Concurrent Board of Governors / Board of Directors Meeting  
Burbank  
May 11, 2018  
Minutes

Key Decisions and Actions:

1. Approved doing a commendation for Julie Bruno

2. Approved opposition to transferring authority from the Legislature to the CCCBOG for future changes to the funding formula

3. The board recognizes and supports CalSTRS maintaining investments in order to use power to bring change to corporate entities with the understanding that conversations on issues that touch community colleges need to be independently evaluated. This provides a little flexibility to the FACCC staff on the issue of banned weapon sale.

4. Accepted recommendations from Policy Committee for the Faculty Vision paper

5. Approved the addition of Dennell Smith, Merced College, to fill the vacancy left by

Members Present: Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Robin Daniels, Dennis Frisch, Deirdre Frontczak, Mary Ellen Goodwin, Sergio Guzman, Chris Halligan, Berta Harris, Kathy Holland, Debbie Klein, Mario Martinez, Natalina Monteiro, Dean Murakami, Troy Myers, Sally Saenger, Bob Stockwell, Shaaron Vogel, Adam Wetsman

Members Absent: Teresa Aldredge, Brad Byrom, Tim Dave, Doug Dildine, Jason Mayfield

Staff Present: Cynthia Castillo, Stephanie Dowdle, Evan Hawkins, Jonathan Lightman, Janet Oropeza, Lidia Stoian
Liaisons Present: Dolores Davison, ASCCC

Guests: Richard Hansen, Wheeler North, Ian Walton

President Wetsman called the boards to order at 10:08 a.m.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Shaaron Vogel appointed.

Approval of Agenda

M/S/U – Harris/Stockwell

Commendation for ASCCC President Julie Bruno

Julie’s term as ASCCC president ends in June. Because of her extraordinary work as president and in other ASCCC positions, the FACCC board discussed preparing a commendation recognizing her work.

Motion was made for a commendation to be written for Julie.

M/S/U – Holland/Vogel

Liaison Reports

Academic Senate

Dolores reported that ASCCC board members were happy to attend the Advocacy & Policy Conference and participate in the discussions, legislative efforts and partnerships.

ASCCC continues its work on implementation of AB 705. They have heard concerns from faculty around the state and continue to work with the Chancellor’s Office.

The ASCCC Plenary Session was held April 12-14. They had resolutions on a variety of topics including AB 705, the proposed funding formula, the proposed fully online community college, and other academic and professional matters. Long term Executive Director Julie Adams has left the position and was honored with a resolution. Elections were held and John Stanskas is the new president.

The first ASCCC Career and Noncredit Education Institute was held and sold out with 400 attendees. It will be held again in February of next year.
The ASCCC Legislative Advocacy Day was held with visits to more than 10 legislators and staff. She reviewed their upcoming events for the summer including Guided Pathways and Part-Time Institute.

ASCCC sends best wishes and will miss working with Jonathan.

**CCCEOPSA**

Jonathan Lightman

CCCEOPSA is very happy with the $5 million in funding proposed in the May Revise for the NextUp (formerly CAYFES) program to serve foster youth. Fabio Gonzalez’s term is ending in June and Omar Orihuela will be the new president; Danita Scott will be the new president elect. They do not have a formal position on online college or funding formula.

**CCCAOE**

Jonathan Lightman

FACCC organized an Advocacy Day for them in the Capitol. They do not have a position on the online college, but are concerned that the statewide aspect of it undermines the regional emphasis of the Strong Workforce Program. While they do not have a formal position on the funding formula, they are extremely concerned that the new metrics disincentivize CTE courses. Because of this, they are writing a letter to the Capitol to express their concerns. CCCAOE is also closely monitoring discussions of K-12 CTE, whether the Governor will succeed in replacing the current CTE Incentive Grant with the Strong Workforce Program, or whether it is possible to strike a balance between the two.

**Student Senate**

Jonathan Lightman

The Student Senate did not convene its General Assembly this year due to lack of coordination and support from the Chancellor’s Office. There is tremendous concern that the student voice is once again being coopted to support an anti-student agenda, with the organic student voice shut out. We have seen this script before during the Student Success Initiative days. At that time, very courageous student leaders emerged who skillfully navigated the Capitol.

The Board discussed what role FACCC could play in ensuring the students are able to hold their General Assembly in the fall. Dolores was also supportive of the idea of providing space for them to meet during an ASCCC or FACCC event. With their year-to-year change in leadership, it can be difficult to get the funding through their legislatively permitted locally generated Student Representation fees.

**AAUP**

Jonathan Lightman

The AAUP Foundation has given the FACCC EI a grant of up to $10,000 for the Academic Freedom conference. There are explicit limitations on the money, which must be spent for this
May Revise

Funding formula -- Governor has adopted Chancellor’s Office matrix of 60-20-20 breakdown with some modifications. There will likely be a categorical consolidation of the SSSP, Equity, and Basic Skills Initiative funding.

Online college proposal has announced that its first two programs would be IT and Medical Coding. A Workforce certification board would affirm appropriateness of certificates while accreditation is pending. CalWORKs recipients would be provided with laptops. There would no longer be a transition period to develop a new trustee board, meaning the CCCBOG will be the governing board, who would choose a president. The online faculty would partner with an existing bargaining unit. The online college would report the same outcomes as other colleges plus outcomes related to employment. The online college would have same academic protections in curricular development as other colleges.

The May Revise contains $5 million for the NextUp program serving foster youth. It is a carve out in EOPS, which just underwent a legislatively authorized expansion. While the Chancellor’s Office was trying to implement the expansion without additional resources, FACCC took the lead in advocating for more money.

Issue Discussions

Accreditation

Ian Walton

Ian Walton is in his second term, now serving as vice chair, and is scheduled to become the chair for a two-year term beginning in June. He is hoping colleges are seeing improvements in the accreditation experience. There are several new commissioners this year – Danica Bowen, independent institutions, Barbara Dunsheath, East Los Angeles College and Sally Pestana from Hawaii. Carmen Siegler is a retired faculty member from San Jose State and Stanford University. They have added several new vice presidents.

Commission has two big meetings each year in January and June. All institutional decisions are made at that time. They also have a professional development retreat.

There is one change in the taxonomy of the standards regarding student learning outcomes and faculty evaluations. The emphasis now clarifies that the accrediting agency is interested in seeing that the institutions are taking responsibility in this matter as a part of student success as opposed to it being specifically part of the Commission review process.

The process for the way teams report back to Commission on the standards has changed. The commissioners actually read the material provided in the self-study and are focused at a higher purpose (cannot go for administrative expenses). More extensive report deferred to progress report section of the agenda.
level of evaluation. They are looking to see that the institution is meeting the intent in the standards and sub-standards. This is a move back to a narrative wrap up method rather than a check list method. Commissioners now have portfolios for their institutions and support them throughout the accreditation process, which seems to be working well.

U.S. Department of Education concerns are on low performing institutions. They wonder why ACCJC is still accrediting these institutions and not shutting them down. It is difficult to show the realities using their metrics (designed for four-year universities). Low student default rate is seen at the federal level as a measure of success. They want ACCJC to be looking at student outcome measures that they have identified, which are not appropriate for community colleges. The Commission is looking at whether some more appropriate measures could be added to what the feds are looking at. Faculty groups, CEOs and trustees could develop these. The Commission wouldn’t be asking that they be replacements but additions to the current measures. In our view, the numbers for our colleges aren’t identifying failing institutions but show that we are exactly meeting the needs of this student population.

We need a fiscal warning system. The Commission has never had a very good system of evaluating districts in this regard. These topics are part of ongoing discussions.

It appears there is an improvement in getting more faculty on team visits. Faculty should make sure their names are in the data base to serve on teams.

**Implementation of AB 705**

Dolores Davison

Dolores reported on the AB 705 workgroup. Requirement to place students directly into college level courses does not apply to ESL and DSPS students. It does not require colleges to eliminate basic skills courses. They are allowed to select a sequence that takes more than a year. Colleges are not required to place students in transfer level English. If a college can show that its pathway can match the state success rate it may be allowed to use it. All math placement is still under discussion. Chancellor’s Office is hoping to release requirements by July. Implementation timeline for ESL was incorrect; colleges need to fully comply by Fall 2020. Chancellor’s Office is planning on creating new Title 5 regulations. Math is a bit more complicated. No one in the Chancellor’s office has a math background.

Discussion took place regarding what FACCC might be able to do to contend with some of the challenges seen with students and potential failures. This will have a disproportionate impact on our most vulnerable students. The regulation doesn’t take into account part time students, financial aid issues or the fact that Basic Aid districts cannot use non-credit for Basic Skills classes. We should ask students about the impact of taking these higher level math and English classes in their first academic term.

**May Revise**

There is a lot of money in the budget but we are not sure yet how it is to be allocated. The recommendation for the funding formula mirrors the Chancellor’s Office proposal. There is talk in the Capitol about continuing with the current funding model for another year. Discussion
centered on challenges in the political dynamic and what FACCC’s position at CoFO meeting should be.

In January, FACCC developed and shared its own proposal for the funding formula in the Capitol, which is now branded as the “FACCC Proposal.” CFT has proposed an alternative for CoFO groups for all districts to rise and fall with Prop 98. This would essentially make all districts like those considered Basic Aid.

The FACCC Board recommends that we continue to advocate the FACCC proposal. Our bottom line is that we want faculty hiring built into the formula and reject the kind of performance funding contained in the Chancellor’s/Administration’s proposal. If we sign onto a CoFO letter, it must acknowledge the other proposals, like FACCC’s. If not, FACCC will pass. We are in agreement with the Academic Senate letter recommending that the process slow down while waiting to see what other proposals come out.

Motion for FACCC to say oppose transferring authority from the Legislature to the CCCBOG for future changes to the funding formula.

Passed unanimously

**Tributes to Outgoing Board Members**

Jonathan spoke in recognition of absent outgoing board members, Brad Byrom, Teresa Aldredge and Doug Dildine.

Jonathan and Adam continued recognition for outgoing board members who were present, Wendy Brill-Wynkoop and Shaaron Vogel. Board members shared their individual acknowledgements and appreciation as well.

**Legislation** – There are two legislative reports.

Divestment was a huge topic at CalSTRS meeting this week. SB 459 is a two-year bill that allows both CalSTRS and CalPERS to divest from gun retailers. CalSTRS Teachers Retirement Board adopted a resolution to engage with retailers on the selling of firearms banned in California. CalSTRS has already divested from tobacco, gun manufacturers, coal companies and oil pipelines. Walmart and Kroger are the biggest retailers affected. CTA and CFT have both voted against divesting. Walmart does not sell assault weapons. If CalSTRS maintains these investments they continue having an opportunity to use leverage to advocate for change. The overall cumulative divestment does not help the fund.

Flip side to discussion is when the subject of divestment touches an issue critical to community colleges, like campus safety. At that point, we have to balance concerns.
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M/S – Murakami/Saenger  Passed unanimously

**Faculty Vision Paper**

Debbie reviewed the faculty vision paper prepared by the FACCC EI Policy Committee. Some changes were recommended: Page 2 comparative goals BOG to approve second column for the vision. Two new goals on page 4, #6 shared governance goal in collegial consultation and #7 goal on investment in professional development (increased communities and their community colleges). It needs to be clear that the vision is for the faculty, not for the EI.

Overall kudos to the Policy Committee from the Board on the paper.

Motion to accept recommendations from Policy Committee.

Passed unanimously

**Operations/Administrative**

Evan announced the newly elected board members:
Rocio Diaz – Governor at Large
Wheeler North – Regional Governor D
Debbie Klein – President Elect
Dean – Vice President
Natalina Monteiro – Regional Governor B
Sergio Guzman – Regional Governor C
Chris Halligan – Governor at Large
Tim Dave – Governor at Large
Janith Norman – Governor for Part-Time North
Deirdre Frontczak – Governor for Contract District
Dennis Frisch – Governor for Retired Faculty

Evan spoke on the vacancy left by Debbie Klein. It is recommended Dennell Smith of Merced College fill the remaining term for Region E Governor.

Motion to approve Dennell Smith.

Passed unanimously
Review of Progress Reports

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan noted that Great Teachers Seminar has some spots left. The Academic Freedom Conference will be September 28 at Berkeley City College, sponsored by FACCC EI and the AAUP Foundation.

Fiscal Condition

Mario Martinez

Mario reported both EI and FACCC budgets are in the black. Also, our plan to invest part of our reserves in socially responsible investments through Merrill Lynch has begun.

Consent Calendar

Passed unanimously

Membership and Leadership

Troy Myers

Troy noted the results of Membership Month for April. Less than 40% of board members responded to the call for assistance. Retirements are affecting membership numbers. We need to continue recruiting throughout the year. Walk the halls (call Evan to go with you), write something on the top of the Weekly and forward to colleagues.

We could use a training for strategies to use when walking the halls. FACCC should have membership tables at ASCCC regional meetings. Board members may still offer a free year of membership with auto deduction card.

FACCC will only maintain its integrity if it can recruit members.

Conclusion

Adam thanked everyone for their hard work, for being engaged and strong advocates for students and faculty at local campuses. He thanked the staff for their excellence and professionalism.

Jonathan noted that since the May Revise was released, all board members should contact their legislators to urge rejection of the proposed funding formula and online college.

Closed Session

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 3:04 pm.

Saenger/Vogel Passed unanimously
Berta Harris, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors and FACCC Education Institute Board of Directors on June 24, 2018.

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