



**Faculty Association of California Community Colleges**

**Board of Governors Meeting  
Merritt College, Oakland  
November 21, 2014**

**Minutes**

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved to support Accreditation, Faculty, and Co-sponsorship of state resolution eliminating WEP and GPO as FACCC's top legislative priorities for 2015
2. Approved committee recommendations for Legislator Awards

Members Present: Glenn Appell, Patricia Flores-Charter, Martin Goldstein, Berta Harris, 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: Deirdre Frontczak, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Allison Merzon

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

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

President Dean Murakami called the FACCC Board of Governors to order at 10:35 a.m. The Board and staff introduced themselves.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian**

Treasurer Mitra Moassessi was appointed parliamentarian.

## **Approval of Agenda**

M/S – Passed unanimously.

## **Improving Board Protocols**

**Dean Murakami**

Murakami spoke about how community colleges are under attack in so many ways and questioned whether state and national leaders really understand the importance of the community colleges. He noted that these concerns will be discussed at today's meeting and the discussion will continue at the Advocacy & Policy (A&P) Conference. He said he expects a number of FACCC goals will be considered today on these matters.

Murakami emphasized the need for FACCC board and committee unity moving forward to confront these challenges. As FACCC leaders, it is incumbent upon the board to establish priorities, reach decisions and move forward as a group.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Academic Senate**

**Dan Crump**

Academic Senate Executive Committee meetings are now being held on college campuses throughout the state. Now that SB 850 (Block) has initiated the baccalaureate pilot program for the California Community Colleges, the Academic Senate is working on the implementation.

### **CCCAOE**

**Jonathan Lightman**

The recent CCCAOE conference in Los Angeles was very successful. He said the organization is cautiously optimistic about what might come from the recently formed Chancellor's Office Task Force on Workforce Development. At present, CCCAOE has no plans to sponsor legislation, but there will be a meeting in December to review this.

### **CCCEOPSA**

**Will Bruce**

CCCEOPSA's 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was held in October. He noted the organization is a partner promoting the FACCC A&P Conference and will be holding its own meeting Monday evening to tie in with the Conference and FACCC Lobby Day. He also discussed concerns about SB 1023 (Liu) which passed in the last legislative session but is currently not funded. That measure folds in additional responsibility for foster youth into EOPS, a population that EOPS already serves.

### **Student Senate**

**Victor Costa**

The Student Senate's General Assembly meeting was held last weekend. A large number of resolutions were approved, including one on Proposition 13 reform. Incorporation of the SSSCC

was postponed because all the paperwork was not yet ready. The students continue to campaign for AB 1358 funds that will allow them to be more independent. These are voted by local student senates to support the SSCCC. The SSCCC is partnering with FACCC on the A&P Conference, and said the Student Senate will not be organizing a march this year; instead, there will be a rally on the Capitol steps. Eventually, the Senate wants to have its own lobbying conference.

### **Guest Appearance**

**Sharon Hendricks**

Sharon Hendricks, the Community College CalSTRS Teachers Retirement Board Member, thanked FACCC for all the help and support the organization has given her, including the endorsement of her reelection campaign to CalSTRS Teachers Retirement Board (TRB). She gave an update on recent CalSTRS activities, noting in particular the recent meeting of the Part-Time Task Force. She urged the Board to sign up for CalSTRS.com which has become an essential resource for CalSTRS news and personal retirement information. Hendricks also noted that she is up for reelection in November 2015. The Board expressed its appreciation for the work Hendricks has done during her first term and signed a nominating petition required for her reelection campaign.

### **Issues and Strategies**

#### **President's Report**

**Dean Murakami**

Colleges are working on their baccalaureate program proposals for the SB 850 pilot program, and the Adult Education Consortia has been busy filing its reports pursuant to AB 86. He asked board members to download the BA degree timeline that Chancellor's Office released in October, noting that the process is on a fast track. The Consultation Accreditation Task Force is being reactivated and will meet soon. Secretary Rich Hansen will resume his participation on this task force. In addition, Murakami noted the need for a CTE rep on the Task Force for Workforce Development.

Ending with a review of the system's Budget Change Proposal (BCP), Murakami emphasized the request for \$70 million for new full-time faculty positions and restoration of all categoricals, including part-time faculty office hours, health benefits, and compensation parity. He noted that it is unlikely that these requests will make it into the governor's January budget proposal. Lightman encouraged the Board to review the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) report on the budget when it becomes available.

#### **Approving State Legislative Priorities**

**Shaaron Vogel/Andrea York/Jonathan Lightman**

FACCC hopes to work together with its CoFO partners on faculty priorities in legislation, budget and retirement issues.

The Legislative Committee recommends that the board choose only three issues for sponsored or cosponsored legislation. It came up with this broad list from which the board was asked to prioritize three items:

Distance education: there is a concern that distance education on a compressed calendar is funded at a lower rate than a traditional calendar. This would be a reimbursement issue that may be resolved through the Chancellor's Office rather than the Legislature.

Transfer degrees: there is a need to modify the Transfer Degree credit restrictions for high unit majors.

Funding of Equity Plans: funding is allocated by zip codes within traditional district geographic boundaries, and this is unfair to colleges that draw many students from outside their district boundaries.

Accreditation: There should be a more coordinated approach offered by the state of California, via the Chancellor's Office, for faculty, districts, students, and others, to provide feedback to NACIQI on the performance of the chosen accrediting agency for the California Community Colleges. The last time NACIQI met to discuss ACCJC, very few Californians were there, mostly from CCSF. The information transmitted did not necessarily follow the criteria NACIQI was seeking. Many in California felt afraid that ACCJC would retaliate against them if they testified at NACIQI.

Faculty: There is an anachronism in state law which still refers to "Program Improvement" allocations as the trigger for increasing the ratio of full- to part-time faculty. Program Improvement connects to Program Based Funding which no longer exists. The bill concept would be to replace Program Improvement with a different trigger, not just for increasing the ratio of full- to part-time faculty, but for supporting part-time faculty. The bill should also reference creation of full- to part-time faculty standards in noncredit education.

Federal Social Security Offsets: Each session of Congress, an attempt is made to eliminate the WEP and GPO. Periodically, the state of California passes a resolution to support the federal elimination of the WEP and GPO.

Motion from Legislative Committee to support Accreditation, Faculty, and Co-sponsorship of state resolution eliminating WEP and GPO as FACCC's top legislative priorities for 2015.

Approved unanimously; Holland abstaining

## **Accreditation Update**

**Dean Murakami**

Chancellor's Office is taking steps for the Board of Governors (CCCBog) to remove the Accreditation Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) from regulations that currently name it as the only accreditor for the California Community Colleges. Instead, the Chancellor would be empowered to recommend an accreditor for CCCBoG approval. At

Consultation Council, faculty also supported instituting a periodic review of the approved accreditor. This amendment along with another recommendation remove the requirement that the approved accreditor be “regional” were presented at the November 17 CCCBoG meeting. The idea of a periodic review appeared to have some board support, but little attention was given to the suggestion to remove the “regional” requirement. The Board also reviewed a proposed process through which power would be returned to the City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees.

### **Retirement Update**

**Andrea York**

Issues covered by Sharon Hendricks in her report.

### **Election Update**

**Evan Hawkins**

There was just over 40% voter turnout in the November California election, the lowest ever. Murakami reviewed the State Superintendent of Education race noting that a great deal of campaign funding for Torlakson came from organizations whereas most of the money for Tuck came from wealthy individuals. Hawkins noted FACCC was not as successful this year as in the past, partly due to campaign funding and partly due to the low voter turnout.

### **Legislator Awards**

**Shaaron Vogel/Andrea York**

Recommendations for Legislator Awards:

Legislator of the Year – Adam Gray

Freshman Legislator of the Year – Sebastian Ridley-Thomas

Staff Achievement Award – Lucy Camarillo-Krohn and Bryan Singh

Legislative Committee Motion (no second). Approved unanimously.

President Murakami called for a short break and recessed the Board of Governors at 1:57 p.m.

President Murakami reconvened the Board of Governors at 2:30 p.m.

### **Communications Update**

**Mikhail Chernyavsky**

Chernyavsky, Lightman, and Murakami had lunch with Mike Roth this past week to start the conversation about expanding FACCC marketing. Staff members have also met with another team to explore development of a FACCC app. The number of FACCC Facebook “likes” has increased by about 200 over the last year.

Lightman discussed the online publishing of *FACCCTS*, and the need to align to industry standards. Newspapers and magazines have moved away from free content. Those that provide are funded by advertisers. He noted that potential members have expressed there was less reason to join because the journal is published for free.

Staff recommends that the entire journal be made available online to the general public two issues after it is originally published and a few “teaser” articles be put online for the two current issues with the entire issues accessible by password only. After a considerable discussion, Murakami announced he will form a task force to develop a proposal for board consideration.

## **Operations**

### **Fiscal Condition**

**Mitra Moassessi and Jonathan Lightman**

Lightman reviewed the annual audit. He noted that the miscoding of PAC funds related to Propositions 30 and 32 has been corrected. Treasurer Mitra Moassessi reviewed current financials, noting that cash flow issues are following historic patterns.

### **FACCC Elections**

**John Queen**

Nominations and Leadership Identification chair John Queen noted the following positions will be open in the upcoming FACCC election.

Treasurer (Mitra Moassessi)

Secretary (Rich Hansen)

Part-Time Office (Kathy Holland)

Governor for Part Time South (Martin Goldstein)

Regional Governor A (Glenn Appell)

Regional Governor E (Allison Merzon)

Regional Governor F (Colette Harris-Mathews)

Governors-at-large (3) (Mary Ellen Goodwin, Berta Harris, and Cynthia Mosqueda)

### **Consent Calendar**

No items pulled.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

### **Membership**

**Evan Hawkins**

Hawkins reviewed the Membership Trend Report. Overall, total membership numbers are 10,489. Unfortunately, a large number have recently been dropped for non-payment. Direct mail was somewhat successful. He noted that while 60 new members was the goal for October, only 41 were recruited. Of the approximately 200 new full-time faculty hires this fall, about 20 have joined FACCC.

**Progress and Planning of Four Major Goals:  
Grassroots/A&P Conference/Membership/FACCC Elections**

The Board broke into small groups to plan activities to take place between this and the next board meeting. One idea was shared from each group.

- Meetings at board member campuses involving union and senate leadership.
- Table at the A&P Conference.
- Get new legislators on campus and/or visit them to their offices.
- A retiree column in *FACCCTS*.

An outreach table on campus or invite senate/union leadership for a social hour to make new contacts.

Lightman reminded the Board to report to Mitra and Colette, as appropriate, on activities between now and the next board meeting.

**Conclusion**

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the FACCC Board at 4:00 p.m.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

Richard Hansen, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors January 24, 2015.

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