



Board of Governors/Board of Directors

**Sacramento
March 4, 2017**

Minutes

Members Present: Teresa Aldredge, Morrie Barembaum, Brad Byrom, Douglas Dildine, Dennis Frisch, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Sergio Guzman, Berta Harris, Kathy Holland, Debbie Klein, Mario Martinez, Natalina Monteiro, Peter Morse, Cynthia Mosqueda, Dean Murakami, Troy Myers, Sally Saenger, Shaaron Vogel, Adam Wetsman

Members Absent/Unavailable: Deirdre Frontczak, Chris Halligan, Richard Hansen

Staff: Cynthia Castillo, Evan Hawkins, Jonathan Lightman, Janet Oropeza, Lidia Stoian, Austin Webster

Liaisons: Dan Crump, Academic Senate for California Community Colleges

Guests: Robin Daniels, Santa Monica College; Wheeler North, San Diego Miramar College; Jacki Scott, Santa Monica College

President Vogel called the boards to order at 2:54 pm

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Dennis Frisch was appointed.

Liaison Reports

Academic Senate

Dan Crump

Dan reported on the recent staffing changes at ACCJC, and that Julie Bruno and John Stankas traveled to Alexandria, VA to testify at the NACIQI hearing. He mentioned that the Senate is examining legislative introductions including those on DACA.

The Spring Plenary Session will be held April 20-22 in San Mateo. They will be holding their 4th Annual Spring Fling Gala and Raffle at the Plenary Session. There are also several Area meetings and two Minimum Qualifications and Equivalencies Spring regional meetings coming up.

ASCCC has added a new online course at the Professional Development College called ASCCC Participatory Governance.

EOPSA

Jonathan Lightman

Working on SB 12 (Beall) Foster youth: postsecondary education: financial aid assistance to double the number of colleges participating in the CAYFES program. This new law would affect twenty-four campuses and stretching existing dollars. EOPSA is formulating a response to get their voice into the conversation.

CCCAOE

Jonathan Lightman

Career Pathways and Guided Pathways overlap. The \$150 million in one-time funds they feel works well with money already slotted for Career Pathways. CCCAOE supports SB 15, which is an effort to expand Cal Grant C.

Student Senate

Jonathan Lightman

FACCC and the Student Senate are co-sponsoring AB 204 (Medina) pertaining to students who lose their BoG waiver due to the newly implemented academic progress standards. This measure mandates a statewide review of the locally-determined appeals processes, and a local review to determine whether there is adverse impact on one or more specific groups of identified students. When that is found, districts would need to build a remediation into their equity plans. Finally, the bill allows for geographic distance as the basis for an appeal.

AAUP

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan was in Washington, D.C. and met with AAUP National Executive Director Julie Schmid. They were joined by Lindsey Berger, Executive Director of UnKoch My Campus. AAUP's priority agenda is academic freedom and how to maintain it with the changes in leadership under the new federal administration.

Issues Discussion

Accreditation

Jonathan reported on his testimony to NACIQI (which had FACCC at the top of the agenda for public comment).

Prior to the hearing, the staff of the U.S. Dept. of Education recommended that NACIQI, in turn recommend back to the Education Secretary, that ACCJC receive an extension of federal

recognition of 18 months and have their moratorium lifted for accrediting new single baccalaureate degree granting institutions.

In 2015, ACCJC had previously wanted an expansion of authority to accredit institutions granting more than one four-year degree program. Not only was that denied, a halt was placed on them accrediting institutions with new single-baccalaureate degree programs.

At the hearing in February, NACIQI adopted the recommendations of the staff to the U.S. Dept. of Education. Since NACIQI does not have the authority to do more than recommend, its recommendations are now before U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

Jonathan's comments focused on the federal standard requiring any accreditor to enjoy wide acceptance of the educators in the institutions under their jurisdiction. Using the results obtained from state mandated survey California Assembly Bill 404 of California Community College stakeholders Jonathan pointed to empirical evidence that the federally mandated acceptance of ACCJC does not exist. FACCC had sponsored AB 404 two years ago, which was signed into law by Governor Brown.

NACIQI appears to be under a false perception that the plethora of federal violations ACCJC has been accused of stems solely from the accrediting issues involving City College of San Francisco and in that it is not a system wide issue.

Jonathan and twenty other faculty and students members lobbied the staff of Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi on the need to change accrediting bodies. Afterwards, Jonathan joined a smaller group of faculty advocates to meet with other congressional offices.

It was noted FACCC needs to gather evidence to show that ACCJC continues to lack wide acceptance by educators. We need to continue working with CEOs and trustees to move toward a unified accreditor that already works with four-year institutions.

Retirement

Peter Morse

At the February CalSTRS meeting, the actuaries recommended lowering the expected annual rate of return on the DB fund from 7.5 to 7.0% (over two years). The state is increasing its contribution and will continue doing so. By 2046 the fund will be 100% funded. Goldman Sachs noted that CalSTRS is the most transparent group with regard to its fees.

State Budget

Dean Murakami and Jonathan Lightman

The Governor's two greatest concerns are the possibility of a recession and federal cutbacks. Gov. Brown has focused on categorical spending because he may cut that quicker than the base. Thanks to the Proposition 98 guarantee, K-12 and California Community Colleges (CCC's) will receive a set amount in the budget. Unfortunately, the community colleges have been proposed a lower share of the Prop 98 split than set forth in statute (10.87% instead of 10.93%, translating to a shift of \$44 million in ongoing annual revenue). K-12 is going back to deferrals to the tune of \$895 million.

The LAO feels that the \$20 million going to “innovation programs is misplaced. Over the past five years, California Community Colleges enrollment has shrunk by 9%. Therefore, there is a necessary need to get away from a growth funding model.

Dean mentioned that while AB 19 (Santiago) repurposes Prop 98 funds to buy back fees in the community colleges, there is a question if this is a good use of that money. FACCC has a value of no student fees, but the source of that money is up for discussion. Board wants Prop 98 funds for an increase to base funding and other faculty priorities. FACCC had already communicated support for no fees in the discussion on AB 19, and that discussion will continue to percolate as the bill proceeds in the process.

State Legislative Response to Federal Changes Cynthia Castillo and Jonathan Lightman

AB 21 (Kalra), this measure is designated for all public colleges and universities, to make our campuses safe spaces for all students. Bill is being amended. FACCC asked for a specific funding mechanism to provide revenues for the bill.

SB 6 (Hueso), this measure would provide \$12 million in legal services for undocumented.

SB 68 (Lara) would modernize the eligibility criteria for AB 540 to include time at a community college.

SB 577 (Dodd) would authorize community colleges to credential teachers. It is a question whether it adds a new mission or fulfills an existing mission of the community colleges.

SB 769 (Hill) would add up to another 15 colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees. Also, would lift sunset on the initial 15 college programs. While board did not take a position on bill, three concerns were raised (staff asked to communicate to Legislature): 1) we have no data on the initial pilot programs (some are just operational); 2) we have no source of revenue to add new programs; 3) technically, there is no accreditor because the moratorium on ACCJC accrediting schools with a single-baccalaureate program is still in force until the Secretary for Education adopts the NACIQI recommendations. Even when that happens, SB 769 could send a signal to ACCJC that the Legislature will move to multiple baccalaureate degree programs at community colleges, which could prompt ACCJC to apply for an expansion of scope of its authority. We need to conclude with CEO Accreditation Workgroup II before expanding the original pilot.

The Board said it wanted to discuss this at the next meeting, and perhaps take a formal position at that time.

Progress/Programs

Summary of Progress Reports

Jonathan Lightman

Membership and Leadership - deadline for nominations to the FACCC board is March 8. The focus is on low presence campuses.

Membership – Chabot/Las Positas is moving ahead with a vote on contract membership. There is no guarantee this will go through as the district has a lower threshold of members than we normally would like, but the local faculty leadership feels the time is ripe for a vote.

We have expanded our staff advocacy team from two to five. A photo of the five was sent in a press release which was picked up by Capitol Morning Report. It generated good response. The spring issue of *FACCCTS* is in progress. The FACCC Weekly E-mail is typically sent on Saturday mornings as there is better readership.

FACCC-sponsored AB 204 (Medina) will come before the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 14.

FACCC-sponsored AB 310 (Medina) on part-time faculty office hours is not moving in the Legislature for a year.

Legislative resolution (Assembly Concurrent Resolution) on faculty will not be ready until maybe Monday or Tuesday.

Professional Development - because the conference has been realigned there are more faculty attending than students. Request for board members to be on time for events and help keep event running on schedule.

Board Role at A&P Conference

Conference agenda reviewed. Board requested to serve as ambassador for organization.

Legal/Administrative

Treasurer's Report

Jonathan Lightman

Financial profit and loss statements were reviewed. Discussion of cash flow dynamics for this time of year. We are beginning to see effects of increased dues.

FACCC Elections/Leadership Recruitment

Troy Myers

Consent Calendar

M/S -- Frisch/Saenger

Strategic Planning

Review/Recap of Progress to Date

Adam Wetsman

We will have some time on the agenda in May and more in June to work on our strategic plan. Currently we are talking with Eric Ryan and groups are meeting regarding Organizational Structure, and Financial Planning. This is a three year cycle.

Conclusion

Old/New Business

Shaaron Vogel

Last board meeting will be May 12 in Burbank. It is important to have a strong attendance as we will be discussing important legislative and policy matters.

Priorities Before Next Meeting

- A&P
- Legislative advocacy
- FACCC elections
- Membership development
- Begin promoting Great Teachers Seminar

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

M/S -- Frisch/Saenger

Mario Martinez, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors and FACCC Education Institute Board of Directors May 12, 2017.

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