



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

**Board of Governors Meeting
Sacramento
March 1, 2014**

Minutes

Members Present: Glenn Appell, Jim Custeau, Patricia Flores-Charter, Dennis Frisch, Deirdre Frontczak, Martin Goldstein, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Kathy Holland, Jonathan Lightman, Richard Mahon, Mario Martinez, Colette Harris-Mathews, Cynthia Mosqueda, Mitra Moassessi, Dean Murakami, John Queen, Gail Reynolds, John Smith, Shaaron Vogel, Adam Wetsman

Members Absent: Allison Merzon

Staff Present: Ashley Eaton, Silvia Flores, Evan Hawkins, Mikhail Chernyavsky, Janet Oropeza, Andrea York

Liaisons: Fabio Gonzalez, EOPS; Donovan Hamsher, Student Senate; David Morse, Academic Senate

President Dean Murakami called the Board of Governors to order at 1:02 pm. Executive Director Jonathan introduced recently hired Communications Director Mikhail Chernyavsky and Intern Ashley Eaton.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Treasurer Mitra Moassessi was appointed parliamentarian.

Approval of Agenda

M/S – Passed unanimously

Liaisons

Academic Senate

David Morse

Spring Plenary Session is set for April 10-12 in San Francisco. Senate Foundation will be holding a fundraising dinner on the Friday evening of the Plenary. Resolutions expected on accreditation and professional development. Curriculum Institute and a Faculty Leadership Institute are set for June and July, respectively.

EOPS

Fabio Gonzalez

EOPS training sessions are set for next week. He thanked FACCC for its assistance with legislation and the budget, and said that the group is busy planning for the Fall 2014 EOPSA Conference, October 6-8.

CCCAOE

Jonathan Lightman

Spring conference set for March 12-14 in Sacramento at which Lightman will be leading a workshop. Lightman and Director of Government Relations Andrea York have been discussing CTE funding with legislators and have found a great deal of support.

Student Senate

Donovan Hamsher

Problems with the March in March have been resolved and the event is ready to go on Monday at 11 am. Spring General Assembly will be held at the LA Marriott May 2-4, and noted that the group is working on a strategic plan, and on protecting CalWORKS. Hamsher thanked FACCC for honoring Rich Copenhagen and Emily Kinner with special courage awards.

Issues and Strategies

Washington, DC Trip

Jonathan Lightman

Lightman spoke about FACCC's recent trip to Washington, DC, and will also write about it in the next issue of *FACCCTS*. The delegation's top two issues were accreditation and the President's Higher Education Act. Murakami noted the wide range of offices that were visited and the importance of making these personal contacts. He said it was also important for FACCC to be able to show that concerns with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) extend beyond the issue of the City College of San Francisco. Patricia Flores-Charter and John Queen, both of whom were also part of the FACCC Washington, DC contingent, added that the ACCJC should be seen as an outlier among accrediting agencies and noted that federal legislators and even the U.S. Department of Education appeared to be uninformed on the accreditation issues facing the California Community Colleges.

State Budget**Dean Murakami/Jonathan Lightman**

Murakami reported that all of the organizations in the Council of Faculty Organizations (CoFO) agree there needs to be more than a 0.86% COLA. There has been a great deal of conversation about the 3% growth funding. The system reports a level of 1.6% growth is more realistic. Lightman pointed out that the letter FACCC sent to Assembly Member Muratsuchi conveyed a comprehensive review of the budget and commended the Board for its input.

Legislation/Policy**Shaaron Vogel/Andrea York**

Vice President Shaaron Vogel and York reviewed FACCC sponsored legislation: AB 675 (Fong) on faculty leave during the tenure process and AB 2295 (Ridley-Thomas) on part-time faculty sick leave transfer. Other bills discussed included ACR 95 (Gomez) on the Affordable Care Act and potential limitations placed on part-time faculty load and AB 2705 (Williams) on changing Ed Code references to “part-time” faculty to “associate” faculty. On the latter bill, it was noted that FACCC has been supportive of the idea of making such a name change, but concerns have been raised about a potentially negative impact on the *Cervisi* decision on part-time faculty qualification for unemployment benefits. Vogel and York noted that it is still early in the legislative year, so at this point, the Legislature has not yet taken many actions.

Retirement**Rich Hansen**

Secretary and Retirement Committee Chair Richard Hansen reported on two current CalSTRS issues: the unfunded liability and revisions to regulations on creditable compensation. CalSTRS expects the Legislature to take some action on the unfunded liability by the end of this legislative session, but it may not be implemented immediately. With regard to the creditable compensation regulations, Hansen dispelled rumors faculty may have heard about removing release/reassigned time from creditable compensation. He reported that the regulation changes, in fact, are more focused on eliminating pension spiking opportunities that are available to administrators.

President Murakami recessed the Board of Governors at 3:11 pm and called for a short break.

President Murakami reconvened the Board of Governors at 4:20 pm.

Treasurer’s Report**Mitra Moassessi**

Moassessi reviewed the FACCC financial statements where expenses still exceed income, but this situation is trending in the expected direction where revenues will outpace expenses.

Consent Calendar

The Legislative Committee report was pulled, and a discussion followed. Moassessi noted she should be marked as absent in the report.

M/S – Passed unanimously with amendment

FACCC Elections

Evan Hawkins

Membership Director Evan Hawkins noted that there will be a computer available at the Advocacy and Policy Conference tomorrow to get new members signed up in time for the FACCC elections. The nominations deadline is March 7.

The following FACCC Officer and Board positions are up for election.

President Elect
Vice President
Governor at Large (3)
Governor for Part-Time Faculty North
Retired Faculty
Regional Governors (Regions B, C, and D)

Hawkins asked the Board to encourage people to run.

Membership Update

Evan Hawkins

Hawkins noted there are currently about 9,900 FACCC members. He also noted Contra Costa passed their vote on contract membership and will officially begin this status in the fall when the additional membership will put FACCC well over 10,000. He also reminded the Board that April will be membership month, and noted the goal is to recruit more than 60 new members during April.

Strategic Agenda

Jonathan Lightman

Lightman led the Board in an update of the outline of FACCC target priority activities that was composed at the January board meeting.

	Legislation/ Advocacy	Communications	Prof Development	Other
Faculty Staffing and Compensation	Budget AB 675 (Fong) Resolution on p/t assignments Legislation on sick leave Continuous appropriation DC Trip P/T categoricals video – letter writing campaign	Website Weekly Next issue of FACCTS ACA Resource page	A&P Counseling P/T Symposium Health benefits	Membership visits
	Letter writing campaign on budget Advocacy bullets on budget Point & Click Rapid response	Getting word out to faculty on budget – changing the narrative Rapid response	Targeted marketing on faculty staffing	
Fighting Privatization	DC Trip Coalition against SB 520 Organized coalition to hire a contract lobbyist against AB 955 Consultation Council	Point & Click Social Media Press coverage FACCTS	A&P Long Beach presentation Lots of education	

	advocacy Budget advocacy on Innovation grants			
	Talking points Repeatability/Lifelong Learning Facilitate dialogue	Greater external media exposure beyond AB 955 Exposure to contracting out of services	<u>Define problem</u> You Tube on privatization and MOOCs Gather student stories	Membership month
Accreditation	Policy Forum Letters to DOE Support audit DC Trip Congressional communication Presence at ACCJC	<i>FACCCTS</i> Accreditation resource page Banner	Policy Forum	
	Working with Paul Fong on legislation Other accreditation bills Review of federal law on accreditation Consultation Council item on what we want to see in five years; eliminating Title 5 requirement of ACCJC as sole accreditor	Posting new standards Respond to standards FAQ What does ACCJC do and not do? Debunk myths Article or session on decoding what is happening on accreditation	What do we do in the meantime?	
Student Services	AB 595 (Gomez) Regulations on financial aid/academic	FACCC updates Weekly Current issue of	Counselors conference Sessions at A&P	

	progress	FACCCTS		
	Lobby visits Student/counselor ratio Budget advocacy Opposing the flex Legislation on extending EOPS to foster youth	YouTube videos		Testimonials
Retirement	TIAA-Cref CalSTRS P/T Sick Leave DC Trip	Website Articles in FACCCTS	Benefits conferences A&P pre-conference	
	Keeping informed on initiative Unfunded liability Point & Click Strategic response	Social media		Membership month

Conclusion

New/Old Business

None

Establishing Priorities Between Board Meetings

Nominations for elections
Budget advocacy (budget hearings)
Get FACCC staff onto campuses
Big push for membership in April

Good and Welfare

None

Adjourn

President Murakami motion to adjourn the Board of Governors at 5:30 pm.

M/S – Passed unanimously

Richard Hansen, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors on May 9, 2014.

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