

**MINUTES
OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING**

**HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
May 8, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **10 members present:**
Saul Panski, Dr. August Hoffman, Estina Pratt,
Darwin Smith, Chris Halligan, Michael Odanaka,
Ahmad Manzoor, Shemiran Lazar, Annaruth
Garcia, Tom Norton

MEMBERS ABSENT: **8 members absent**
Arthur Flemming (excused), Marjeritta Philips,
Tom Rydalch, Walter Bentley, Jerome Evans
(excused), Leonard Clark, Pam West, Shirley
Thomas

**ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT:** **1 administrator present**
Dr. Susie Dever

VISITORS PRESENT: **6 visitors present**
Aurora Cortez, Ella Stewart, Axa Maradiaga,
Cornelia Lyles, Fred Lamm, Nina Hardin

25 IN ATTENDANCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Saul informed the Senate that 2 items are being removed from the agenda. The first one was the draft agreement between the Compton Community College District and the El Camino Community College District.. He went on to explain that E- Boards had received a copy of the draft agreement and been asked to disseminate it to the faculty. Two days later the ECC Senate President had told transmitted a version with some differences in text that was being distributed on the ECC campus.,

specifically the addition of a Section 27. He stated that he wanted to make sure that two documents are identical before bringing it before the body.

The other item was the Student Equity Plan. This was pulled, as Saul had not heard from Keith Curry.

August Hoffman /Tom Norton (moved/seconded) to accept the Agenda of May 8, 2008.

IV, Reports

The newly elected President of the CC Associated Student Body was introduced; her name is Nina Hardin. She asked that we not sign the Agreement. Saul noted that the Agreement would probably be on the June or July Board Agenda. He recommended that the Senate meet on June 3rd and that the item be on the agenda and that he would ask the Special Trustee to be on hand to answer questions. Another item would be Mark Hovatter who wants to discuss plans for re-keying the campus and closing some restrooms.

Mr. Panski announced that it has been authorized by the Special Trustee to have a forum next Thursday (5/15/08) for the finalists for the Provost/CEO position. It will be chaired by the search consultant. Saul also noted that the hiring committee is doing its job. Jerome Evans and Art Flemming were participating in interviews at that very moment and that was they were not at the Senate meeting.

On the 14th, at 1:00 p.m., we will have the report from the Faculty Development Project Consultants. They will be presenting the results of the evaluation/consultation. He urged all to be there.

FCMAT will be here from May 18th – 21st. Mr. Panski stressed that it is important to give the very best reflection that we can.

Faculty Rep Report

None

Shared Governance Comm. Rep

Darwin Smith had no report. The Committee has not met.

Student Rep

None

V. Discussin Items (None)

VI Action Items

A.

The Basic Skills Plan was passed out to members. Mr. Panski explained that he had to sign the Plan before it got to the Senate, as the Coordinator, Jose Villalobos was

frantically trying to meet the submission deadline. He had, however, asked that some corrections be made before sending it off. He asked if there were questions about the plan. No questions. Estina Pratt/Tom Norton (moved/seconded) that the plan be accepted. Passed.

B.

Dr. Susie Dever spoke about the 4 board policies that Compton needs to adopt. FCMAT had suggested that Compton needs policies and procedures in place. Her Suggestion is to use what ECC has and “Comptonize” them. This is an easy way to get them put in place very quickly and in time to show FCMAT that we are making progress.

Manzoor Ahmad asked how much flexibility we would have if we adopt them. Mr. Panski replied that we need to adopt the Board Policies, but they will not be implemented until we gain our independence. These policies were in the areas of student services and academic services, which are currently under the auspices of El Camino.

Dr. Dever noted that these policies were patterned after the California Community College League’s policies.. This provides less chance of legal issues. She also mentioned that most schools are going through their policies and procedures.

Darwin Smith wanted to know what the policy was if an under age student was in an instructor’s class when mature adult topics were discussed. This was part of academic freedom. Dr. Dever replied that this would need further discussion.

Shemiran Lazar wanted to know how a policy originates. Saul answered that educational policies originate from the Senate. Manzoor Ahmad remarked that there should be a workshop on Academic Freedom , as it can be confusing. A brief discussion on Academic Freedom followed.

The body passed the Independent Study, Academic Renewal, and Grade Change policies on first reading but deferred consideration of the Academic Freedom Policy Moved/Seconded Norton/Halligan

III. Minutes

Before adjourning the body approved the minutes for the Senate meeting of April 23, 2008. Moved/seconded Smith/Hoffman.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Faithfully submitted by Estina Pratt