



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

**Board of Governors Meeting
September 19, 2014
Sacramento**

Minutes

Members Present: Deirdre Frontczak, Martin Goldstein, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Colette Harris-Mathews, Meredith Heiser, Kathy Holland, Jonathan Lightman, Mario Martinez, Mitra Moassessi, Natalina Monteiro, Cynthia Mosqueda, Dean Murakami, John Queen, Dennis Smith, John Smith, Shaaron Vogel, Adam Wetsman

Members Absent: Glenn Appell, Patti Flores-Charter, Berta Harris, Kathy Holland

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

Liaisons Present: Victor Costa, Student Senate; Dan Crump, Academic Senate

Introductions

President Dean Murakami called the FACCC Board of Governors to order at 10:30 a.m.

The Board and staff introduced themselves.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Dean Murakami

Treasurer Mitra Moassessi was appointed parliamentarian.

Approval of Agenda

Dean Murakami

The FACCC Board agenda was amended to add a PAC report under Issues and Strategies and a review of the staff retreat under Operations.

Motion to approve the FACCC Board of Governors agenda as amended.

M/S – passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Academic Senate

Dan Crump

The Senate is currently meeting in both Northern and Southern California on CB 21, the coding for basic skills, pre-transfer courses. The goal is to clarify the sequencing of these courses and better report progress in this area. Upcoming Academic Senate events include the following.

Student Equity and Success	September 26	American River College (North)
	September 27	Mt. San Antonio College (South)
Curriculum Regional Meetings	October 17	Sacramento City College (North)
	October 18	Riverside City College (South)
Area Meetings	October 24-25	Various locations
Fall Plenary Session	November 13-15	Irvine
CTE Academy	January 15-16	Garden Grove
Accreditation Institute	February 20-21	San Mateo
Academic Academy	March 13-14	Costa Mesa

Committees are working on several papers: senate/union relations, associate degrees for transfers and part-time issues. The ASCCC is heavily involved in the three major technology initiatives: online education, common assessment, and educational planning. He noted that the deadline for the Exemplary award is November 11, and the ASCCC now has a Facebook page.

CCCEOPSA

Jonathan Lightman

EOPS conference is set for October at which he will be a plenary speaker, and Director of Governmental Relations Andrea York will lead a workshop. The group is concerned with how to function under Governor Brown who has a contradictory approach toward categorical programs. On one hand, he would like more local control “subsidiarity.” On the other hand, he funded the Equity and Student Success categoricals with a lot of new money. CCCEOPSA is looking for ways to work with senates and unions.

Student Senate

Victor Costa

External Affairs Senator Victor Costa noted concerns with AB 1892 (Bocanegra) on English proficiency and SB 174 (Liu) on Cal Grants. The Student Senate is working on securing the additional funding available under AB 1358 (Fong), creating the state student representation fee.

FACCC helped CCCAOE secure passage of ACR 119 (Muratsuchi) under which the Chancellor's Office is encouraged "... to develop at least three options to address the long-term funding needs of CTE and other workforce and training programs," and Chancellor Brice Harris is planning to make workforce development the next big issue after student success. He added that the next CCCAOE conference is scheduled for the end of October in Los Angeles (where Jonathan will be leading a panel discussion with Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and L.A. Trade Tech President Lawrence Frank). CCCAOE has hired a new managing director, Karmi Ferguson.

Issues and Strategies

Legislative/Policy Developments

Shaaron Vogel/Dean Murakami/Jonathan Lightman

FACCC Sponsored Legislation and Third Party Bills

Vice President Shaaron Vogel gave an update on FACCC-sponsored bills and noted that AB 2295 (Ridley-Thomas) on part-time faculty sick leave transfer is still on the governor's desk awaiting signature. She urged the Board to contact the governor's office. She also reviewed third-party bills, noting that the baccalaureate bill that FACCC opposed, SB 850 (Block), has been signed. She said FACCC has had a good legislative year and must now must next steps. The Legislative Committee will be having a meeting soon to start this process.

Budget Change Proposal

Lightman noted that the Budget Change Proposal (BCP) is highlighted in the banner on the FACCC website. A large amount of proposed new funding goes to the Student Success and Services Program and the Equity Program at an additional \$100 million each. He reported that the BCP also includes funding for growth/restoration and a request for an enhanced, restorative COLA at 3 percent, as well as funding for full-time faculty hiring, categorical restoration (including the part-time line items), professional development, and workforce development. Lightman also pointed out the absence of funding for the baccalaureate pilot program outlined in SB 850.

The Board discussed what to do next, given the governor's inclination to fund new programs granting a high degree of local flexibility while ignoring the need for general fund and categorical restoration. It was suggested that quality be stressed over quantity and that an increase in per student funding be considered as a means to enhance the general fund. Specific areas for improvement included class size, the student to counselor ratio, and full-time positions. The importance of equity – closing the achievement gap – was noted, and in terms of the availability of funds in 2015-16, Lightman said the governor is committed to maintaining a 10.93 percent of the Proposition 98 split.

If information is available, the Board will be briefed at the next meeting on the new growth funding model.

Accreditation

Dean Murakami

Murakami reported that a plan for the return of City College of San Francisco (CCSF) trustees will be discussed at the November California Community Colleges Board of Governors (CCCBoG) meeting. The Chancellor's Office is also working on its report in response to the California State Auditor's recommendations. This will most likely be released after the ACCJC's decision on CCSF's application for "restoration" status is known. In addition, the Chancellor will release the stalled task force report on accreditation with updated content. Murakami also noted that no visiting team member recommended a "show cause" sanction for CCSF, and to date, CFT has spent about \$877,000 in legal fees related to the defense of CCSF.

Retirement

Rich Hansen

Secretary and Retirement Committee Chair Rich Hansen said that the committee has not met for some time but is working on setting a date. There has not been any new legislation, but the two big legislative actions are now concluded: the Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) and the CalSTRS funding plan. Under PEPRA, the main point is that there is now a two-tiered retirement system with those hired after January 1, 2014, have a more modest plan than those hired earlier. Those hired prior to January 1, 2014, can earn a 2 percent multiplier at age 60 while those hired later earn 2 percent at age 62.

The funding plan that passed the Legislature and was signed by the governor in June 2014 initiates on July 1, 2014, a ratcheting up of employee and employer contribution rates that climb to 10.25 percent for 2 percent at 60 members and 9.205 percent for 2 percent at 62 members by 2016 while employer rates increase to 19.1 percent by 2020. The State contribution rate will reach 6.328 percent in 2016 in addition to the Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account (SBMA) – purchasing power protection – contribution or 2.5 percent.

Hansen noted that the faculty unions are concerned about the bargaining implications of the high contribution rate set for districts. Similar rates are planned for CalPERS. In addition, he pointed out that a complex refund plan is anticipated for excess contributions to the CalSTRS Defined Benefit Supplement (DBS) Account that will remain at the current 8 percent member and 8.25 percent district levels. He asked if the Board would support moving these rates upward along with the regular Defined Benefit (DB) contribution rates, and it was agreed that the Legislative Committee will work toward this legislative fix.

Endorsement of Sharon Hendricks for CalSTRS TRB

Dean Murakami

Executive Committee motion to endorse Sharon Hendricks for re-election to the Community College Faculty seat on the CalSTRS Teachers Retirement Board.

M/S – passed unanimously.

Regulatory/Chancellor's Office

Dean Murakami

Murakami reported that Geoffrey Baum has been the only nomination for the next CCCBoG president, but both Joseph Bielanski and Cecelia Estolano are running for the office of Vice President. There is a rising level of concern about the adult education consortia being formed pursuant to AB 86 because there has been very little faculty involvement. A summit is scheduled for October 6-7, and only four representatives, including two faculty (one from a member community college district and one from a member school district) from each consortium can attend. There has been no provision for the participation of representatives from statewide faculty organizations, and planning will suffer.

Because the Student Success Task Force did little to address Career Technical Education (CTE) issues, the CCCBoG plans to create a task force on job creation, workforce, and a strong economy. So far, the Consultation Council has not discussed this proposal.

FACCC PAC

Evan Hawkins

Director of Political and Membership Outreach Evan Hawkins reviewed the list of FACCC PAC endorsed candidates and noted the many new candidates due to redistricting. The PAC also made a decision to focus their contributions on particular candidates – champions, incumbents, constitutional officers, and closely contested races – and commented briefly on each. He also acknowledged the good work of the board members serving on the PAC: Meredith Heiser, Mario Martinez, and Natalina Montiero.

Murakami recessed the Board of Governors at 12:56 p.m.

Murakami reconvened the Board of Governors at 2:17 p.m.

Operations

Staff Retreat

Lidia Stoian

Director of Program and Development Lidia Stoian reviewed the recent staff retreat. It was a very positive meeting, at which Murakami joined the staff for lunch. The emphasis of the retreat was what can we do differently to encourage membership, volunteerism, and a warm engaging environment.

Treasurer's Report

Mitra Moassessi

Moassessi reviewed FACCC's financial status and noted that, to date, income has come in slower than anticipated. FACCC is believed to be in its normal cycle of expenses exceeding

income, and she drew the Board's attention to the carryover of reserves as had been approved for this year's budget.

Consent Calendar

Motion to approve the consent calendar with no items pulled.

M/S – passed unanimously.

Membership

Evan Hawkins

Hawkins reviewed membership numbers, noting FACCC now has 10,261 members composed of 5,375 full-time faculty, 4,011 part-time faculty, 121 Associate Members, and 741 retiree members. It was asked how many part-time members do not come from contract campuses, and Hawkins reported that most are from contract districts but will bring the correct number to the next board meeting. Hawkins also reported on the numerous new hire orientations attended over the last month.

Murakami called for a short break.

Murakami convened a joint meeting of FACCC and the FACCC Education Institute at 2:48 p.m.

Planning

Continuation from Board Retreat

Dean Murakami

The Board broke into two groups to review the Individual and Group Achievement Plan from the June Board Retreat and gauge accomplishments to date. Colette Harris-Mathews and Mitra Moassessi had volunteered to lead the two groups. See the attached notes.

Conclusion

Adjourn

Murakami adjourned both the FACCC Board of Governors and the FACCC-EI Board of Directors at 3:49 p.m.

Richard Hansen, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors November 21, 2014.

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