

ACADEMIC SENATE

Compton Community College District

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 1:00 p.m. Board Room

Senators Present: 13

Marjerrita Phillips-Roberson, Michael Odanaka, Fred Lamm, Shirley Thomas, Eugene Benson, Jerome Evans, Annaruth Garcia, Christopher Halligan, Manzoor Ahmad, Estina Pratt,
Darwin Smith, Thomas Norton, Saul Panski.

Administrators Present (at start of Meeting)²

Rachelle Sasser. Dr. Lawrence Cox.

Visitors Present: 7

Nehasi Lee, Ella Stewart, Pete Marcoux, Pieter Van Niel, Harvey Estrada, Toni Wasserberger, Carmela Aguilar

The meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Saul Panski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approval: Philips, Halligan (moved/seconded). Passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of 10/22/08 approval: Halligan, Benson (moved/seconded). Passed.

It was noted there were no Action nor Discussion Items.

REPORTS

PLENARY SESSION

Panski gave an update on the Plenary Session, starting the next day, and indicated that registration fees had been paid for almost all attendees. He added that Darwin Smith would serve as Compton's voting delegate, he added that we would vote with El Camino if there were issues that arose but that such a scenario was unlikely.

CAMPUS MEETINGS

Panski indicated that there had been problems in setting up a meeting with the E-Boards and the Provost because of the Provost's busy schedule but he expected that such a meeting would take place after the next Senate meeting on 11/20/08.

Panski added that Vice President Pratt would preside over the 11/20/08 meeting, as he would not be on campus on that date. And he pointed out that the final meeting of the semester would take place on December 4, 2008.

Panski pointed out that there would also be an important meeting of the Planning and Budget Committee the following day, at 3:00 p.m. and stated that ECC was anticipating a mid-year cut in funding of around 5%.

At Compton Center, we are already functioning with a structural deficit of \$3.5 million dollars and mid-year cuts would significantly increase this deficit (late estimates point to around \$1.2 million dollars slated for cutting).

Panski indicated that he did not understand why some fiscal control measures were not already in place, such a “hiring freeze.” He also stressed that this was the third and final year of protected funding under AB318. Simply put we have an operating budget of more than \$28million dollars but are receiving only \$25 million in revenue from the State.

Nehasi Lee indicated that he did not think that faculty members had been present at the last meeting of the Budget and Planning Committee. At that time it was explained that there were no plans at this time for layoffs and that Compton would not consider itself to be in a period of retrenchment. While ECC was concerned about its cap, we at Compton are not. Moreover, there was no consideration of March 15th letters at this time, as such letters would be counter-productive.

Smith indicated that there was concern that should there be cuts, such cuts would hurt the faculty. as if there were Cuts, which hurts (sic)

AREA C MEETING

Darwin Smith then reported on the Area C meeting, and thanked various offices and individuals on campus that had made the event a great success. He indicated that discussions at the meeting focused on accreditation and the role of the Commission. He stressed that there are currently approximately 27 colleges in California under some sort of sanction by the ACCJC. There was also a discussion on the topic of SLOs and whether they needed to be on the course outline of record. And finally, the attendees had reviewed a number of resolutions that would come before the full Senate for approval at Plenary,

ADJOURNMENT

Phillips/ Benson moved/seconded adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.