

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**     **13 members present:**  
Saul Panski, Dr. August Hoffman, Estina Pratt,  
Darwin Smith, Walter Bentley, Chris Halligan, Shirley  
Thomas, , Thomas Norton, Pamella  
West, Art Flemming, Shemiran Lazar, Manzoor Ahmad,  
Michael Odanaka.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**     **5 members absent:**  
Marjeritta Philips, Tom Rydalch, Mohammed  
Bouroudjerdi, Jerome Evans,  
Annaruth Garcia

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:**     **4 visitors present:**  
Axa Maradiaga, Andree Valdry, Rodney  
Murray , Fredwill Hernandez

**25 IN ATTENDANCE**

**I.     CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II.    APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Manzoor Ahmad/Chris Halligan (moved/seconded) to adopt the agenda of  
September 20, 2007.

**III.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August Hoffman/Darwin Smith (moved/seconded) to adopt the minutes of September 20, 2007.

**IV. REPORTS**  
**A. President's Report**

1.

Saul Panski introduced the new Director of Maintenance and Operations, Mr. Mark Hovater.

Saul reported on the Senate and Union's meeting with the Special Trustee, Peter Landsberger, on September 13<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was to discuss an amendment to the Faculty Hiring Policy. One of El Camino's administrators proposed that CEC's policy should include a non-voting faculty member who would be the subject specialist on the hiring committee. Our E-Boards were not opposed to the idea in that we are partners. We do however believe that we also should have our representatives on their hiring committees as well. No action is therefore to be taken on this matter at this time.

2.

As Mr. Fred Sturner could not make the meeting, his response to The Little Theater Resolution will be deferred to the next Senate agenda. Saul Panski mentioned that he has some knowledge about the current HVAC system and its upgrade, according to Mr. Sturner, will involve a significant amount of funds. Saul Panski noted that this should be brought to Shared Governance. August Hoffman commented that whatever is decided, faculty involvement is critical in all these bold plans. He said it should not be two or three people making these decisions. Faculty needs to know what is going on.

Saul Panski reported that the Special trustee has convened the Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee did seem to show balance and a sincere effort to show community involvement.

On Tuesday, there were twenty district committees on the Board Agenda to be accepted as part of the Board Policy. The Trustee however, did not accept them as Board Policy. He accepted the report as listed so that they would not have to conform to the Brown Act's rigors.

B. Dr. Susie Dever, representing ECC, reported that at the Technology Committee meeting yesterday, Administration was asking for a re-look at the structure of the Committee. They believe there should be an Academic Tech sub-committee. The question was how does the CEC Tech Committee fit into the structure and management. This might end up being a sensitive issue.

Saul Panski noted that so far, only two people have shown interest in attending the Senate Fall Plenary in Anaheim.

Faculty Rep Report

Dr. Flemming said there were two things of note. Two people from the Maintenance department came to his office and asked him if he wanted anything done. An hour later, he received an e-mail from Mark Hovater to discuss how to improve conditions at CEC. Dr. Flemming noted that this was indeed a good sign.

Shared Governance

No report

Student Government Rep

Fredwill Hernandez commented that it is disrespectful to the faculty that no administrators are at the meeting. He called on faculty's support involving ASB's finances. Money had been transferred out of the ASB's account without their knowledge as to where the money went. Art Flemming responded that there are by-laws in place for more than one signature on checks. Mr. Hernandez reminded faculty about the activities planned for Latino Awareness Month and that a calendar of events has been sent out to all. Also he wanted us to be aware of the upcoming Home-Coming Dance to be held at the Lakewood Center. Darwin Smith wanted to know why it was not being held in Compton. A discussion about availability of suitable venues ensued.

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. District Plan for FCMAT Compliance**

In response to Mike Odanaka's question at the last Senate meeting, the Provost responded in an e-mail that specific levels of performance were being addressed. We would have support staff to help with the things that need to be done. The administration is looking to have office space dedicated to FCMAT affairs. A detailed plan and implementation were being worked on.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Faithfully Submitted by Estina Pratt, Secretary

