



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

Board of Governors Meeting Los Angeles Trade-Tech College October 15-16, 2010

Minutes

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved FACCC-sponsored legislative agenda
2. Approved Paul Fong for Legislator of the Year and Max Espinoza for the Staff Achievement award
3. Approved the appointment of Steven Bennett to the Part-Time Committee

Members Present: Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Homer Arrington, Suzanne Crawford, Dennis Frisch, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Sharon Hendricks, Kathy Holland, Norm Levy, Roger Marheine, John McDowell, Jeffrey Michels, Mitra Moassessi, Paula Muñoz, Dean Murakami, Merylee Shelton, John Smith, Shaaron Vogel, Jonathan Lightman

Members Absent: Jim Custeau, Deborah Dahl Shanks, Alex Giardino

Staff Present: Silvia Flores, Bryan Ha, Patrick Harbison, Janet Oropeza

Liaisons Present: Kris Cutting, Student Senate

Guests: Patrick Bivins, CalSTRS; Julia Durand, CalSTRS; Kevin Orr, TIAA Cref, Brian McAndrews, TIAA Cref

President McDowell called a delayed meeting to order at 1:10 pm following a student rally at LA Trade Tech featuring Assembly Speaker John Pérez.

All those in attendance introduced themselves.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mitra Moassessi was appointed parliamentarian.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include an item about the Community College League of California's Commission on the Future.

LIAISON REPORTS

Academic Senate

Dan Crump was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report. The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges is soliciting names of faculty leaders wanting to serve on the Community College Board of Governors.

CCCAOE

Jonathan Lightman

CCCAOE was reported by Jonathan. Hazel Hill is the new president. They are working on a proposal to restructuring the Economic and Workforce Development program to make it more regionally based. Jonathan will be delivering both a keynote and workshop at the upcoming conference.

CCCEOPSA

Paula Muñoz

Paula Muñoz reported that there is ongoing concern over the allocations for EOPS. Jonathan will be delivering a keynote address for the CCCEOPSA's conference which will be done by video.

Student Senate

Kris Cutting

Kris Cutting reported on student participation at the White House conference. The March in March will be March 14. Last year 13,400 participated and there were no arrests. John McDowell will be delivering a keynote address at the upcoming General Assembly, with Jonathan presenting a workshop.

Budget Update

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan inquired of the board about the usefulness of his budget e-mails. Board members confirmed they were extremely timely and useful.

Community college will be receiving \$126 million in growth funds, with \$189 million deferred until next year. Colleges are scrambling to determine how many course sections and program cuts will be needed. Growth money in the budget represents a legal commitment, but it can be undone through mid-year cuts. The cumulative amount of community college inter-year and intra-year deferrals is about \$1 billion. FACCC and the Chancellor's Office are extremely upset about this uncertain situation. Now we need to meet with our legislators about replacing the deferrals with real money.

The Maintenance Factor applies even though Prop 98 is suspended.

There is a great chance of mid-year cuts given the likely budget shortfall of \$20 million. The likelihood that the federal revenues assumed in the budget deal will materialize is very slim. Best case scenario is that we are looking at a \$10 billion shortfall.

Without knowing who the governor is, it's hard to guess what will happen. Whitman's style is to allow CEO's to decide where to allocate cuts. She would likely not be a fan of categoricals.

State and Federal Legislative Update

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan updated the Board on SB 1440 (Padilla), the transfer degree bill, SB 1143 (Liu), the student success bill, and federal legislation.

SB 1440 was amended several times in the process, as there was several contentious issues, including the ability of transfer students to be admitted to their CSU of choice.

SB 1143 has raised many questions about student completion. President McDowell confirmed the "completion rate" threat as a reason to decrease cc support. This success-rate crisis is a way to cut access by serving only those students who would naturally succeed.

No new money is forthcoming for greater access to meet the over 12% unemployment rate.

Retirement Update

Richard Hansen

Rich stated that SB 1425 (Simitian) and AB 1987 (Ma), the two major retirement reform bills, were vetoed. FACCC was concerned about provisions requiring a six-month waiting period before returning to work as a retired annuitant. CalSTRS was not as affected as CalPERS in the budget discussions.

Does faculty need to have real talking points on pension reform? Our members need to know how to counter anti-public employment arguments. Sharon Hendricks suggested public comparisons between CalPERS and CalSTRS. It's best for our board to strategize about big picture future issues for faculty.

President McDowell called for a short break.

Guest Presentation

TIAA-Cref

Julia Durand discussed faculty members meeting with registered financial advisors. Patrick Bivins explained the Pension 2 program, which does not have high end fees. Jonathan discussed how FACCC and TIAA-Cref co-sponsored the legislation creating the 403(b) Compare program. TIAA-Cref advisors are SEC registered. TIAA-Cref is a non-profit agency.

Approval of FACCC-Sponsored Legislative Agenda

Dean Murakami

FACCC-sponsored legislative agenda was recommended to the board.

M/S/P – passed unanimously

Paul Fong was additionally nominated as Legislator of the Year. Max Espinoza was nominated for the Staff Achievement Award.

M/S/P – both passed unanimously

President McDowell recessed the board at 4:15 pm.

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President McDowell reconvened the board at 9:00 a.m.

Mobilizing for the Election

Dean Murakami

Jonathan and Dean went to Oakland to meet senior staff officials in the Jerry Brown campaign. They discussed community college issues and FACCC’s efforts in the campaign. While Brown was in the office at the time of their meeting, they were unable to meet with him personally.

Jonathan noted that he and John McDowell may be having breakfast with Brown this week. Jonathan urged the board to forward the FACCC-created website for Brown (educators4brown.com) and to get involved. He noted a couple board members will be delivering contribution checks to candidates. President McDowell noted the important thing to remember about having events is to build relationships. It was requested that the paper Dean did for talking points with Brown’s meeting be sent to the board.

Jeff Michels attended a meeting with the Community College League of California on the 2020 Vision on Student Success. He handed out draft report recommendations. It was suggested that the Policy Committee discuss it when the proposal is unveiled.

Improving Board Member Effectiveness as a FACCC Ambassador

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan explained that the Executive Committee wanted ongoing board training following the retreat. He presented a PowerPoint on board effectiveness.

The board went into closed session at Jonathan’s request.

Membership

Merylee Shelton/Bryan Ha

Merylee and Bryan presented a PowerPoint presentation, explaining that there are currently 9,500 members. Request was made for copies of the “effective” slides from the presentation. President McDowell reminded everyone that membership is the life’s blood of the association and it is vital for all board members to recruit.

Board request for development of a one-page explanation of all affinity programs offered through FACCC.

Fiscal Condition

Richard Hansen

Rich reported on the financials. He noted we are in the normal cycle at this time of year where expenses outweigh income. Jonathan noted FACCC just had its fiscal review and that the Board would be receiving a copy of it, along with the IRS-990 as soon as they are available.

President's Report

John McDowell

President McDowell reported on a letter he sent to leaders of CCC and CCA requesting a meeting.

Consent Calendar

Only one, not two, Communications Committee, report was available.

M/S/P to accept the consent calendar

Pull Item C – NLIE Report

Eric Wilson resigned from the Part-Time Committee. Steven Bennett expressed an interest to be on the committee and accepted the invitation to be on the committee.

M/S/P to appoint Steven Bennett to the Part-Time Committee

M/S/P to accept NLIE report as amended

President McDowell recessed the Board of Governors at 12:04 p.m.

President McDowell reconvened the Board of Governors at 1:00 p.m.

New/Old Business

Establishing Board Member Priorities Between Board Meetings

Elections – get involved; visit precincts educate and inform

Award nomination forms due November 12

Advocacy & Policy Conference – register by December 17 to secure best rate and be entered into drawing to win a Kindle; sign up others

Membership – Recruit

Adjourn

M/S/P

Merylee Shelton, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors, November 19, 2010.

(Date)

(Signature)