



**Faculty Association of California Community Colleges**

**Board of Governors Meeting  
Sacramento  
February 28, 2015**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Glenn Appell, Patricia Flores-Charter, Martin Goldstein, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Berta Harris, Meredith Heiser, Kathy Holland, Jonathan Lightman, Mario Martinez, Allison Merzon, Mitra Moassessi, Cynthia Mosqueda, Dean Murakami, John Queen, Dennis Smith, John Smith, Shaaron Vogel, Adam Wetsman

Members Absent: Deirdre Frontczak, Colette Harris-Mathews, Natalina Monteiro

Staff Present: Evan Hawkins, Janet Oropeza, Lidia Stoian

Liaisons Present: Dan Crump, Academic Senate

Guests: Doug Dildine, Diablo Valley; Christopher Halligan, Compton; Debbie Klein, Gavilan; Richard Mahon, Riverside; Jacqueline Scott, Santa Monica

**Introductions**

**Call to Order/Introductions**

**Dean Murakami**

President Dean Murakami called the Board of Governors to order at 2:45 pm.

Board and guests introduced themselves.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian**

**Dean Murakami**

Treasurer Mitra Moassessi was appointed parliamentarian.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Dean Murakami**

Motion to approve the agenda as drafted.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Academic Senate**

**Dan Crump**

Academic Senate has been busy with the recently initiated Workforce Task Force meetings taking place around the state. He noted that faculty will have two ways to influence this process: directly through the Executive Committee and also through the Futures Committee. Upcoming events include the Academic Academy and regional meetings on Noncredit/Curriculum and Online Education. The Spring Session in April at the San Francisco Westin will consider a handbook for local Academic Senates. Crump also noted that nominations for the California Community College Board of Governors (CCCBoG) are due next week.

#### **EOPSA**

**Jonathan Lightman**

Main focus is currently on AB 490 which allocates \$40 million to restore EOPS budget cuts. Lightman suggested the bill will likely die in the Appropriations Committee but added that it is important to raise this funding issue.

#### **CCCAOE**

**Jonathan Lightman**

CCCAOE is engaging with the Workforce Task Force on which the association has a designated seat. He said there is a split in the Career Technical Education (CTE) area between supporters of the traditional grant funding model and direct state allocation of funding. The group is also working on reauthorizing the SB 70 program and will have a speaker at tomorrow's FACCC Conference. Lightman also noted that the Senate Budget Committee discussed both workforce and adult education last week.

#### **Student Senate**

**Evan Hawkins**

There will be a rally at the Capital on Monday, but there will not be the usual march down Capitol Mall. He added that the students are looking at how to organize local student votes on the additional representation fee legislated over a year ago.

### **Issues and Strategies**

#### **State Budget Jonathan Lightman**

Lightman reviewed FACCC's budget letter in preparation for upcoming California Community College (CCC) budget hearings. The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 hearing is set for April 8 and the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 1 hearing is on April 30. He said the main issue is flexible local funding, the governor's preference, versus legislatively specified funding

under the current categorical model. He also noted the system is recommending that there be no match attached to the 2015-16 increase in Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) funding. The 2013-14 funding required a 3 to 1 match, and the 2014-15 increase required a 2 to 1 match.

## **Legislation**

**Shaaron Vogel/Jonathan Lightman**

President Elect Shaaron Vogel noted the three FACCC-sponsored bills, some of which are not yet in print, and Lightman gave a brief description of each bill.

AB 404 (Chiu) – Accreditation. The bill requires the Chancellor’s Office to establish a mechanism for districts and constituent groups to provide information to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) when it is reviewing the accreditor for renewal. NACIQI advises the US Department of Education, the body that officially certifies accrediting agencies. Lightman reported that FACCC has discussed the bill with NACIQI officials, and they were receptive to the idea of getting input from system constituent groups. If successful, this will be the first such means of providing input on the authorization of an accreditor.

AB 626 (Low) – Conversion of part-time to full-time faculty positions. This bill links SSSP funding and student success to progress toward the 75 Percent Goal, under which 75 percent of credit instruction in the CCCs would be taught by full-time instructors, and support for the professionalization of part-time faculty, including the expansion of paid office hours. In years in which there is no funding directed specifically to both additional full-time faculty positions and part-time faculty support, the bill will attach a portion of SSSP funds to the former “program improvement funding” Education Code language requiring districts to make progress toward the 75 Percent Goal. The idea has been well received among the other faculty groups but the response among other constituencies has not been supportive. Assembly Higher Education Committee Chair José Medina is supportive, but other members of the Committee have expressed doubt about tapping SSSP funds for this purpose. Lightman noted the good work of Director of Government Relations Andrea York in getting the bill placed. Assembly Member Evan Low is authoring the bill, and final language should be ready soon.

Senate Joint Resolution (SRJ) 1 – WEP and GPO. This non-binding resolution that would put California on record in asking the US Congress to overturn the pension reductions under the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). There is currently a bill on this issue, HR 973, but such congressional efforts generally do not get very far.

AB 490 – EOPSA. This bill restores EOPS funding and will be reviewed by the Legislative Committee at its next meeting.

## **Retirement**

**Richard Hansen**

Secretary and Retirement Committee Chair Rich Hansen reported on the recent CalSTRS Teachers Retirement Board (TRB) meeting at which a board member suggested rate of returns

for the Defined Benefit Supplement (DBS) and Cash Balance (CB) plans should be based on fund performance rather than be guaranteed. He also noted that Sharon Hendricks has been influential in having a broader discussion on sustainable investment. The TRB is working toward a statement of principles, and Al Gore spoke at the last meeting in support of sustainable investing, saying that it is “not a matter values over value.”

Murakami recessed the Board of Governors at 3:52 p.m.

Murakami reconvened the Board of Governors at 4:04 p.m.

### **Operations**

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

**Mitra Moassessi**

Treasurer Mitra Moassessi noted that line 6295 does not appear to have a budgeted amount. Assistant to the Director Janet Oropeza will work with the accountant to correct this. Income has not yet reached its halfway point, but expenses have moved beyond half of the budgeted amount. The two should soon come into balance.

#### **Consent Agenda**

No items pulled.

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

#### **FACCC Elections**

**John Queen/Evan Hawkins**

The close of nominations for the 2015 election is March 11. Hawkins reported that there are currently 10 nominations with at least one for each position. He noted that there is only one candidate for each of the Regional Board seats and suggested faculty may think these require some extra experience. He also reminded the Board that the Advocacy and Policy Conference provides a good opportunity to encourage people to run and sign up for FACCC committees.

#### **Membership Update**

**Evan Hawkins**

FACCC currently has 10,920 members and reminding the Board that April is membership month with a recruitment goal of 60 new members. Activities in February included the Community College Association (CCA/CTA) conference where he got about five new members and a visit to Rio Hondo where he got a few new members among recently hired faculty. Vogel noted that she will be organizing a joint CCA/FACCC rural campuses meeting in Northern California.

## **Communications Update**

**Jonathan Lightman**

Lightman thanked Hawkins for doing double duty as interim Director of Communications while the search for a replacement continues. He said the “FACCC Blog” is on hold until a new director is hired. He explained the hiring process and said the Association is seeking someone who wants a combined political and media position who is capable of advancing a broad agenda, including public education about the community college system and its faculty.

Former Director Mikhail Chernyavsky has continued to work with staff on the web site and observed that, since going to Word Press, it has been much easier to make updates. He also noted that Mike Roth, a media relations consultant, may be working with FACCC on special projects. He announced that the new issue of *FACCCTS* is out and noted that he and Hansen will be writing the feature article on “subsidiarity” for the next edition. Barbara Dunsheath will also provide a different perspective on the subject.

## **Strategic Discussion**

### **Roundtable**

**Dean Murakami**

The Board and guests expressed one idea that they found useful from the day’s activities, which included the All Committee meeting held in the morning prior to the start of the FACCC Board meeting.

## **Conclusion**

### **New Business**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **Good and Welfare**

None

### **Adjournment**

**Dean Murakami**

Motion to adjourn the Board of Governors at 5:10 p.m.

Passed unanimously

Richard Hansen, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors May 15, 2015.

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