



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

Board of Governors Meeting

Sacramento, CA

August 27, 2010

Minutes

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved Legislative Committee recommendations on Yes on 24, Yes on 25 and No on 26
2. Approved placement of George Marcopulos on the Retirement Committee

Members Present: Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Homer Arrington, Suzanne Crawford, Jim Custeau, Deborah Dahl-Shanks, Dennis Frisch, Richard Hansen, Sharon Hendricks, Kathy Holland, Norm Levy, John McDowell, Jeff Michels, Mitra Moassessi, Paula Muñoz, Dean Murakami, John Smith, Shaaron Vogel

Members Absent: Alex Giardino, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Roger Marheine, Merylee Shelton

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

Liaisons Present: Dan Crump, Academic Senate; Kris Cutting, Student Senate; Hazel Hill, CCCAOE

President McDowell convened the Board of Governors at 10:30 a.m.

The board and staff introduced themselves.

Parliamentarian

Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi was appointed parliamentarian.

Liaison reports**Dan Crump**

Dan Crump that the Academic Senate's fall plenary session will be held in Anaheim on November 11-13, 2010. This is the beginning of a new two-year cycle for proposals on new disciplines and revisions to current disciplines. Voting on proposals will be at the spring 2011 plenary session.

EOPS**Paula Muñoz**

Paula Muñoz reported EOPS held its most recent meeting July 19-20. Will Bruce is now president with Muñoz serving as past president. Budget cuts remain top concern. There will be a one-day meeting in October instead of a conference.

CCCAOE**Hazel Hill**

Hazel Hill reported on state budget issues. CCCAOE continues to focus on the impact of reductions in the number of career technical classes and coordinating workforce development. This fall's conference title is "What If?"

Student Senate**Kris Cutting**

Kris Cutting reported that the State Student Senate met twice since July and has elected a new executive board. Its fall assembly will be in San Diego. A rally against education cuts was held in the Coast District, but it was not as successful as the students had hoped. The State Senate plans to get more involved in such events and is asking that a message of "no more cuts" be texted to 69302. President McDowell noted that the board will likely participate in this campaign.

Issues and Strategies**Legislative Update****Dean Murakami**

Vice President Dean Murakami reported on several important pieces of legislation.

SB 1143 (Liu) – establishing a task force to study student success. FACCC and other faculty groups had succeeded in stopping the bill on the Senate floor when it tied funding to completion rates, but Jack Scott resurrected it in the form of a directive to the Community College Board of Governors to conduct a student success study.

AB 1440 (Padilla) – transfer degree. This bill also started with significant faculty opposition, but through continuing conversation, there is a deal in place. The Academic Senate is working closely with CSU faculty to make it work. Problems with the bill include a threat to district

funding if colleges fail to set up a transfer degree and the lack of a transfer guarantee to a particular CSU campus.

ACR 138 (Nava) –Resolution on part-time parity and full-time faculty percentage. This has passed, and a copy will be sent to the board.

AB 2385 (Pérez) – pilot on innovative nursing education and allied health care. FACCC received helpful input from Shaaron Vogel and CCCAOE to improve bill. Final version does not include differential student fee. The bill is going to the governor.

Retirement Update

Rich Hansen

The retirement committee had a conference call this week. SB 1425 (Simitian) was introduced to respond to public pressure for pension reform. The main impact on faculty is imposition of a 180-day break in service to return to work once after retiring. This may cause problems for local agreements on post-retirement employment. Another concern is its implementation date of January 1, 2011, because faculty contemplating retirement this year will have no time to adjust to the new law.

The CalSTRS task force on part-time faculty retirement is awaiting final models on the options being considered. One option is to continue to improve the DB plan for part-time faculty by having service credit reported by districts based on load. Unfortunately, CalSTRS believes this would lead to inequities among the districts. Another option that appears to have CalSTRS' support is to improve the cash balance plan, making contributions equivalent to those for the DB plan. This would provide a guaranteed monthly payment upon retirement and, as a bonus, make transition into DB easier. The third option being considered, referred to as "the Colorado Plan," sets threshold amount of income at which faculty earn a fixed amount of service credit. This option is not expected to win final support.

A report from the task force will be going to the CalSTRS Board next week when it is also expected to review the assumed rate of return on investments. CalSTRS staff has recommended reducing the current assumption of 8 percent to as low as 7.5 percent. Retirement advocates, including FACCC, have argued that this is too low, and we may ultimately end up at 7.75 percent. One bit of good news is that the purchasing power benefit will remain at 85 percent.

Ballot Initiative Recommendations

Dean Murakami

Yes on 24 – stops the tax breaks for corporations that were part of last year's budget deal, eliminating \$1.7 billion of the current deficit. The Legislative Committee recommends a "yes" position.

M/S/P – to accept the committee's recommendation

Yes on 25 – reduces the vote to pass a budget from super- to regular majority, requires the Legislature to pass a state budget by June 15, and stipulates that legislators don't get paid each day beyond the deadline that a budget is not passed. The Legislative Committee recommends a “yes” position.

M/S/P – to accept the committee's recommendation

No on 26 – in addition to taxes, legislated fees, levies, and charges would all require a two-thirds super-majority vote. The Legislative Committee recommends a “no” position.

M/S/P – to accept the committee's recommendation

Fiscal condition

Rich Hansen

Treasurer Rich Hansen gave a report on year-end financials. Actual results were not far off from budgeted projections, and the association is in good condition heading into the new fiscal year.

Consent Calendar

M/S/P to accept consent calendar; passed unanimously

Items pulled – NLIE report and Part-Time report

NLIE Report

The committee recommends replacing Tom Peters with George Marcopulos on the retirement committee.

M/S/P – to accept committee recommendation; passed unanimously

Part-Time report – The report indicates that CPFA leadership discussed with Deborah Dahl Shanks its interest in holding the CPFA summit dinner in conjunction with the FACCC Part-Time Symposium. Questions arose about the status of talks among leaders of FACCC and CPFA. President McDowell indicated that only preliminary contacts had been made, and he would pursue this with the current CPFA Chair, John Martin. Discussion deferred pending further conversation between leaders of two organizations.

M/S to approve Part-Time Committee report; passed unanimously

Additional Item

President McDowell asked for input regarding discussions at the Consultation Council about making the part-time task force a permanent advisory committee.

State Budget

Dean Murakami

Dean Murakami reported on the state budget. There has been little progress since the Legislature concluded its budget discussions. Rumor has it that there may not be a budget until after the November elections and maybe not until the next governor takes office.

Membership

Bryan Ha

Bryan Ha reminded the board that this is the time of year that FACCC records the loss of retiring faculty, so membership will drop somewhat. Over the summer, there haven't been many recruiting opportunities, but he noted that Santa Rosa is seriously contemplating contract membership. Bryan Ha reported that the Membership Committee has extended the gas card promotion, and President McDowell thanked Jeff Michels again for his generous gift of a weekend in San Francisco as a recruiting prize. The board thanked Bryan Ha for providing membership reports for board member districts.

Follow-Up from Retreat

Director of Government Relations Andrea York noted that the retreat gave the board the opportunity to discuss four areas, and now goals must be established for each.

Grassroots Advocacy – The follow up Fridays established after last year's Lobby Day proved very successful. The goal is for all board members to go on legislative visits in the fall with a student or additional faculty member. In the spring, board members should have legislators visit their campuses. Staff will help with logistics.

Membership – This was discussed under the membership report.

Advocacy & Policy Conference – President McDowell reminded the board of the format of the conference with lobby day following.

November Elections – the task force is working with Jerry Brown's campaign to set up a meeting to make sure he understands community college issues. They are developing a working paper to present to Brown. Plans are in the works for a phone bank. There is also a bowling fundraiser campaign with events being held throughout the state. FACCC is sponsoring a Race for Democracy, with a goal of 3,000 runners, to benefit the Sacramento area Democratic Party and the Brown campaign. The FACCC logo will be on event t-shirts and a link to the FACCC website will be on e-mails that will go out to about 65,000 people.

President McDowell recessed the Board of Governors at 2:35 p.m.

President McDowell reconvened the board of governors at 2:57 p.m.

Priority Assignments Between Board Meetings

1. Hold regional events
2. Book meetings with legislators
3. Get at least five new memberships – make sure new hires are approached

New Business

The board discussed some ideas. Diane Ravitch was suggested as a speaker at the Advocacy and Policy Conference. FACCC should work on a public relations campaign in coordination with the Chancellor’s Office. A student of the month should be chosen to help reach out to legislators. Students should be highlighted in accreditation reports.

President McDowell noted that Speaker Pérez will appear at the next board meeting in October at LA Trade-Tech.

Adjourn

M/S/P to adjourn at 3:48 p.m.; passed unanimously

Merylee Shelton, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors October 16, 2010.

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