

ACADEMIC SENATE
COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MINUTES

Thursday, May 7, 2009 - 1:00 p.m., STAFF LOUNGE

Senators present: Fred Lamm, Eugene Benson, Ahmad Manzoor, Annaruth Garcia, Darwin Smith, Michael Odanaka, Leonard Clark, Estina Pratt, Jerome Evans, Art Flemming, Shemiram Lazar, Marjeritta Phillips, Tom Norton, Saul Panski, Chris Halligan
15 Senators Present

Guests present: Chelvi Subramaniam, Toni Wasserberger, Carol Fisher, Pieter VanNiel, Tim Stewart, Mandeda Uch, Aurora Cortez-Perez, Ella Stewart
8 Guests present

Administrators present: Keith Curry, Dr. Dever, Dr. Harmon, Fred Sturner, Macheo Shabaka
5 Administrators present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 1:11p.m. by Saul Panski.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved. Manzoor, Clark/ (moved, seconded).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 23 April 2009 were approved: Benson, Pratt/ (moved, seconded). It was duly noted Benson was present at the meeting of 4/23/09. It was also noted that the minutes of 4/23/09 should have included the approval of motions to commend Debra Robertson of the Bookstore and Ricky Shabazz and the staff of the Office of Outreach and Relations with Schools.

IV. REPORTS

President's Report

All divisions and non-divisional areas have reported back and all current Senators/ Council members have been reappointed to serve in 2009-2010. It was stressed that election of officers will take place at the May 21st meeting of the Senate.

The May 21st meeting will focus on the facilities and other concerns of the Fine Arts programs. A special meeting might be necessary, Panski

informed the group, to allow Dean Arvid Spor the opportunity to address the faculty on the planning process and planning-related documents. Phillips urged the President to invite the entire faculty to Dean Spor's presentation. The decision as to when to convene a meeting on this matter was left to the Executive Board.

College Council

Michael Odanaka reported on the last ECC College Council meeting and pointed out that Chris Halligan will substitute for him, as necessary. Odanaka indicated that the Council had discussed such matters as the swine flu, the rules regulating faculty/staff use of computers, and whether or not faculty members can factor in attendance when determining student grades. Van Niel stated that while lack of attendance can not be considered a factor in determining grades, instructors could factor in "class participation." He also indicated that Dr. Fallo had stated that the LRC project was now under the direct supervision of ECC. Panski explained that this meant that Fred Sturner is henceforth reporting directly to the ECC VP of Administrative Affairs.

Faculty Representative to the Board—no report

Consultative Council

Darwin Smith indicated that he had been elected as Vice President of the Council. The last meeting reviewed the constitution of the group. It was confirmed that the Council has 4 (four) faculty members, which means that Manzoor Ahmad is a voting member.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Harmon indicated that a suitable facility had been found for the commercial music program. She added that Deborah Sheply has been hired to help prepare the Educational Master Plan and will be meeting with various groups and individuals in the weeks ahead. She indicated that she would provide a general report on accommodations for the Fine Arts Program at the meeting scheduled for May 21st.

Dr. Dever indicated that while no decisions have been made, there is a desire to look at all campus spaces and determine which can be utilized in such a way as to increase the classroom/laboratory ratio to accommodate anticipated enrollment growth. Areas being looked at included spaces now being utilized for storage or office space that could be relocated. She indicated that consideration of using space in the Allied Health Building was not possible due to health and safety issues and added that utilization of the Abel B. Skykes, Jr. CDC for activities additional to child care might encounter legal restrictions.

There is some discussion of bringing portables on campus but this is rather costly.

Subramaniam asked why we are looking at renovations to new spaces when we hadn't completed repairs to older classroom spaces, such as F-31.

Panski expressed the concern that decisions pertaining to facilities might well be made during the summer, when the faculty is absent, and stated that he would express this strong concern to the Provost at his next meeting with the Senate/Federation E-Boards.

There was also some discussion, though no final decision, as to where the Print Shop will be housed. Its current space is needed for the CTE programs.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

REPORT FROM HIRING PRIORITIZATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Harmon informed the Senate of the work of the Hiring Prioritization Committee, which was recommending the following full time faculty hiring, in the following ranking order (1)

Athletics-Kinesiology (1)
Life Sciences (1)
Machine Tool Technology (1)
Athletics-Kinesiology (4,5)

Dr. Harmon also expressed the hope that the top three positions will be hired for the coming academic year.

The Senate expressed its thanks and appreciation to Dr. Lyles, Estina Pratt, Tom Hazell, and Dr. Harmon for undertaking this committee work at very short notice.

Don Roach indicated that every effort should be made to bring on designated new faculty as soon as possible, hopefully by the start of the spring semester.

CONCERNS OF FINE ARTS FACULTY

Dr. Van Niel discussed the long-standing needs of the fine arts programs, particularly Theatre Arts. He stated that for years his program was told to wait for the completion of the proposed Performing Arts Center but this project was now longer on the potential facilities funding priority lists. He stressed that for the last ten years Theatre Arts has not had its own venue and that this restriction had clearly impacted enrollment in a negative manner. Van Niel added that Theatre Arts is a **program** and not a discipline. This meant that it needed such facilities support as a dressing room, offices, storage space, and a performance venue.

Panski asked when the Little Theatre would be renovated sufficient to once-again hosting the Theatre Arts Program. Sturner indicated that this is a high priority project but would not be feasible until the next bond draw down was completed.

Panski asked Dr. Harmon to provide the body with both a short-range and long-range plan for facilities required to provide support for the campus fine arts programs.

VI. ACTION ITEMS—None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn Pratt, Halligan/ (moved, seconded passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.