

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING**

**HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM  
September 6, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**    **17 members present:**  
Saul Panski, Dr. August Hoffman, Estina Pratt,  
Jerome Evans, Dr. Art Fleming, Shemiran Lazar, Darwin  
Smith, Manzoor Ahmad, Michael Odanaka, Shirley  
Thomas, Marjeritta Phillips, Pamella West, Leonard  
Clark, Chris Halligan, Fredwill Hernandez, Jose  
Bernardo, Thomas Norton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**    **4 members absent**  
Annaruth Garcia, Walter Bently, Tom Rydalch,  
Mohammed Bouroujerdi

**ADMINISTRATORS**

**PRESENT:**    **7 administrators present**  
Dr. Doris Givens, Wanda Morris, Rachelle Sasser, Dr  
Mary Callahan, Fred Sturner, Keith Curry, Ricky  
Shabazz

**VISITORS PRESENT:**    **5 visitors present**  
Dr. Silvia Arroyo, Aurora Cortez, Axa Maradiaga,  
Rodney Murray, Nehasi Lee

**29 IN ATTENDANCE**

**I.    CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Saul Panski at 1:10 p.m.  
He asked for additions amendments to the agenda. There were none.  
He asked for a moment of silence for two of Compton's employees and for the  
September 11 victims.

Marjeritta Philips asked that the flag be flown at half mast in the employees'  
honor. Estina Pratt suggested that a memorial service be held on campus in  
their honor.

August Hoffman offered to add their names to the memorial plaque in the garden. New Senator Chris Halligan and rep to the Board Art Flemming were introduced by Saul Panski.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Saul Panski announced that Rachelle Sasser came from her vacation to give her report, and asked that she be moved up on the agenda. Jerome Evans/August Hoffman (moved/seconded) to adopt the agenda of September 6, 2007.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jerome Evans/Manzoor Ahmad (moved/seconded) to accept the minutes of May 24, 2007.

IV. **REPORTS**

A. **President's Report**

1. Rachelle Sasser Acting Dean of Human Resources, reported that we have a report from FCMAT that the institution has to respond to and that we are due for a six month review in October. FCMAT will be checking on our progress on twenty seven priority items. She asked the people most responsible in those areas to respond to the report. When the team gets here they will request face to face interviews and will schedule appointments. By year two and a half we would have addressed most of the issues, and a score of at least six and a half to seven must be attained.

Marjerrita Philips wanted to know what the twenty seven points were, and Saul Panski was concerned about coordination between ECC and CEC. Mike Odanaka wanted to know specifically how we would approach this response. All their concerns were addressed by Ms. Sasser. Saul reiterated and explained that Mike is asking for a blue print for recovery.

Dr. Givens stated that her primary concern is to respond to the FCMAT report, and will make changes so that as much planning as possible will take place. She will set aside an office where the primary focus will be to handle FCMAT matters and all documents will be housed there. She also stated that we have to better position ourselves.

Saul Panski announced a list of Senate conferences and asked for Fall Plenary participants. Rodney Murray brought up the fact that there is a contention about Staff Development funds, and wanted to know if there is \$40,000 available or not.

Fred Sturner brought up the problem of chairs. Wanda Morris had offered chairs from nursing that are stored in a bin and he would get them where needed.

## **2. Report from Board Rep**

Art Flemming reported that on August 18<sup>th</sup>, he was at the budget presentation at the ECC Board meeting. He commented that the big item was the line of credit that CEC has and how to use it. CEC and ECC have different points of view. The total Compton budget is \$27 mil., and Compton has not seen a final draft. There is a backlog in procedure here. He noted that there is a budget projection of \$5million dollars for instruction for the equivalent of 72 full time faculty and \$2mil. For hourly/ overload. Dr. Flemming pointed out that relative to other areas, instruction is not sufficiently funded. Next year protected funding ends and exemption from the 50% Law ends in 09/10; then we will have a serious problem.. Currently we are at 41%.

Enrollment looks as though we will end up 1200 FTES by the end of the week. With the 8 week session and positive attendance, 1400 is a reachable target. He also noted that the Enrollment Management Committee is the best run on the Compton campus, with three sub-committees.

## **3. Part-Time Report**

None

## **4. Student Rep Report**

The ASB President Ignacio Alvarez, introduced Fredwill Hernandez as the new Student Rep to the Senate. We were informed of the Welcome Back BBQ and they pleaded for faculty support for ASB events. The Home Coming event was announced and faculty's participation is needed.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

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Silvia Arroyo commented that students were being dropped from their classes and then told they would need to be reinstated. Shirley Thomas also said that she experienced this. Registration courtesy issues were discussed.

Mike Odanaka wanted to know who was putting our budget together. Art Flemming responded that Rory Washington, Dr. Marsee, Dr. Givens, Myesha Armstrong, Reuben James, and 3 Faculty Reps.

Saul Panski announced to all that Dr. Flemming was greatly praised by ECC for his knowledge about the budget and statistical skills.

Saul Panski announced the upcoming Faculty Association of California Community Colleges conference and urged faculty to attend. He reminded us that FACCC has been very supportive of Compton and wants Compton to be active in FACCC. He also reminded faculty that the Committees list is on Dr. Givens' desk waiting for Board approval.

**VII.**

**Adjournment**

Estina Pratt/Marjerrita Philips (moved/seconded) to adjourn the meeting  
At 2:00 p.m.

Faithfully submitted by  
Estina Pratt