



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

Board of Governors Meeting

Burbank

May 9, 2014

Minutes

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Supported AB 2705 provided 87482.6(b)(2) is restored and it is confirmed that the change to “contingent” will not adversely affect access to unemployment compensation
2. Authorized Jonathan and Andrea to work with the Executive and Legislative Committees to take positions on third party bills consistent with board discussions
3. Approved endorsing Dennis Frisch for his local board of trustees

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

Members Absent: Jim Custeau, Deirdre Frontczak, Allison Merzon, Mitra Moassessi, Gail Reynolds

Staff Present: Mikhail Chernyavsky, Evan Hawkins, Janet Oropeza, Lidia Stoian

Liaisons Present: Donovan Hamsher, Student Senate; David Morse, Academic Senate

Guests: Senator Marty Block (phone)

President Dean Murakami called the FACCC Board of Governors to order at 10:31 a.m. A quorum was not present but was achieved a few minutes later.

Board and staff introduced themselves.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Past President Dennis Frisch was appointed parliamentarian.

Executive Director Jonathan Lightman introduced Lidia Stoian as the new Director of Program and Development. He noted there were about 40 applicants for the job and about 10 candidates were interviewed.

Approval of Agenda

A discussion of the new course repeatability regulations was added to the agenda.

M/S - Frisch/Vogel

Liaison Reports

Academic Senate

David Morse

Two upcoming meetings are the Leadership Institute (San Diego) in June and the Curriculum Institute (San Jose) in July. He thanked Lightman for his participation in the Senate’s Spring Plenary at which Morse was elected president.

He noted a few changes that will be coming next year. Senate Executive Committee meetings will move to locations throughout the state to facilitate the participation of local faculty. The first of these will be held at Long Beach City College. The Senate also wants to strengthen its connections with other organizations, especially with FACCC, and wants to be more vocal on legislative issues.

Julie Bruno was elected Vice President at the Spring Plenary and will be the liaison to FACCC next year.

CCCEOPSA

Jonathan Lightman

Fabio Gonzalez will be the next president of the Association. Senator Carol Liu has authored SB 1023, creating an EOPSA-style program for foster children. There are mixed feelings about this idea, and Director of Government Relations Andrea York has been negotiating on behalf of CCCEOPSA.

CCCAOE

Jonathan Lightman

FACCC has been working with CCCAOE on CCCAOE’s sponsored ACR 119 (Muratsuchi) that requests the Chancellor’s office develop three funding options for CTE. This resolution has been approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on the consent calendar and is

anticipated to proceed through the Assembly without opposition. After that, it will advance to the Senate.

CCCAOE is in the process of hiring a managing director. FACCC is expected to remain in its role as providing legislative services on a contract basis. Over time, the managing director role may transform into an executive director.

Student Senate

Donovan Hamsher

The March in March was a success despite a smaller turnout than in previous years. Speakers were excellent and participants got good feedback from legislators.

Last weekend's Student Senate General Assembly saw a number of important resolutions passed. Lightman and Evan Hawkins met with Taylor Valmorez, Vice President for External Affairs, to offer FACCC assistance with outreach on the new student representation fee.

Communications

Mikhail Chernyavsky

Mikhail Chernyavsky described efforts to convey FACCC's message to a variety of audiences: members, legislators, and the public. Murakami proposed that the Board should pursue this further at the retreat. A committee, including John Smith, Vice President Shaaron Vogel, Colette Harris-Mathews, and Murakami, was formed to prepare a proposal for the retreat.

Issues and Strategies

State Budget

Jonathan Lightman

Governor's May budget revision may come out on Tuesday instead of Thursday. April, with its tax filing deadline, is an important month with respect to state revenue, and returns appear to confirm that there will be more money than anticipated for the May Revise. In preparation for budget advocacy, for the first time, CoFO is working collaboratively. At a recent meeting at the FACCC office, CoFO leaders developed a list of common interest issues, and these have been discussed with legislators over the last few weeks. Lightman referred the Board to the letter CoFO sent to budget and education legislative leaders on May 5. The letter addresses both the governor's January budget proposal and makes recommendations for the use of any additional funding available in the May Revise.

The Board discussed changes to the growth formula. Lightman also noted that, beginning on Monday, Toni Atkins will be the new Assembly Speaker.

Legislative/Policy Developments

FACCC-Sponsored Legislation

Two FACCC sponsored bills are moving forward:
AB 675 (Fong) – leaves during tenure review; and
AB 2295 (Ridley-Thomas) – transfer of part-time faculty sick leave.

ACR 95 (Gomez) – expresses legislative intent that community college districts should not reduce the hours of part-time faculty or classified staff as a means of avoiding compliance with the Affordable Care Act. An Assembly Concurrent Resolution does not have the force of law, but goes through the same voting process as a regular bill. Resolutions do not go to the Governor for signature.

Third Party Legislation

ACR 119 (Muratsuchi) – expresses legislative intent to have the Chancellor’s Office develop options to address the long-term funding issues of career technical education – this is moving forward.

AB 2705 (Williams) – changes Ed Code references to “part-time” faculty to “contingent” faculty. This bill is moving ahead, and the Part-Time Faculty Committee recommends supporting the bill. Concerns were raised about the possible negative impact on access to unemployment under the *Cervisi* decision (pertaining to unemployment). Also, it appears that during the recent language change from “associate” to “contingent” important language was deleted specifying regular and contract full-time faculty, and this must be restored.

Question raised whether “contingent” connotes a greater level of professionalism than “temporary.” Part-time faculty on board felt new term was an improvement.

Motion to support AB 2705 provided 87482.6(b)(2) is restored and it is confirmed that the change to “contingent” will not adversely affect access to unemployment compensation.

M/S – passed unanimously

It was later noted that specifying regular and contract full-time faculty must also be restored in 87415(d).

SB 850 (Block) - initiates a pilot baccalaureate program under which 15 community college districts can offer one baccalaureate degree at one college in the district. These degrees must be available beginning in 2017-18 and students must complete the degree by 2022-23. The degrees offered may not be among those also offered at the CSU. The Chancellor’s Office will establish a funding formula.

Since the programs are to be career technical in nature, CCCAOE has questioned how these baccalaureates may undermine the status of current two-year degrees and certificates. It was suggested that career technical needs might better be met through community college contract education rather than an expansion into offering baccalaureate programs.

FACCC board concerns focus on the impact on the community college mission and funding, both the source (or lack of a source) of funding and the amount required to set up such a program. Some are skeptical of the return on the investment in terms of the number of students served. Questions have also been raised about the necessity of granting baccalaureate students priority registration to ensure degrees are completed on time.

SB 1068 (Beall), AB 1947 (Bonta), and SB 965 (Leno) – the first two bills aimed at enforcing greater accountability on the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) but are being severely amended; AB 965 addresses funding for the City College of San Francisco and is being amended.

Other accreditation-related bills are AB 2087 (Ammiano) on community college trustee boards and AB 2247 (Williams) on public access to accreditation documents.

Motion to authorize Lightman and York to work with the Executive and Legislative Committees to take positions on these bills consistent with board discussions.

M/S – passed with 1 abstention

It was added that it is important for FACCC to show support for SB 1068 and AB 1942.

Phone Conversation with Senator Marty Block

The Board engaged in a conference call with Senator Marty Block to discuss SB 805, establishing a baccalaureate pilot program for the community colleges. Following the call, board recommendation that FACCC maintain a “soft oppose.”

Response to the new ACCJC Standards

Adam Wetsman

Policy Committee Chair Adam Wetsman reported that the Committee has developed a response to the ACCJC standards revision. The response voices “extreme concern” that the revision removes references to the role of academic senates in decisions regarding teaching and learning and references to the role of faculty on hiring committees. The revisions also weaken current standards on the issues of diversity and equity, and continue to impinge on collective bargaining rights, in particular with regard to faculty evaluations and SLOs. In addition, the revisions indicate a narrow view of the community college mission, emphasizing degree and certificate completion and transfer and employment as the only significant outcomes of a community college education.

A copy of FACCC’s letter to the Commission was included in the board packet. Wetsman represented FACCC at one of the ACCJC open forums; Board thanked Adam for undertaking this task.

Repeatability

Mario Martinez

Mario Martinez raised the issue of how the new course repeatability limits are harming some community college programs, and the Board engaged in a discussion of this issue. Cabrillo College faculty developed a resolution on the repeatability limitations, and a representative from that college attended a recent CoFO meeting to discuss the issue. Several CoFO organizations have endorsed the resolution, but most are not optimistic that the repeatability regulations could be changed immediately. The regulations were too recently changed under pressure of criticism based on the inappropriate use of state funds in support of what were called “recreational” courses. It was suggested that public pressure might make a difference.

CalSTRS/Retirement

Richard Hansen

CalSTRS Deputy CEO Ed Derman anticipates a legislative plan to address the unfunded liability will be in place by end of this legislative session. K-12 is playing a dominant role in the development of the plan.

CalSTRS Part-Time Community College Faculty Task Force has been revived at the request of CalSTRS Board Community College representative Sharon Hendricks. There will now be an annual meeting with the next one to be set for October 2014. A number of issues were addressed at the recent meeting in April. To standardize load calculations for part-time faculty, it is essential that the local bargaining agents write a clear MOU on the number of hours associated with particular assignments. 525 hours is the minimum, based on a full load of lecture courses. CalSTRS will now accept reports of unused sick leave for conversion to service credit from any district where a part-time faculty is active at the time of retirement. Part-time faculty must take note that CalSTRS allows them to be enrolled in both the Defined Benefit program and Cash Balance simultaneously in different districts – part-time faculty must review their plans in each district and decide how best to structure their retirement contributions.

Local Trustee Endorsement

The Executive Committee recommends a FACCC endorsement of Dennis Frisch for his local board of trustees.

M/S – passed with 1 no vote

Murakami recessed the FACCC Board of Governors at 2:58 pm.

Murakami reconvened the FACCC Board of Governors at 3:23 pm.

Operations

Treasurer's Report

Jonathan Lightman

FACCC has turned the corner and income now exceeds expenses. He emphasized that FACCC is membership driven and that there must be a big recruitment push next year.

Consent Calendar

M/S – passed unanimously

FACCC Elections and Committees

Election Results

John Queen

Election results:

President Elect - Shaaron Vogel

Vice President - John Smith

Region B Governor - John Queen

Region C Governor - Adam Wetsman

Region D Governor - Patty Flores-Charter

Governors at Large - Mario Martinez, Meredith Heiser, and Natalina Monteiro

Governor for Part-Time North - Deirdre Frontczak

Governor for Retired Faculty - Dennis Smith

He noted the many uncontested seats and asked the Board to make a year-long effort to encourage faculty to run for board and officer positions. National statistics on association voting show an 8% to 11% average participation rate. This election, FACCC did better than 11%. He also pointed out that a vacancy has been created since Wetsman left his at-large seat, with one year remaining in his term, to take the Region C seat.

Recruiting Members to Serve on Committees

Queen urged all board members to start recruiting faculty immediately for FACCC and FACCC-EI committees. This is an ongoing responsibility.

Membership

Evan Hawkins

With the Contra Costa contract, FACCC will have about 10,700 members. Hawkins Hundreds expire on June 30 with prizes awarded at the retreat. New hire orientations will be prime recruiting opportunities. He asked how board members thought we did this year and asked what can we do better.

Murakami convened a joint meeting of FACCC and FACCC Education Institute.

Conclusion

Tribute to Outgoing Board Members

Dean Murakami

Four board members are cycling off the board, Jim Custeau, Gail Reynolds, Dennis Frisch and Richard Mahon. All thanked for their service.

Assessment of Annual Priorities

**Jonathan Lightman/
Dean Murakami**

FACCC took leadership on many issues of concern to faculty, with a particular highlight of the FACCC mission to Washington, DC. FACCC is financially stable with six months of reserve funding. Looking to the future, generating research will be a priority.

Major accomplishments this year include two new staff, the Washington DC trip, a new website in development, the new contract with Contra Costa, and good use of “From the Desk Of” communications, YouTube, and letters to the editor. Murakami noted a special concern: the interplay of the issues of money and free speech, especially in the 2016 election.

Priorities Until Board Retreat

- Budget lobbying (especially during the week of May 19)
- Recruit members
- Retreat
- Rapid Response

Murakami adjourned the FACCC and FACCC-EI Boards at 4:20 p.m.

Richard Hansen, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors June 29, 2014.

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