



Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

Board of Governors Meeting

May 15, 2015

Burbank, CA

Minutes

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved commending Thuy Nguyen for her work as Interim President/CEO of the CCLC
2. Approved to take a Support if Amended position on AB 288
3. Approved supporting AB 573
4. Approved the appointment of Berta Harris to fill the remaining year of Mario Martinez
5. Approved the appointment of Sally Saenger as Governor for Contract Faculty
6. Approved shifting Deirdre Frontczak from current Governor for Part-Time North to Governor for Contract Faculty
7. Approved the appointment of John Govsky as Governor for Part-Time North

Members Present: Glenn Appell, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Richard Hansen, Meredith Heiser, Jonathan Lightman, Mario Martinez, Mitra Moassessi, Natalina Monteiro, Dean Murakami, John Queen, Dennis Smith, John Smith, Shaaron Vogel, Adam Wetsman

Members Absent: Patti Flores-Charter, Deirdre Frontczak, Martin Goldstein, Berta Harris, Kathy Holland, Allison Merzon, Cynthia Mosqueda

Staff Present: Evan Hawkins, Janet Oropeza, Austin Webster

Liaisons Present: Will Bruce, CCCEOPSA; Victor Costa, Student Senate; Dan Crump, Academic Senate; Dolores Davison, Academic Senate

Introductions

President Dean Murakami called the FACCC Board of Governors meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. Board and staff introduced themselves. Murakami noted that no action items will be discussed until a quorum is achieved. A quorum was present and declared at 10:49 a.m.

Introduction of Austin Webster

Jonathan Lightman

Executive Director Jonathan Lightman acknowledged how former Communications Director Mikhail Chernyavsky was very helpful during the transition period and thanked him for his willingness to consult with FACCC while it was in the process of interviewing. He then discussed Austin Webster's qualifications for the job and complimented him for hitting the ground running. Vice President and Publications Committee Chair John Smith reported that Webster is working on resetting FACCC's publication schedule.

Miscellaneous Announcements

Dean Murakami/Jonathan Lightman

Because there were no opposition candidates, Sharon Hendricks was recently confirmed to continue for another term as the Community College Faculty Representative on the CalSTRS Teachers Retirement Board (TRB). She has now also been re-elected Vice Chair of the TRB. Connie Conway and Jennifer Perry were recently appointed to the California Community College Board of Governors (CCCBOG), and Lawrence Galizio has been chosen as the new President/CEO of the Community College League of California (CCLC).

Motion to commend Thuy Nguyen on her work as interim President/CEO of the CCLC.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Dean Murakami

John Smith was appointed Parliamentarian.

Approval of Agenda

Dean Murakami

Motion to approve the agenda as written.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Academic Senate

Dan Crump/Dolores Davison

Senate Executive Committee member Dan Crump reported on the recent Academic Senate Spring Plenary and the Executive Committee elections. All four current officers were re-elected.

Crump also noted that he did not run for another term, explaining that he was attending today's meeting on behalf of Senate Vice President Julie Bruno. He also introduced Dolores Davison who will be the FACCC Liaison from the Academic Senate in the coming year. Lightman reported that he spoke at the Academic Senate's Career Technical Education (CTE) meeting in La Jolla and noted that the event was very successful.

EOPS

Will Bruce

EOPSA Past President Will Bruce reported that the Association, especially current President Fabio Gonzalez, is working very hard in support of their sponsored funding bill, AB 490 (which was arranged by FACCC). He said it has been difficult in budget hearings because the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) prefers a block grant approach rather than funding for specific programs, but noted that a letter writing campaign to legislators has been very successful.

CCCAOE

Jonathan Lightman

Lightman reported that CCCAOE leadership will change over the summer with Joyce Johnson taking office as the new president. He also said he was a speaker at the recent CCCAOE conference and noted that the Association will be asking for FACCC's assistance on CTE issues. The next conference will be in October in San Diego.

Student Senate

Victor Costa

Student Senator Victor Costa reported on the recent SSSCC General Assembly held in Ontario where Lightman conducted a workshop. He noted that the Senate recently obtained 501(c)(3) status and may look to FACCC for assistance. The Student Senate is continuing to work on the advocacy fee issue and will be electing a new board sometime in July.

Issues and Strategies

State Budget

Jonathan Lightman

Lightman reported on the Governor's recently released May Revision of his January budget proposal. Secretary Richard Hansen excused himself from the meeting to participate in a conference call with the Department of Finance (DoF) arranged by the Chancellor's Office.

Lightman noted the significance of Proposition 30 in fueling the growth of the K-12 and community college budgets under the Proposition 98 funding guarantee. He said the Governor's priorities in the May Revision are K-12, the community colleges, and healthcare, but there is interest in putting other programs—most notably child care—into Prop 98. With regard to community colleges, growth funding will range from 2 to 3 percent, and there is a deep concern over the Corinthian students and how community colleges can accommodate them. Board members commented that every student should be supported but data on the number of students and their need should be gathered.

Lightman stressed the importance of a cost of living adjustment (COLA), but noted that the system “statutory COLA” is tied to a Federal index calculation. It has been decreased in the May Revise from 1.58% to 1.02%. In contrast, base funding is getting more money through an allocation for “operating expenses” that has been increased in the May Revise by \$141.7 million to a total of \$266.7 million. FACCC advocated that this restorative funding be made a priority.

The \$75 million for additional full-time faculty positions is a huge victory which was partially inspired by FACCC-sponsored AB 626 (Low), legislation connecting Student Success funding to full-time hiring. The Department of Finance (DoF) estimates that the funding should be sufficient for about 600 positions.

After returning from the Chancellor’s Office conference call with the DoF, Hansen reported that the funding model was very specific. Districts will be ranked from lowest to highest percentage of full-time instruction and divided into quintiles with money distributed on the basis of district full-time equivalent student (FTES) enrollment. The DoF has assumed \$70,000 as the cost of replacing a part-time equivalent full annual load with a full-time instructor. For the lowest full-time instructional percentage quintile districts, \$70,000 will be divided into the amount of funding allocated with the result being the number of full-time positions that must be added to the district’s full-time obligation number (FON).

Each subsequent quintile with improving full-time percentages will be “advantaged” with a divisor increased by \$30,000; that is to say, the quintiles will have divisors of \$70K, \$100K, \$130K, \$160K, and \$190K, meaning the FON increase will be less for the “better” performing districts. Hansen noted that if a district has already filled more full-time positions than the increased FON mandates, its allocation of funds will default to the district base and may be used for any purpose as locally determined. It was suggested that these excess funds be directed for faculty related use independent of the FON such as part-time parity, office hours, and medical benefits or increases in salary or other faculty benefits.

Lightman continued to discuss funding for a number of specific programs.

Basic Skills and Student Outcomes Transformation Program (\$60 million) – This is a project supported by the Edge Campaign to address basic skills. It is somewhat controversial since it is a lot of money on only a one-time basis.

Basic Skills Partnership Pilot Program (\$2 million) – This is funding directed at CSU students, not community college students, and raises the question using Prop 98 funds for non-Prop 98 purposes.

Investing in Student Success – This is an additional \$15 million, bringing the total increase in the coming year to \$115 million for the Equity Program specifically tied to goals with respect to foster youth in EOPS contained in last year’s SB 1023 (Liu).

Implementing Statewide Performance Strategies (\$15 million) – \$3 million of this allocation will provide local technical assistance to support the implementation of effective practices across all districts. The remaining \$12 million will be used to develop, disseminate, and implement effective professional, administrative, and educational practices, including the specific development of curriculum and practices for members of the California Conservation Corps and for correctional institution inmates.

Deferred Maintenance and Instructional Equipment (\$148 million) – FACCC has always supported this.

Mandate Backlog Payments – This is a one-time Prop 98 allocation increased in the May Revise by \$274.7 million for a total of \$626 million in general fund enhancement.

Categorical Program COLA (\$2.5 million) – This is an important recognition of the need for restoration of funding to EOPS, DSPS, CalWORKs, and the Childcare Tax Bailout programs.

Prop 39 (decrease of \$825,000) – This represents a decrease in clean energy funding to \$38.7 million.

In closing, Lightman suggested that the Board make a note to discuss how legislation can drive the budget.

Working Lunch

Murakami recessed the Board for lunch and, after a short break, led that Board in tributes to outgoing board members.

Motion to enter into closed session.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

The Board went into closed session to discuss the Executive Director contract.

Issues and Strategies (resumed)

Returning to open session, Murakami announced the approval of the Executive Director contract.

Legislative/Policy Developments

Shaaron Vogel/Jonathan Lightman

FACCC-Sponsored Legislation

SJR 1 – This is a statement of legislative intent calling for federal reform of the Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). It has been

approved by the State Senate and is being heard in the State Assembly Public Employment, Retirement, and Social Security Committee. Lightman also discussed federal HR 973 on this issue and urged the Board to contact local representatives in support.

AB 490 (EOPS funding) – currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 404 (system input to NACIQI on accreditation) – approved on consent agenda in the Assembly and heading to the Senate.

AB 626 (full-time faculty and student success) – approved by 11-2 vote in the Assembly Higher Ed Committee. Classified employees, specifically CSEA, have raised objections to the bill arguing that the funding is intended for student services and not instructional faculty. The author, Evan Low, does not want to enter into an intra-labor fight, and the classified point of view resonates with some of the legislators, so the bill may stall. FACCC is working to find a way to move the bill to the Senate.

Third Party Bills

AB 288 (concurrent enrollment) – this bill focuses on the interaction of the community colleges with K-12 with CTA and CFT taking a leading role in the debate. Lightman recommended FACCC take the same position as CFT: support if amended.

Motion to take a Support If Amended position on AB 288.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

AB 573 (support for Corinthian students) – this bill is moving very fast with bipartisan support.

Motion for a Support position on AB 573.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

Retirement

Richard Hansen

Hansen reported on a Retirement Committee meeting held last week. Committee member Peter Morse gave a comprehensive report on the April CalSTRS TRB meetings. The contribution increases and investment returns are restoring the retirement fund. Sharon Hendricks is leading an effort to educate the TRB on the concept of sustainable investing. The Committee also discussed several bills related to retirement that are working their way through the Legislature as well as the possibility of an anti-pension ballot measure in 2016.

Operations

Treasurer's Report

Mitra Moassessi

Treasurer Mitra Moassessi reviewed the status of the FACCC budget and reported that revenue is falling short of the budgeted amount. However, the FACCC-EI revenues are healthy, so for the following year more expenses will be shifted to the Education Institute.

Consent Calendar

The Retirement Committee report was pulled for editing.

Motion to approve the consent calendar.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

FACCC Elections and Committees

John Queen

Nominations, Leadership Identification, and Elections (NLIE) Committee Chair John Queen reported the results of the April FACCC election.

Richard Hansen – Treasurer

Mario Martinez- Secretary

Part-Time Officer – Mary Ellen Goodwin

Governors-At-Large – Morrie Barembaum, Peter Morse, Cynthia Mosqueda

Governor for Part-Time South – Kathy Holland

Region A Governor – Donna Wapner

Region E Governor – Debbie Klein

Region F Governor – Troy Myers

Martinez's election to Secretary leaves a Governor-At-Large vacancy, and the Executive Committee recommends the following means to bring all three of the unelected Governor-At-Large candidates onto the Board through appointments.

For Governor-At-Large, the Executive Committee recommends the appointment of Berta Harris to fill in the remaining year of Martinez's term.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

As a contract district with an unelected candidate, Santa Barbara is entitled to a seat, so the Executive Committee recommends the appointment of Sally Saenger as a Governor for Contract Faculty. This is a two-year position.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

The Executive Committee also recommends shifting Deirdre Fronczak's current Governor for Part-Time North position to a Governor for Contract Faculty position for the remaining one year of her term. She and the Santa Rosa faculty have agreed with this option.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

As a result of the prior action, the Executive Committee recommends the appointment of John Govsky as Governor for Part-Time North for one year so this position will remain in its normal election cycle.

M/S – Passed unanimously.

Queen reported that turnout was 11.66% this year, again slightly better than what is expected for an association like FACCC. There were only two paper ballot requests, so members are becoming accustomed to the online process. Many commented on the ease of the process.

Queen emphasized the importance of recruiting for FACCC and FACCC-EI committees and noted that the deadline for receipt of committee interest forms is June 15, 2015.

Communications

Austin Webster

Director of Communications Austin Webster updated the Board on recent activities and future plans with respect to the *FACCCTS* journal and the FACCC Weekly. He noted that the FACCC mobile website will be up and running next week.

Membership

Evan Hawkins

Director of Member and Political Outreach Evan Hawkins demonstrated the mobile FACCC app. He also discussed the "following ad" experiment run recently and gave a membership status update.

After a short break, Murakami recessed the FACCC Board of Governors at 3:34 p.m.

Murakami reconvened the FACCC Board of Governors together with the FACCC-EI Board of Directors at 3:59 p.m. and called for a joint session.

M/S – Approved unanimously.

Conclusion

Assessment of Annual Priorities

Murakami reviewed the five themes of his presidency: addressing community college staffing issues, improvement of student services, addressing accreditation challenges, protecting retirement benefits, and the threat of privatization.

See the attached table document.

Adjourn

Murakami adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Richard Hansen, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors June 28, 2015.

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