

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

**HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
September 20th, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **12 members present:**
Saul Panski, Dr. August Hoffman, Estina Pratt,
Manzoor Ahmad, Walter Bentley, Pamela West, Darwin
Smith, Chris Halligan, Michael Odanaka, Shirley Thomas, ,
Thomas Norton, , Shemiran Lazar.

MEMBERS ABSENT: **4 members absent:**
Tom Rydalch, Annaruth Garcia, Mohammed Boroudjerdi,
Leonard Clark.

**ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT:** **3 administrators present:**
Mark Hovatter, Dr. Doris Givens, Dr. Mary Callahan

VISITORS PRESENT: **4 visitors present:**
Rodney Murray, Axa Maradiaga, Chelvi Subramaniam,
Andree Valdry, Fredwukk Hernandez, Art Flemming

23 IN ATTENDANCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Saul Panski at 1:55 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The President asked for any amendments to the agenda. There were none. Dr. Hoffman/ Mr. Tom Norton (moved/seconded) to approve the agenda. Passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. August Hoffman/Darwin Smith (moved/seconded) to approve the minutes of September 6, 2007. Passed.

IV. REPORTS

ECC Academic Senate

Susie Dever from ECC reported that at the last meeting on Tuesday, they discussed Title V changes. Among items also discussed were changes to the Grade Change Policy, BP 4213 and BP 2510, Shared Governance..

The Student Senate was revisited as ECC students were asking about reviving the Student Senate. The ECC President will make a proposal on that issue. The students also want a textbook policy, but that is not yet specific. They are still working on the wording.

The Calendar Committee has been very busy. ECC is planning to move their eight-week session forward to be in line with ours and also to accommodate high school students who might want to take classes. ECC is discussing whether they should cancel the Winter Session as they believe that this has a negative impact on their spring enrollment. Their V.P. , Dr. Arce, believes that winter session lessens Spring enrollment figures. If eliminated they would have back-to-back six week sessions in the summer.

Dr. Dever noted that both campuses need to talk about the Academic Technology Committee, as a lot of faculty are unhappy with the software Etudes. She also mentioned that their Campus Council should have a rep from CEC ; ECC will also get voice over IP on their phones next year. An open forum on Accreditation will be announced soon, and an enrollment management plan was reviewed by the Senate.

Dr. Hoffman commented on the Winter Session elimination, hoping that we will continue to have one. Mr. Panski noted that CEC needs to be represented on the Calendar Committee, as any decisions made will affect this campus. A discussion of the calendar followed.

Saul Panski complained that CEC does not have access to the ECC Listserve. He wanted to know why after all this time we still are out of the loop. He reported that the CEC webpage needs to be updated. He has asked several people but all he gets is the runaround about the webpage. The Provost responded saying that she will take the issue to the President 's Council on Monday, as the frustration level is universal.

On the issue of certificates, Saul Panski reported that changes were being made and that they will be issued as Certificates of Achievement. As to the GPAs needed there was no consensus as yet, because the divisions would have to agree on that and also there were external agencies involved

also. Saul Panski reported that he had asked Dr. Arce to involve our Division Chairs in this discussion.

The LA County Education Program was pulled from the last Board Agenda at the request of the faculty leadership until a meeting with the Provost to discuss the program's impact, before a new three year contract is signed.

Latino Awareness month and a history guest lecturer were announced by Mr. Panski.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Plans for football Field

Mr. Curry was not in attendance, so no report. Mr. Panski read an email from Dean Curry on the subject.

- B. Shemiran Lazar reported that students were using non-scholarly web sites in their research paper assignments and this practice is unacceptable. She commented that students need to be taught about the unreliability of the sites and not to use these them. She also mentioned that they could learn more about these sites if they register for the Library Class being offered on our campus. Estina Pratt noted that librarians can not tell students what sites to go to or deny them access to research sites. As librarians, we can suggest sites; she thanked Ms. Lazar for encouraging students to take the Library Class where they can at least learn how to evaluate what they find on the internet. Chelvi Subramaniam responded that instructors can let students know which sites are acceptable or unacceptable for their classes when students do research papers. She also mentioned that her department makes sure students know this.

C. Sustaining Low Enrollment Sections

August Hoffman talked about counter balancing loads and class sizes when a class is over the size limit and another instructor does not have students in another class. Mr. Panski responded by saying that this issue is a contractual one, and that it involves administrative decisions as well.

On that subject, Dr. Callahan mentioned that six-semester plans are helpful so that if a class is full and a student can't get in, the student will know the next time a class will be offered.

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VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

None

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.