

ACADEMIC SENATE
Compton Community College District
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 2:00 p.m. Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerome Evans, Fred Lamm, Eugene Benson, Pam West, Darwin Smith, Estina Pratt, Chris Halligan, Michael Odanaka, Jose Villalobos, Saul Panski, Thomas Norton, Leonard Clark, Annaruth Garcia

13 Senators Present

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: 2
Dr. Susie Dever, Keith Curry

VISITORS PRESENT: 4
Aurora Cortez Perez, Chelvi Subramaniam M. Khalilzadeh, Ella Stewart

I. CALL TO ORDER

Panski called the Senate meeting to order at 2:08 p.m./

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Van Niel asked to add a discussion item, "Institutional Effectiveness Committee."
Adopt Agenda Adoption moved/seconded Ahmad, Jerome. Passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved Smith/Seconded Manzoor. Passed.

IV. DISCUSSION

The President apologized to faculty members who were unable to adjust their schedule to accommodate recent Wednesday meetings. He indicated that after the next Wednesday meeting (11/5/08, so scheduled because the Fall Plenary falls the next day), the Senate would revert back to its standard Thursday meetings.

Panski informed the group that Mark Hovatter, Director of M&O, had given his notice and added that the management of M&O and some other issues of concern had been communicated to the Provost for discussion when he meets with the Senate and CCCFE E-Boards.

Norton informed the group of a major FACCC Conference, to be held on November 14-15, 2008 at Pasadena College.

Smith provided the group with an update on the 10/25/08 meeting of Area C of the State Academic Senate. Senate members were urged to attend.

Evans informed the group that he had given the faculty accolades at the recent Compton BOT meeting, citing the positive comments about faculty made by the Accreditation Site Team.

Panski informed the group that the November FCMAT team visit had been postponed. He indicated that Dr. Fallo and Dr. Landsberger were making an effort to change the composition of the next FCMAT team to include individuals with community college experience. He also singled out the Compton faculty for the wonderful job they had done during the ECC Accreditation Team Site Visit, and singled out Ella Stewart, who had her students refurbish bulletin boards throughout campus as part of a student project.

Van Niel reported that he was hard at work revitalizing the Institutional Effectiveness Committee and he urged faculty participation. This committee, he stressed, could prove to be one of the most important on campus and should oversee the review of unit action plans, approval that should drive the budget. He asked for a fourth faculty member to serve on the committee. Darwin Smith volunteered and this appointment was unanimously agreed upon by the membership/.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Panski indicated that the Senate was being asked for a ratification of the Basic Skills Expenditure Plan, already sent to the Systems Office with the Senate President's signature as required .

Villalobos, BSI Coordinator, stressed that he had made a strenuous effort to get the document finalized well before the deadline but had had limited success. Villalobos to talk about Basic Skills.

Questions about the report included reference to the Basic Skills Center being housed not in the new LRC. Panski asked Pratt if she was aware of such a plan and she indicated that she was aware that such a move was being considered.. Panski then stressed that it was his understanding that a committee was to be established to consider the reprogramming of the LRC and that until such time as that group had convened and made its recommendations, nothing should be considered a fait accompli for the building. may or may not happen.

Motion to ratify Basic Skills Expenditure Plan. Moved Ahmad/Seconded Odanaka. Passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved. Seconded Norton/Odanaka. Passed.

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