

MINUTES  
OF THE  
**Compton Community College District  
Academic Senate**

**HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM  
March 20, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**     **13 members present:**  
Saul Panski, Dr. August Hoffman, Estina Pratt,  
Manzoor Ahmad, Pamella West, Darwin Smith, Chris  
Halligan, Thomas Norton, Dr. Art Flemming, Shemiran  
Lazar, Jerome Evans, Leonard Clark, Annaruth Garcia

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**     **6 members absent:**  
Walter Bentley, Tom Rydalch, Michael Odanaka, Shirley  
Thomas, Marjeritta Philips, Mohammed Bouroujerdi,

**ADMINISTRATORS  
PRESENT:**             **3 administrators present:**  
Dr. Susie Dever, Fred Sturner, Keith Curry

**VISITORS PRESENT:**     **6 visitors present:**  
Rodney Murray, Axa Maradiaga, David McPatchell,  
Aurora Cortez Perez, David Maruyama, Fredwill  
Hernandez

**28 IN ATTENDANCE**

**I.     CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Saul Panski at 1:05 p.m.

**II.    APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The President asked for any amendments to the agenda. There were none. Chris Halligan/Manzoor Ahmad (moved/seconded) to approve the agenda of March 20, 2007. Passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES\**

Manzoor Ahmad/Chris Halligan (moved/seconded) to approve the minutes March 6, 2008. Passed.

### **iii. REPORTS**

#### **President's Report**

Mr. Panski announced that there was a visitor among us. He introduced Leslie Kawaguchi Area C representative and History Professor from Santa Monica College. She was observing our meeting.

The President informed us of the upcoming Area C meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> at Mount San Antonio College. Darwin Smith will be representing Compton Center. Darwin Smith pointed out to that he has talked to the President about our institution hosting the next fall Area C meeting. The Provost is also supportive of the idea. Saul thanked Darwin for attending all the State Senate meetings and he also thanked the District for supporting us hosting the meeting.

Saul reported on a special meeting the Special Trustee had convened with community representatives. Members of the community were concerned about what was going on at the institution. It was a very open and frank discussion of the state of the district. It was also agreed by all parties involved that the District has done a very poor job of communicating with the community. They want to be assured of a timeline that the District is working on to get our accreditation back.

The City of Compton will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and several people from the Center are expected to attend. Mr. Smith said that at the Provost's Council meeting he attended, the Provost asked that as many people from the Center attend as possible.

Dr. Dever mentioned that people from the community think that the Center does not offer evening classes. Dr. August Hoffman commented that when people visit the campus in the evening that is the impression they get. He also suggested that the cut-off for canceling classes should be between 10- 12 students, not 15 students. Annaruth Garcia informed the Senate that one of her classes was scheduled at 4:45 p.m. despite her protests and that even though the class had 13 students in it , it was cancelled and rescheduled for the 8 week session. It has 14 students enrolled so far --she indicated--and she was waiting to see what happens. Saul suggested that she talk to her Dean, Wayne Olson about increasing enrollment or maintaining it with the current enrollment if necessary.

Dr. Art Flemming commented that cancelled classes do not generate FTES. We need enough classes to generate 4500 FTES next year. So far the Special Trustee has kept his word about not issuing March 15<sup>th</sup> letters. But starting in fall 2009 we shall be funded for only the FTES that we generate. By the third week of spring the total was 1196 FTES; this does not include positive attendance. His best guess was that the number will be 3500 for the 2007-08 academic year. A discussion followed about what to do to

increase FTES. Mr. Panski indicated that we have made several suggestions to administration and it is not an issue of not knowing what to do.

Mr. Ahmad Manzoor commented that students cannot access his classes online. The classes do not show up on the website. He wanted to know how we can be effective. Dr. Hoffman suggested that we offer more sections of classes and a lower cut-off number.

Mr. Panski announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> syllabus workshop will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., and he urged faculty to attend. The screening committees for the Dean of Voc. Tech and Administrative Dean for Academic Affairs will also be convening shortly, as the application period for these positions has closed.

Ahmad Manzoor, asked that Rodney Murray reclude himself from the Union E-Board in recommending members of the screening committee for Dean of Voc Tech; he stated that if he has applied for the position , it will be a conflict of interest if he is one of the decision makers who appoint faculty to the committee. The President replied that the Senate does not have power over the Union to make such a demand. Mr. Manzoor made a motion to that effect but it was not seconded. August Hoffman, however, suggested that the E-Boards have a discussion about his issue.

**B. Faculty Rep Report**

No Report

**C. Shared Governance Report**

No Report.

**D. Student Rep Report**

No Report

**IV. Adjournment**

Jerome Evans/Thomas Norton (moved/seconded) to adjourn the meeting at 1:45p.m.

Faithfully submitted by Estina Pratt

