 1B failed to win support.

Lightman proposed to write the analyses of the propositions and distribute a draft to the Board. After amending the document per Board direction, it will be posted on the FACCC web site.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting on Friday, May 15, will be in Los Angeles.

### **Adjourn**

Frisch adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Richard Hansen, Secretary

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

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