



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

Board of Governors Meeting

Sacramento, CA

March 5, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Homer Arrington, Suzanne Crawford, Jim Custeau, Deborah Dahl Shanks, Dennis Frisch, Alex Giardino, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Sharon Hendricks, Norm Levy, Jonathan Lightman, Roger Marheine, John McDowell, Jeff Michels, Mitra Moassessi, Paula Munoz, Dean Murakami, Merylee Shelton, John Smith, Shaaron Vogel

Members Absent: Kathy Holland

Staff: Silvia Flores, Patrick Harbison

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

I Convene Meeting

President John McDowell called the FACCC Board meeting to order at 10:38 am.

II. Appointment of Parliamentarian

Norm Levy appointed.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as written – passed unanimously.

IV. Liaison Reports

Academic Senate

John Smith

Senate Executive Committee meeting held in Anaheim, March 4 (Dan Crump attending). Spring Session is scheduled April 14-16 in Millbrae. The Senate is offering financial support to part-time

faculty who want to attend this session. Deborah Dahl-Shanks said that this session will mark the first meeting of the Senate's new Part-Time Faculty Caucus. Smith also reported that the Executive Committee discussed 1) the public sector union struggle in Wisconsin and 2) the Title 5 definition of an "activity" course because the LAO had questioned community college course repeatability.

CCCAOE

Hazel Hill

Organization is looking at "regional models" to align curriculum so students can easily move between colleges. This would also assist part-time faculty teaching at multiple colleges. She attended the recent Little Hoover Commission hearing on the community colleges where topics included federal aid going to for-profit colleges, differential funding and the potential impact on high cost, low productivity CTE courses. Hill reported that Nancy Shulock testified and uses a six-unit model definition of a goal-seeking student that makes community college success statistics look worse. CCCAOE's March conference will be in Oakland - theme is "Industry Speaks."

Student Senate

Kris Cutting

Over 12 members of the SSCCC will attend FACCC's A & P conference. The March in March will be a week later. Next year, hopefully FACCC's conference and March in March will be at the same time. Several Board members spoke in support of coordinating the two events next year. Hands Across California on April 17 is an important fund-raising and PR event for community colleges.

Retirement

Rich Hansen

Assault on public pensions across America. Salaries of retired faculty posted online. Administrators have car allowances that can contribute to spiking. SB 27 (Simitian) changes pensions, including six-month wait before retired annuitant can teach again. LA Trustees group has been meeting to support pensions. They want to send out a public message campaign. If a June election is held, Dean said the PR strategies of Oregon minimized the "us vs. them" and got tax increases in Oregon.

Presentation

Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner

Skinner expressed concern about prognosis for a June ballot. Good news is that community colleges are popular with both parties. President McDowell noted that FACCC is unhappy with the fee hikes. Board discussed district reserves with Skinner. Total deferrals in the System are over \$900 million and will continue to grow. Board members expressed concern on pressure on the Chancellor's Office to suspend the Fifty Percent Law.

EOPSA

Paula Muñoz

Association conducting training in Sacramento after FACCC's A & P conference. Jonathan to speak at training (several hundred expected to attend). Concern remains over attempts to decategorize EOPS.

Budget

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan expressed faculty outrage at budget hearing. The sentiment at the budget was too calm despite the budget cuts and fee hikes. Jonathan helped change dynamic. Fee hikes contained in SB 70; budget cuts in SB 69. Negotiations ongoing about tax extension, but clock is ticking away.

Student Success Task Force

Rich Hansen

Members of the task force are not happy about the effectiveness of the sessions; need more of a faculty focus. We need to redefine “student success” and address accreditation.

Federal legislation

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan discussed being lone California faculty voice on the AACCC/ACCT Washington, DC trip. Value of conference is very clear. Lobby visits focused on Pell Grants. Former FACCC member, Congresswoman Judy Chu, taking a leadership role in the House to preserve Pell Grants.

State Legislation

Dean Murakami

FACCC-sponsored AB 476 (Hernandez) addresses correlation between unemployment and student demand. California’s unemployment rate is 12.7%; nationally, it is 8.8%. Current law limits community colleges to seeking only two percent bump in growth due to unemployment. AB 476 would allow the colleges to seek more money for growth based upon higher unemployment.

Other FACCC-sponsored legislation is AB 965 (Dickinson), would require districts to use growth money to increase ratio of full-time faculty when particular conditions are met. FACCC co-sponsored AB 852 (Fong) is the part-time reemployment bill. Part-time faculty governors of FACCC have worked hard on this.

We need to share these bills with faculty and use them as a means to recruit members.

Legislative Committee taking positions on bills which we have standing positions on. If there is a bill introducing a new concept, it needs to go to the Board.

AB 383 (Portantino) limits full-time faculty overload, and provides a state stipend for districts which include this in their collective bargaining agreements. Board members expressed concern about the bill because it thwarts bargaining and it would be unevenly applied. Feeling that stipend is a bad idea even though some districts have imposed limits on full-time faculty overload and several FACCC Board members support concept of such limits.

Motion to support AB 383 from Legislative Committee failed for reasons stated.

The Legislative Committee recommends opposition of AB 661 (Block), allowing community colleges to offer four-year degrees. Board opposed unanimously.

FACCC Elections

Silvia Flores/Patrick Harbison

Filing deadline this Wednesday – Board urged to be more active recruiting individuals for leadership.

President McDowell recessed the Board of Governors and reconvened the Board of Governors.

Advocacy Efforts

We’re in the process of establishing “Follow-Up Fridays” with state legislators from the A&P Conference (pairing FACCC and SSCCC members). Symbolic distribution of “Top Ramen” underscores the struggles of our students. There needs to be an effort to stabilize the budget regardless of the political party in power.

John has drafted a template on community college participation in the statewide effort to extend the temporary taxes. FACCC PAC will convene a conference call if a special election is set.

Consent Calendar

Passed unanimously

Fiscal Report

Rich Hansen

Rich reported on fiscal condition. Cash flow lagging but it appears to be following normal trajectory.

Membership

Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi

Deep concern of Membership Committee that we are focused on depth from a few campuses, but not gaining breadth from many campuses. Strategy to return to targeted direct mail. Membership Committee needs to spend more time on this concern.

Membership brochures are in the process of being drafted. Photography session at Pasadena was successful, with Roger, Bryan and Patrick thanked for their efforts.

Bryan needs more invitations from more campuses.

Jonathan gave some conference notes and final tips for Monday morning.

The meeting was adjourned @ 4:34 p.m.

Merylee Shelton, Secretary

Approved by the FACC Board of Governors April 29, 2011.

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