

ACADEMIC SENATE
Compton Community College District
MINUTES

Thursday, September 18, 2008 1:00 p.m. Board Room

Members Present: 14

Shemiran Lazar, Chris Halligan, Darwin Smith, Estina Pratt, Tom Norton, Marjeritta Phillips, Annaruth Garcia, Ahmad Manzoor, Leonard Clark, Jose Villalobos, Pamella West, Eugene Benson, Art Flemming, Fred Lamm

Visitors Present: 5

M. Khalilzadeh, Nahasi Lee, David Maruyama, Ella Stewart, Chelvi Subramaniam

Administrators: 4

Dr. Jane Harmon, Keith Curry, Fred Sturner, Dr. Susie Dever

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m., by Saul Panski

II. Approval of Agenda

Passed.Halligan, Benson (moved/seconded)

III. Approval of Minutes

Panski offered to allow a few minutes for look-see; then asked to come back for adoption.

IV.

Panski reported that the following faculty members will be attending at least one session of the Academic Senate Plenary from November 4-6 in downtown Los Angeles: Halligan, Lazar Pratt, Stewart, Manzoor, Villalobos, and Smith . The President then asked the body to approve Darwin as Compton's voting delegate at the Plenary and there was unanimous concurrence. Panski indicated that Academic Affairs will process payment of registration fees for participants, with said fees including the cost of meals. Attendees were informed that if they paid for gasoline or for parking they should keep their receipts and seek reimbursement.

The members asked when the next FCMAT visit would take place.

At that point the President went back to the Minutes and sought approval. Motion to Adopt Senate Minutes Pratt, Philips (moved/seconded) Passed

Panski next discussed the letter he had received as Senate President, from Assemblyman Dymally, on the subject of ACR69 and the FCMAT report. There was then a discussion

of the purpose and content of ACR69 and the inclusion of the Senate and Federation on the proposed Task Force. It was also explained that the Special Trustee was concerned that the Task Force called for in the resolution would overlap with his Advisory Committee. There was a general sense that some of the concerns in the letter had been or were in the process of being addressed (Halligan, Phillips). It was suggested that the President send a letter of response to the Assemblyman, thanking him for his ongoing concern, while pointing out that progress was being made under the leadership of Dr. Cox. Panski added that the Assemblyman had gone out of his way to stress that he had no problem with the contribution of faculty to the recovery of the institution.

V. Administrative Reports:

Fred Sturner discussed the reactivation of the Safety Committee and provided the group with an update on the LRC and other capital projects.

Fred indicated that there was an agreement on how to implement repairs to the building, and they included taking out every pane of glass and reinstalling and sealing them. He stated that at present the glass constituted a severe danger in the event of an earthquake. Sturner also indicated that there was an agreement that the repairs needed to be done expeditiously, to avoid liquidated damage penalties.

Sturner then passed out a project list as approved by the Board of Trustees and discussed the state monies that would be provided to help implement the items on the list. He added that the institution was seeking \$15 million dollars in Measure CC funds and would also use the insurance settlement resulting from damages to the AHB. He also addressed the progress in opening the cafeteria and plans to repair the AHB as a health and safety project.

Sturner also outlined that the LRC would need to be re-programmed, with consideration given to such matters as enhancing acoustics. He went on to say that a committee would need to be convened to determine the most appropriate technologies for the building.

Sturner concluded by outlining some of the major components of the Utility Infrastructure Project, including utilities, electrical connections, sewers, drainage, gas, ITS, and HVAC needs. He added that the plan would include the installation of technologies that would enable staff and students to readily contact the Police Department.

Sturner said that this massive project will require a year of planning before it can begin to be implemented and then at least another two years for Phase I to be completed, so we are looking at around five years. He also added that the project will include new lighting for the entire campus.

Leonard Clark asked if the project included the pool and Sturner said no. He then explained that repair of the pool was very costly (\$350-375,000) because of the condition

of the plumbing underneath that area. The pool would be incorporated into a future project in the Physical Education area, and would be reoriented and rebuilt.

Flemming pointed out that the proposed contingency fund for the projects was inordinately small; Sturner responded that there was some give included in the estimated project costs.

Continuing, Sturner also outlined efforts to stabilize the HVAC and ITS systems in the Voc Tech and Math/Science Buildings through a revamping of the central plant.

Professor Subramaniam inquired as to whether the row buildings were part of the outlined plan and the response was they are not, that the intention is to ultimately demolish them. However, other monies have been set aside to address immediate and short-term needs for these buildings.

Professor Smith stated that it was essential to have clear timelines for these projects, and urged that the timelines be publicized.
meeting.

Dean Harmon then reported back on the request to inquire of ECC whether it would support the re-establishment of GED preparation on campus. She indicated that she believed there were ways in which this need could be addressed and indicated that she would discuss the matter with relevant parties very soon. She added that for most non-credit classes the pay rate also had to be considered, as non-credit courses (save ESL) would need to be compensated at a lower hourly rate. She added that the qualifications to teach non-credit courses are also not as stringent.

Panski then indicated that there would be an exit meeting with the ACCJC Site Team on 10/9, the date of the next scheduled Senate meeting. He asked if the members, accordingly, wished to move the Senate meeting and it was agreed that the next meeting would take place on October 8th.

Professor Halligan suggested that we all wear the “Ask Me” buttons during the site visit period.

David Maruyama indicated that he is working with designated faculty members to make sure that course syllabi contain SLOS, as appropriate. Some faculty working with him in this effort were identified, including Chelvi Subramaniam, Fred Lamm, Jose Villalobos, and Saul Panski. It was suggested that if one of our faculty has an SLO that has not yet been adopted by ECC, it should be put on the syllabus with the notation “proposed.”

Darwin Smith indicated that the SGC had not had a formal meeting because of a lack of a quorum; Panski indicated that Chair Morris was at ECC Curriculum at that time, as the LVN courses were being reviewed.

Panski pointed out that once the new Committee structure is adopted, Manzoor will be the fourth faculty member on SGC. He also noted that the ECC CCC has approved a change in its bylaws, adding a Compton counselor as a voting member (M. Odanaka) and one of our academic deans as an ex-officio member.

Nahasi Lee indicated that he has been designated as ASB rep to the AS

VI. ACTION(S)

Approval of Institutional Standing Committees—2nd reading

Curry: no change from last week save for an increase in the number of faculty serving on the Student Success Committee. Nehasi Lee stressed that students should be on all committees, including hiring committees. Manzoor suggested that a committee be established to oversee the work of the Senate. Item moved Smith/Seconded Lamm. Passed.

Fred Lamm asked to be nominated by the Senate as a candidate for a vacant position on the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Moved Norton/Seconded Ahmad . Passed.

BUSINESS:

A formal Council meeting was convened only to pass the Minutes of the 9.4.08 meeting. Moved Ahmad/Seconded Lazar. Passed.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved Pratt/Seconded D. Smith (Moved/seconded) at 2:53 pm.

Adjourned

