

**MINUTES
OF THE
EL CAMINO COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE
COMPTON CENTER FACULTY COUNCIL**

**HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
October 4, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **13 members present:**
Saul Panski, Dr. August Hoffman, Estina Pratt,
Manzoor Ahmad, Pamela West, Darwin
Smith, Christopher Halligan, Michael Odanaka, Shirley
Thomas, Thomas Norton, Dr. Art Flemming, Shemiran
Lazar, Marjeritta Philips,

MEMBERS ABSENT: **2 members absent:**
Walter Bently, Tom Rydalch, ,

**ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT:** **2 administrators present:**
Mark Hovatter, Fred Sturner

VISITORS PRESENT: **8 visitors present:**
Rodney Murray, Axa Maradiaga, Chelvi Subramaniam,
Jose Bernaud, Mike Khalilzadeh, Diane Collins, Pieter
Van Niel, Mandeda Uch, Fredwill Hernandez

26 IN ATTENDANCE

Total Present: 25

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Saul Panski at 2:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chairperson asked for any amendments to the agenda. There were none. Estina Pratt/ August Hoffman (moved/seconded) to approve the agenda of October 4, 2007. Passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Panski thanked Estina for doing the minutes early, as they are now on the Web so fewer copies have to be made. Art Flemming/August Hoffman. (moved/seconded) to approve the minutes of

September 20, 07. Passed.

IV. REPORTS

ECC Academic Senate

Susie Dever from ECC was not at the meeting. She was at a student success conference.

Saul reported on the ECC Tuesday Senate Meeting. He announced that when they have an item on the first reading, he will try and bring it here for discussion and input so that when it goes for the 2nd reading if it needs to be revised, that will be done by that time. At the last meeting three things happened. One was the adoption of a suggested GPA for all certificate programs and he and Art did not vote the same way. Saul Panski voted to retain the 2.00 GPA for certificate programs, as that was what we had before. Nothing will change for our students except the names. They may start reviewing many certificates soon, he added, and, that is why it would be a good thing to have Division Chair reps. attend the division curriculum committee meetings at ECC. Some divisions will be more impacted than others (e.g., Industry and Technology) The 2nd item was adoption of a grade change policy. The documents were on the table for distribution. We will not discuss this as this is a moot issue. The 3rd thing was a policy on textbooks for the first reading. Students are very concerned about the very high prices of textbooks, and the fact that they change so often. If there are any problems with this faculty need to let one of the Center's representatives to the ECC Senate know before the 2nd reading. The issue of copyright came up. Textbook use and adoption was discussed. Textbook uniformity was mentioned.

The other item Mr. Panski reported on was SLOs. A meeting took place last Thursday, on SLOs, and our Division Chairs represented Compton very very well. They are planning an Assessment Summit on 10/23/07 and want us to be involved. A discussion followed.

V. Discussion Items

1. Response to the Little Theater Resolution of 9/6/07
Saul shared an e-mail he received from the Provost last night ,as he had informed her that the Council was still waiting for a formal response to its earlier resolution. The E-Board was supposed to have met with Mr. Sturner yesterday to discuss the response and be prepared for his formal response today but he was unable to meet with the group. The Provost indicated that she planned to follow the shared governance process and have all proposals reviewed by the SGC prior to coming to her for decisions.

Mike Odanaka commented that it seems as if the Provost was picking and choosing what she wants to go through the governance groups. Marjeritta Philips asked if there was any consideration being given to projects that had already been identified. Fred Sturner said he would address that issue after Pieter Van Niel addresses the Council. Saul thanked Fred for being gracious as Pieter was short-changed the last time.

Pieter expressed his deep love for the college and spoke about his plans and vision not just for the theater program but for the institution as well. He said he has committed himself to the institution for the last 36 years to issues he feels are of great importance. He read statements from his program's educational program plans and SLOs. He stressed that the cost of the project is reachable compared to other projects that are using up the bond funds. This project has the potential to bring in millions of dollars to the institution. Pieter showed the Council what the theater would look like.

Fred Sturner responded by referring to planning and building on that. We have an infrastructure that has grown from 200,000 sq. ft. to 400,000 sq. ft. with no substantial upgrade to the infrastructure. We are on the verge of disaster. A presentation for funding to the State has been made, and they are approving \$30 million without a contribution from us. This would be coming on line in 2010. Mr. Panski asked where this would come from. Mr. Sturner replied that this would come from the state bond initiative if it passed. Every college needs to support this as we have a stake in this. Fred Sturner wants to have a qualitative check list for all of the projects. This would be agreeing to a process of evaluating all projects so that they are about who we are and what we want to do with our students, adhering to core values and what our goals are and taking out some of the emotionalism. This would make for an organized process of moving projects forward. He would inform the Budget and Planning Comm. that there are some projects that extremely vital, such as having HVAC in the MIS, Math Science and Voc Tech buildings. He noted that if those things go down, we go down with them. He said to his knowledge there are no plans to demolish any buildings at this time. Currently they are looking to take buildings off-line. This means off inventory. In terms of the Educational Master Plan that we currently have, compared to how that was used in strategic planning, our actual numbers are upside down. How do we downsize so that we do not compromise the mission is the task at hand. A discussion followed about how much of the bond money is left. Mr. Panski asked about Fred Sturner's presentation to the cabinet yesterday. Fred responded that he only presented financial plans. Saul Panski suggested that Fred needs to lay out to the Planning and Budget Committee what he is thinking and that the Little Theatre Renovation Project should be included in the mix .

Saul added that there are also decisions being considered about moving offices and programs around in the existing plant that do not have anything to do with the financial plan that Mr. Sturner is talking about, and he was concerned that

decisions will be made in a vacuum. He wants Fred Sturner to provide a plan of all these proposals and all the moves that are afoot and asked that he forward this information to the Budget and Planning Committee.

Pieter reiterated that the plans for the Little Theatre were done according to standards and that the process was followed. He also mentioned that he hopes that when the Facilities Committee convenes he will be on it not just to represent the theater but because he has specific expertise and specific commitment to this whole institution. He also acknowledged Master Tim Stewart as a sixth degree karate master, and praised his contributions to the theatre department .

Saul stressed that the Council is the only place on campus where issues are discussed freely, as every thing else is being discussed behind closed doors. He also is grateful and pleased to see the outpouring of faculty coming to the meetings, as this is a big sign of commitment that our faculty wants the campus to return to its former strengths. He concluded by stating that at the next meeting, on the 18th, Dean Curry would discuss a proposal on auxiliary organization, and Mr. Hovatter will introduce to us some of his ambitious plans to upgrade the Maintenance and Operations area. He urged faculty to attend the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Norton/Estina Pratt (moved/seconded) to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:10p.m.

Faithfully Submitted by Estina Pratt