Concurrent Board of Governors / Board of Directors Meeting

Sacramento
September 15, 2017
Minutes

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved investing money from FACCC with Merrill Lynch
2. Approved investing money from EI with Merrill Lynch
3. Approved DACA action week the week of October 16
4. Approved Ed Institute bylaws revision

Members Present: Teresa Aldredge, Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Robin Daniels, Dennis Frisch, Berta Harris, Debbie Klein, Mario Martinez, Jason Mayfield, Natalina Monteiro, Dean Murakami, Troy Myers, Bob Stockwell, Shaaron Vogel, Adam Wetsman

Members Absent: Brad Byrom, Doug Dildine, Deirdre Frontczak, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Sergio Guzman, Chris Halligan, Kathy Holland, Sally Saenger

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

Liaisons Present: Will Bruce, CCCEOPSA; John Freitas, ASCCC; Tabitha Romero, SS CCC
Guests: Erik Skinner, Executive Vice Chancellor; Doug Haskin, Merrill Lynch
President Wetsman called the boards to order at 10:15 a.m.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Shaaron Vogel appointed.

Approval of Agenda

M/S - Frisch/Vogel

Issues/Discussion/Presentations

Liaison Reports

AAUP

Hank Reichman

In a written report, Hank noted that AAUP recently added two colleges to the censure list and removed two colleges from the list. Its report, Threats to the Independence of Student Media, finally received endorsement from appropriate parties and was published online. Online harassment has become a concern with threats of violence. AAUP is also concerned with the Janus case. It will be trying to convert a large number of fee payers to members.

Jonathan noted Hank sent him a note regarding a harassment policy paper he would like to have FACCC sign on to. Because Hank is not at this meeting, the board was encouraged to read the paper and be prepared to talk about it at the next meeting in November and perhaps vote on at that time.

Student Senate

Tabitha Romero

Tabitha reported SSCCC is in a transition period for officers. It is primarily working on four bills that impact students. It is having a board meeting tomorrow where it will discuss the bills. SSSCC is also working on support for DACA students.

ASCCC

John Frietas

John noted upcoming events. ASCCC has been focused on AB 705 (Irwin) and has been working with the author’s office to fix the flaws. Not all problems with the bill have been corrected. John Stanskas (ASCCC Vice President) has been working with UC chair on physics and chemistry transfers.

CCCEOPSA

Will Bruce
Will reported they have been talking about SB 12 (Beall), pertaining to CAYFES, and that EOPS already supports all foster youth. The restored funding is helpful, but there is need to address the backlog in EOPS eligible students, which they would ask FACCC’s help in advocacy. The week of October 16 will be designated as Community College DACA week.

CCCAOE

Jonathan noted that Amy Christianson is the new executive director, and she has been busy planning CCCAOE’s fall conference (Jonathan will be closing keynote). CCCAOE is beginning to discuss its priorities for next year.

Issue Discussions

Strategic Vision

Erik Skinner, Deputy Vice Chancellor, presented on the Vision for Success, published in July. It reflects Chancellor Eloy Oakley’s vision for the California community colleges.

- The Chancellor is concerned about the achievement gap
- The Vision asserts that the state will be extremely short of degree holders to move the economy forward
- The Vision asks how can we see some really historic completion rates
- The Vision sets aspirational goals to increase degrees by 20% and transfers by 35%
- The Vision identifies a need to increase enrollment in programs of study and reduce excessive units
- Achievement gaps-ethnicity/demographic/geographical need to be closed.
- Funding for lower class caps
- Increase base and full-time faculty hiring
- Provide faculty support
- Chancellor is looking to give more flexibility
- Growth based funding model is not working for most colleges. They are not able to grow.

Development of Online College

Skinner discussed the background for an online college. Perhaps by November there will be a proposal on the table. The Governor asked Eloy Oakley to develop an online college to support degree, certificate and skill building. The goal is to make it easier to move between colleges. This is a consortium model and would be hub where all classes are coordinated.

Focus would be on older students in workforce wanting to update skills. The Chancellor’s Office is working on three proposals for the governor by the fall.
A new pilot for financial aid is being considered for students who want to take these online classes from different districts. Considering if students could apply once and take classes at any college.

Accreditation

Adam Wetsman discussed concerns with ACCJC. It may be the system will stay with ACCJC but no decision has been made yet. The two CEO work groups [Workgroup 1 on improving relationships with ACCJC; Workgroup 2 on finding a new accreditor] may have a different imperative with the new changes at ACCJC. The current ACCJC president, Dr. Richard Winn, is more reform minded and the climate at the Commission has improved.

AFT local 2121/CFT settled lawsuit with ACCJC resulting in many changes, including more faculty on site teams.

Dr. Winn has worked on:

1. Standards would no long impinge on collective bargaining issues
2. Three faculty on all visiting teams
3. SLOs no longer part of performance reviews.
   Disaggregation of SLO data to course level is not going to be a part of it in the future (wasn’t part of the suit)
4. No more 18 month follow-up requirements. Accreditation needs to be full
5. Fiscal stability will have a consistent definition and be applied evenly across all colleges
6. Conflict of interest not allowed on Commission

Advocacy & Policy Conference Planning

Adam noted a task force has been set up to help plan the conference which has met once by phone. Working theme: how faculty can better serve students.

Goal is to have high profile people in attendance. Dolores Huerta, longtime advocate for worker rights, has given verbal, but not written, commitment to attend. Eloy Oakley has been invited to participate as Monday speaker and be part of “Conversations with. . .” series.

Saturday, March 3, is All Committee Day followed by the conference on March 4-5. Faculty awards will open soon. Board members can now nominate people. Everyone was encouraged to go back to their campuses and encourage attendance.
Review of Progress Reports

Jonathan reviewed the progress reports. A & P planning is now up and running with task force. The Great Teachers Seminar netted a profit of $11,000 plus. The Counselors Conference also made some money. He reviewed upcoming events.

Membership--summer is difficult to recruit new members but a few campus visits were made. October and April are designated membership months. Revenues from the newest contract district, Chabot-Las Positas, are starting to come in.

Legislation and Communications--Jonathan went over the new staff structure. It was noted that partial articles in *FACCCTS* are online. We were disappointed that FACCC-sponsored AB 204 (Medina) was held in Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

Dinner with John Chiang/Gubernatorial Race

Troy reported on the dinner with John Chiang. He struck Troy as a genuine public servant. Right now all candidates focusing on fundraising. The PAC will make a recommendation but the FACCC board will be the ultimate endorser for constitutional officers.

Approval of Moving Portion of FACCC and FACCC EI Reserves to Socially-responsible Investment Portfolio

Doug Haskin, Merrill Lynch, made a presentation to the board about moving some of our money to an investment portfolio. He went over the process and some recommendations. Fees would be about 0.8%. We would be investing $150,000 from FACCC and $150,000 from EI.

The Executive Committee recommends the money from FACCC be invested with Merrill Lynch.

Passed unanimously (2 abstentions)

The Executive Committee recommends the money from EI be invested with Merrill Lynch.

Passed unanimously (2 abstentions)

The question arose if the money would be invested in funding prisons. That is not part of socially responsible investment.

DACA Action Week

Motion was made to endorse a DACA action week the week of October 16, 2017.
It was suggested that every board member go back to their campus and raise $1 from each faculty member to pay for one student to register as a DACA student. The cost is $495.

**FACCC EI Bylaws Changes**

Jonathan noted the Executive Committee of the Ed Institute revised the bylaws. The meeting in June discovered they do not reflect current practices. Biggest priority is in clarifying that the Ed Institute is not a membership organization; it is a donor organization. The revised bylaws currently do not need to be sent to the membership for approval; the board can authorize changes.

Motion was made to approve the Ed Institute revised bylaws.

Passed unanimously

**Framework for Interest Based Councils**

Teresa began the conversation with interest based councils that are currently in the FACCC bylaws. There is a difference between a group of faculty that wants to have an interest based council and professional organizations, which are informal affiliations with shared goals.

At the time of the retreat a note was sent to the board to consider a counselors interest based council. They wanted to work with the professional development committee to have a counselors conference. In the process of planning the conference there was confusion on the role of the council because we had no guidelines. More definition was needed.

One of the items needed for an interest based council to be with FACCC is for them to provide their insurance so FACCC is held harmless in the event of a problem.

Board members will review this framework and bring feedback to the next board meeting so we can discuss some more and take a vote. Board members should give suggestions to Dean.

**Approval of Legacy Giving Program**

Dennis reported on the Legacy Giving program, whose discussion started at the retreat. The original form was edited and brought back today for a vote. The new version has been reviewed and approved by FACCC’s attorney, Mark Alcorn.

Motion was made to approve the Legacy Giving Program.

Passed unanimously
Treasurer's Report

Mario Martinez

Mario noted both FACCC and EI are both in their normal operations. Expenses outweigh income (at this time of year).

A comment was made to match the items in the packet online with agenda numbers.

Consent Calendar

Passed unanimously

Closed Session

Strategic Planning    Adam Wetsman

Review/Recap of Progress to Date

Adam reviewed meetings that FACCC should attend. FACCC board members can serve as liaisons. He followed up with the board on "homework" assignments from the retreat. Contact with legislators, keep recruiting members, and participate in FACCC communications.

Moving Forward

Focus groups were held last year at Los Rios and SMC (multi-district event). This year’s focus groups will be at Gavilan, El Camino, Peralta, and possibly Los Rios. There needs to be a mix of attendees, newer faculty, older faculty, part-time, full-time, etc. The Legislative Committee will meet and suggest a package of legislative priorities in November and the board will vote on it.

Working topic for policy forum in January is Vision form Community Colleges the Chancellor's Office.

Conclusion

Old/New Business

Awards for A & P
A & P registration opens September 25
DC trip - either January 22-24 or January 29-31 (must be self-funded)

Register for Policy Forum (lunch is only for faculty; pre-registration required)
FACCC PAC will be hosting hospitality receptions at the California Democratic and Republican conventions this year.
Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the boards at 3:50 p.m.

M/S - Vogel/Frisch

Berta Harris, Secretary

Approved by the FACC Board of Governors and FACCC Education Institute Board of Directors
November 17, 2017.

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