



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

**Board of Governors
American River College
November 19, 2010**

Minutes

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved the endorsement of *Hands Across California*
2. Approved an amended motion on the Commission on the Future's report
3. Approved continuing relationship with the Student Senate to conduct faculty/student partner legislative visits

Members Present: John McDowell, Eduardo Jesus Arismendi-Pardi, Suzanne Crawford, Jim Custeau, Dennis Frisch, Alex Giardino, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Jonathan Lightman, Roger Marheine, Jeffrey Michels, Mitra Moassessi, Dean Murakami, Deborah Shanks, Merylee Shelton, John Smith, Shaaron Vogel

Members Absent: Homer Arrington, Sharon Hendricks, Kathy Holland, Norm Levy, Paula Muñoz

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

Liaisons: Dan Crump, Academic Senate; Kris Cutting, Student Senate

President McDowell called the Board to order at 10:43 a.m.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Mitra Moassessi was appointed parliamentarian.

Liaison Reports

Academic Senate

Dan Crump

Academic Senate conducted its fall plenary session in Anaheim. Its next event will be the Vocational Education Leadership Institute in Newport Beach.

CCCAOE

Jonathan Lightman

CCCAOE conference was well attended (approximately 300). Jonathan was a keynote speaker and co-presented a workshop. CCCAOE is continuing to work on its proposal for greater regionalization of Economic and Workforce Development. Its next conference is called, *Industry Speaks*, scheduled March 23-24. It was recommended that FACCC once again work with CCCAOE on recruiting CTE faculty into FACCC, with an incentive for a discount at an upcoming CCCAOE conference.

CCCEOPSA

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan reported that CCCEOPSA conducted a statewide teleconference as its budget would not allow an in-person event. Jonathan presented as a keynoter on the teleconference. There is extreme concern about the EOPS budget and the survival of the program.

Student Senate

Kris Cutting

Kris thanked both John McDowell and Jonathan Lightman for speaking at the General Assembly. He noted that FACCC's Advocacy & Policy conference is posted on the SSCCC website. *Hands Across California* will be held on April 17 – they are hoping for 1.5 million people. He also noted John and Jonathan will be speaking to the SSCCC Executive Committee on December 5.

M/S/P to endorse Hands Across California

Examining FACCC's Accomplishments Since the Retreat Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan presented a PowerPoint on the accomplishments of FACCC and FACCC EI since the retreat. He noted the three top threats to community colleges are the budget, retirement and student access.

Suggestions emerging from the discussion include:

Inviting Jane Patton to the January Board meeting; conduct a Budget Workshop in Southern California; provide a better explanation on the "From the Desk of" about the FACCC regions (specifically, list all the colleges per each region to give the e-mail message an improved context).

Budget Update

Jonathan Lightman

It appears the Democratic leaders in the Legislature will not respond to Gov. Schwarzenegger's call for mid-year budget cuts; instead they will wait him out. The budget shortfall is far larger than anticipated, approaching \$28 billion.

Discussion ensued about conducting a call-in on the budget when Gov-Elect Brown releases his proposal. Idea is to wait a week to provide a better level of analysis. Other ideas include working with Academic Senate on budget lobbying, and developing a listserv to keep people informed.

Jonathan urged Board to help bring faculty and students to Sacramento during budget hearings to "pack the rooms."

President McDowell recessed the Board for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

President McDowell reconvened the Board at 12:38 p.m.

Retirement Update

Rich Hansen

Rich reported that the FACCC Retirement Committee met with Ed Derman of CalSTRS. One particular topic of conversation was the election of a new community college representative on the CalSTRS Teacher Retirement Board (TRB) to replace Carolyn Widener. They also spoke about the assumed rate of return, a potential strategy to lower the unfunded liability, and improving public perception of public pensions.

Commission on the Future/SB 1143 Task Force

Chancellor Scott is assembling names for the Task Force arising out of SB 1143 (Liu), pertaining to student success. Faculty representatives will be coming from the Academic Senate.

The Commission on the Future was a group assembled by the Community College League of California to write a report on student success. This endeavor is separate from SB 1143. FACCC Board members reviewed the report and voiced concern about insufficient faculty input in the development of the report. Board members were also concerned that the report appears to blame low completion rates on a lack of leadership instead of tackling the substantive concerns of lack of full-time faculty, lack of access to counselors, budget cuts, devastation of student services, and deterioration of academic preparation in K-12. FACCC may need to take a leadership position in educating faculty on how to speak to their local trustees to address these concerns in the report.

Motion was made to oppose the Commission on the Future's report.

Position on report

Document that outlines student success

The motion was amended to read as follows: articulate FACCC's longstanding positions on access, affordability and student success and quality, pointing out ways the League's Commission in the Future report lacked adequate faculty and Academic Senate participation; also noting that the various ways that the Commission's report includes recommendations that are inconsistent with FACCC positions; also note the need for California to recommit itself to a fully funded Master Plan to Higher Education.

M/S/Unanimous to approve amended motion

**Review and Possible Amendment of
FACCC-Sponsored Legislative Agenda**

Dean Murakami

The Legislative Committee convened after the election and is proceeding with the two bill ideas already approved by the Board, part-time reemployment rights (coalition bill) and amending the growth formula to allow for greater recognition of the impact of unemployment on student demand.

The Legislative Committee also believes we should examine how growth funds can be used to trigger full-time faculty hiring. He noted that CFT is also examining this. Recommendation was for FACCC to develop legislation on this.

M/S/P to accept Legislative Committee recommendation

Planning for Grass-Roots Advocacy

M/S/P to continue relationship with Student Senate for California Community Colleges to conduct faculty/student partner legislative visits

President McDowell recessed the Board of Governors at 2:45 p.m.

President McDowell reconvened the Board of Governors at 3:15 p.m.

Membership Report

Merylee Shelton

Board members asked to update their faculty rosters of FACCC members/non-members and return them to the FACCC office.

FACCC is fortunate to have engaged the services of political consultant, Parke Skelton, to develop FACCC's new membership brochure (cost, \$2,500). A meeting in Parke's office will take place in December.

Santa Rosa Jr. College faculty may be considering a vote for contract membership in the Spring.

Cash cards are being explored as an alternative to the gas cards.

She asked for feedback from the Board on what kinds of affinity programs/incentives they would like to see FACCC offer.

The Membership Committee will be reviewing a strategic plan for contract memberships.

FACCC Elections

Jim Custeau

Open seats for the next election are:

Treasurer

Secretary

Governor-at-Large – 3 seats

Regional Governor – 3 regions (Regions A, E, F)

Governor for Part-Time (Southern Region)

Part-Time Officer

He urged the Board to start thinking about candidates. Jim would like the list of region contacts to go out to everyone.

Fiscal Condition

Richard Hansen

Rich reported that the auditor's report looks good. Board presented an opportunity to review IRS Form 990, required of non-profit organizations. Receipts are lagging now but the overall financial report was positive.

Consent Calendar

M/S/P to approve the minutes and the following committee reports: Executive, Membership, NLIE, Legislative, Communications and Retirement

Notice of Staffing During Staff Maternity Leave

Jonathan reported that he will be introducing potential contract lobbyist, Christy Bouma, to John McDowell and Dean Murakami. Christy is a well-respected lobbyist whose major client is the firefighters. She has extensive experience in labor issues, but has also worked on education issues as well (and she is a former community college faculty members). Pending the outcome of their meeting, Jonathan will forward a resume on her to the Board.

New/Old Business

April meeting has been inadvertently scheduled on Good Friday. The Board would like to reschedule the meeting for April 29 pending a decision by the CCCI on the date of its next meeting. Rich Hansen to assist with this.

Board Priorities

Recruit members now for A&P

Recruit at least 2 new members if not more prior to the January meeting

Ask lawmakers to sponsor their constituents at A&P

Grass Roots Advocacy – these are the people to build relationships with if not already done

President McDowell adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Merylee Shelton, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors January 29, 2011.

(Date)

(Signature)