

MINUTES OF THE
COMPTON CENTER FACULTY COUNCIL
October 8, 2009

Council Members Present: (12)

Jerome Evans, Chris Halligan, Shemiran Lazar, Ahmed Manzoor,
Estina Pratt, Annaruth Garcia, Pamela West, Michael Odanaka,
Darwin Smith, Shirley Thomas, Thomas Norton, Saul Panski

Council Members Absent: (6)

F. Lamm, E. Benson, L. Clark, J. Villalobos, A. Flemming, Shirley Thomas, M. Phillips

Administrators Present: (3)

Provost Cox, Dean Harmon, Dean Murray

Guests: (5)

Eleanor Sonido, Aurora Cortez-Perez, Cornelia Lyles, Chelvi Subramaniam, Ella Stewart

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m., by Saul Panski

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted: Odanaka, Smith (moved/seconded).

III. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of 9-17-09 were approved: Ahmad, Norton (moved/seconded).

IV. Reports

None.

V. Discussion Items

Dr. Harmon noted that 2009- 2010 academic plans centered around success & retention. It was noted that the Planning & Budget Committee would meet the following Tuesday to consider/approve supply and equipment allocations for various academic areas. Dr. Harmon also added that all 2008-2009 program reviews have now been completed and submitted.

Panski commended the hard work of the Academic Affairs Office and the Division Chairs for implementing the program review/ unit plan development process. He indicated that he felt these efforts brought the Center into alignment with the main campus in those areas of vital concern to the ACCJC.

On Course Program

Kristie DeGregorio, Rose Cerofeci, and Donna Manno , from the main campus, discussed the On Course Program, which some faculty on both campuses have taken part in and which has been recommended for a comprehensive professional development activity in January, 2010.

The goal of On Course is to develop active and responsible learners by helping to locate obstacles to learning and redirecting students towards success; ie. helping to move students from a sense of helplessness and victimization to one of creativity.

On Course places an emphasis on pivotal moments in the learning process, known as “forks in the road” and emphasizes “choices” that students can make at these important junctures.

Some of the key concepts stressed include:

- * acting for help is not stigmatic but positive, and interdependence is also a positive and not a negative in a learning environment
- * successful students are (a) committed, (b) determined, (c) attentive, (d) consistent, and (e) disciplined.
- * successful students are personally responsible, self-motivated, and self-managed
- * On Course provides the tools to ask questions to clarify what the obstacle is in the way of each student’s success.

It was stated that data demonstrates higher retention and success rates of approximately 25% for students taught by instructors who have undergone the On Campus Program.

It is hoped that this program can be offered in an intensive three day format on both the Torrance and Compton campuses this winter. Tentative dates for Compton are January 26-28, 2010 and participants will receive a stipend for participating. It is hoped that up to fifty Compton faculty members would participate.

While no formal vote was taken the Council members **unanimously endorsed the proposal to offer the On Course Program to Compton faculty.**

Enrollment Management Plan for 2009-2010

Dean Curry presented the Enrollment Management plan (2009-2010). He stated that it used as its foundation data from both fall 2008 and spring 2009, and integrates activities to be undertaken by academic affairs, the outreach office, and other student services.

It is predicated on reaching an FTES of 5600, which will generate at least \$1.2 million dollars in added revenue to the Center. These funds will help us, in turn, weather possible mid-year cuts that may be coming in early 2010.

Curry pointed out that our current fill rate is around 84% and is likely to rise up to 90% and \$10,000 has been allocated for use by the ESL Department for recruitment and outreach activities.

Dean Curry also took the opportunity to mention the upcoming Conference for Males, to be held on December 3, 2009, and renewed a request to faculty to volunteer as Outreach Ambassadors.

Curry indicated that of the 3406 “adds” implemented by students only around 300 did not work because of problems such as prerequisites.

He also mentioned that new fee policies would be going into effect, which will result in students being dropped from their classes by a certain date if they had outstanding financial obligations above the designated limit. Smith urged that all of the relevant information on this matter be included in the printed class schedule.

Curry also pointed out that information would be posted to remind students of this new policy.

VI. Action Items

None.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was put forward: Norton, Pratt (moved/seconded) Passed.
Adjournment was at 2:58 p.m.