

MINUTES  
OF THE  
**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING**

HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM  
May 21, 2008

- MEMBERS PRESENT:   **16 members present:**  
Saul Panski, Shirley Thomas, Estina Pratt,  
Leonard Clark, Jerome Evans, Chris Halligan,  
Michael Odanaka, Annaruth Garcia,  
Shemiran Lazar, Pam West, Fred Lamm,  
Jose Villalobos, Eugene Benson, Marjeritta Philips,  
Manzoor Ahmad, Art Flemming
- MEMBERS ABSENT:   **2 members absent**  
Darwin Smith, Thomas Norton,
- ADMINISTRATORS  
PRESENT:           **3 administrators present**  
Keith Curry, Dr. Susie Dever, Wanda Morris
- VISITORS PRESENT:   **4 visitors present**  
Axa Maradiaga, Ignacio Alvarez, Fredwill Hernandez,  
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 asked for any changes to the agenda. There were none. Manzoor Ahmad/Jerome Evans (moved/seconded) to accept the agenda of May 21, 2008. Passed.

III.   **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Manzoor Ahmad/Leonard Clark (moved/seconded) to accept the minutes of May 8, 2008. Passed.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

##### **A. President's Report**

Saul announced that the Senate has three new senators representing their divisions. Jose Villalobos, representing Math/SC; Eugene Benson and Fred Lamm representing Voc Tech.

Saul gave a brief overview of the constitution and the voting process. He added that the two adjunct faculty reps will be Art Flemming and Darwin Smith, and that Darwin will serve on the Executive Board per the AS Constitution

Main item on the agenda was election of officers—Senate Officers and Rep to the Board. Saul explained the District Senate and the CEC Council relationship. He also let the Senate know that the officers have voting rights on the ECC Senate and that the Council Chairperson serves as a Vice President of the ECC Senate.

The fall meeting schedule was announced noting that two meetings will be held on Wednesday because of Plenary session and location conflicts.

Continuing with his report Saul Panski announced that the Shared Governance Comm. would be meeting the following Tuesday and urged the faculty to be there if they had concerns about facilities moves being discussed. Cosmetology, he indicated, might be moved on campus; CDC facilities might be used for Nursing.

Saul noted that Art Flemming will be at the meetings till the end of June, both the SGC and the Board of Trustees.

Plans are underway to close all bathrooms on the west side of the row buildings, per Mark Hovatter; this will be done in the summer in order to renovate the bathrooms on the east side so they can be used for another 5 yrs.

There will be one last Senate meeting to discuss the MOU between ECC and CEC. First reading was yesterday at their board meeting. June 16<sup>th</sup>, ECC Board will meet and consider the agreement. On June 17<sup>th</sup> the Compton Board will be doing the same. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> at our meeting the agreement will be discussed and the Special Trustee will be there.

Ignacio Alvarez was concerned about ECC running the CEC bookstore. He wants the RFP to be open to outside vendors. Keith Curry replied that clarity is needed with the language.

Saul Panski announced that the Nurses' Pinning Ceremony will be on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and urged all to attend.

Eugene Benson asked about the legality of replacing the Administrative Dean of Academic Affairs with another individual. Saul Panski replied that the replacement will be interim and it was therefore legal to do so. A discussion on the Administrative Dean of Academic Affairs position followed.

**B. Rep to the Board Report**

Art Flemming informed the Senate that he had no report but that the Senate should look at the MOU and the distribution of functions between the partners. He noted that it is worth reading.

**C. Shared Governance Report**

No report -- Darwin Smith not present.

**D. Student Report**

Ignacio Alvarez officially ended his term. He thanked the faculty for the Cinco de Mayo success. He also informed the Senate that he has learnt so much during his tenure. He urged the faculty to attend the ASB awards banquet. Chris Halligan thanked him for raising his voice for the students, and Saul remarked that he has grown into the position and we all felt blessed to have had him as ASB President.

**VI. Action Items**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The floor was opened for nominations and voting

PRESIDENT:

- Estina Pratt/Jerome Evans moved /seconded Saul Panski. No other nominations. Saul Panski-President

VICE PRESIDENT

- Jerome Evans/Pam West moved/seconded –VP Estina Pratt
- Eugene Benson/Fred Lamm moved/seconded –Manzoor Ahmad for VP.
- Votes counted 10- 5 VP—Estina Pratt elected.

SECRETARY

- Chris Halligan/Semiran Lazar moved seconded to nominate Thomas Norton as Secretary. No other nominations. Tom Norton—Secretary.

CURRICULUM REPRESENTATIVE

- Eugene Benson/Fred Lam moved/seconded – Saul Panski to be Curriculum Rep. No other nominations. Saul Panski—Curriculum Representative

#### FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Estina Pratt/Pam West moved/seconded to nominate Jerome Evans as Rep to the Board. Fred Lamm, Chris Halligan and Annaruth Garcia declined. No other nominations. Jerome Evans-- Rep to the Board..

#### **STUDENT EQUITY PLAN**

Saul asked Mike Odanaka to report on the Committee.

A motion to accept the plan was made by Manzoor Ahmad/Eugene Benson (moved/seconded). Passed unanimously.

Keith Curry informed the Senate that the Enrollment Management Plan will be brought back to the body. Saul commented that Student Affairs was very diligent about Shared Governance matters and that we are always kept in the loop. Keith thanked Thomas Norton and other faculty for the valuable help they had provided in preparing the Equity Plan.

#### **ACADEMIC POLICIES**

The grade change policy raised some concerns. Manzoor Ahmad requested more time and was not happy with the contents. Marjeritta Philips also questioned the validity of the statements. A discussion followed.

Saul tabled the grade change policy and determined that we will revisit it in the fall

Manzoor Ahmad/Marjeritta Philips (moved/seconded) to approve the Academic Renewal and Independent Study policies. Passed.

On the Catalog Rights policy, before the group for a first reading, another discussion followed and Mike Odanaka noted that his concern was continuous enrollment and time limitations.

In discussing the policy pertaining to library services, Mike Odanaka/ Eugene Benson (moved/.seconded a motion to encourage the District to have a Head Librarian and Counselor. Passed unanimously. This could be a Coordinator of the Library and Learning Resources. and a Coordinator of Counseling.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Fred Lamm/Manzoor Ahmad (moved/seconded) to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m.