

ACADEMIC SENATE
Compton Community College District
MINUTES
Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 4, 2008 1:00 p.m. Board Room

Members Present: 12

Thomas Norton, Shemiran Lazar, Fred Lamm, Estina Pratt, Michael Odanaka, Chris Halligan, Leonard Clark, Darwin Smith, Manzor Ahmad, Saul Panski, Shirley Thomas, Jose Villalobos

Visitors Present: 9 Visitors Present

David Maruyama, Ella Stewart, Jose Villalobos, Chelvi Subramaniam, Harvey Estrada, Nehasi Lee, M. Khallilzadeh, Aurora Cortez-Perez, Vanessa Haynes, Paul Flor

Administrators Present: 3 Administrators Present

Dr. Jane Harmon, Dr. Lawrence Cox, Keith Curry

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m., by Saul Panski
There was a Quorum present

II. Approval of Agenda

Panski, Pratt (moved/seconded)

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Adopt: Clark, Benson (moved/seconded)
for June 3 and June 18

IV. Business Items

The Plenary Session of the State Academic Senate :6-8 November, Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel . Panski stated that all Senators are encouraged to attend.; presence will serve as a tangible reminder that Compton. Compton (Center) has not disappeared As the Senate has a Budget, it will pay for Registration. The deadline to register is October 27th. Interested parties wee urged to contact the President. Requests will be put through Academic Affairs as a group.

Area C Meeting (of the State Academic Senate) 8:00 to 4:00 Saturday, October 25th, at the Compton Center (thanks to Darwin Smith)

Resolutions to be voted on at the Plenary will be presented & discussed
Lunch will be provided

Make it welcoming; our whole Faculty encouraged to attend

Area C Representative to State Senate is Leslie Kawaguchi- Santa Monica College.

Resolutions from Academic Senate sent forward to be acted on by Board of Governors, and, if passed into law, incorporated into the state Education Code

Dr. Cox was then introduced and made some remarks to the body, stating that:

- * The Senate is the most important committee. It is quasi-administrative and the institution can not run without its assistance and support..
- * He is dedicated to making things better
- 6 He is opposed to using Line of Credit for most needs, even when they are supportable
- 7 60% of our Monies should be allocated to Academic Affairs
- * 70% of that total regularly goes to employee salaries.
- 8 CCC has about \$26 million dollars in operational revenues and it should be possible with these monies to support 6,000 students and not have to cut positions.
- 9 If we have to borrow from the Line of Credit, it should be for one-time only items and not ongoing operational purposes.
- 10 Retention will be a key factor
- 11 Old buildings don't have to mean dirty and we have no choice but to use the facilities we have. We can not simply accept the notion that they are old and broken.
- 12 The fact of the matter is that every process at Compton is broken.
- 13 We need to re-engage students by giving them library assignments that can only be completed in that facility.
- 14 We must keep in mind that El Camino's re-accreditation is OUR accreditation and we must do all in power to not be the focus of criticism during the accreditation process.
- 15 We must also systematically address the FCMAT findings.

16 The Senate President's email on the subject of accreditation was on point, and we must do everything we can to respond to the Accreditation site team when they visit in early October.

Panski thanked the Provost. He then went on to say that meetings between the Executive Boards of the Federation and Senate were being re-established this semester, beginning that afternoon. He also indicated that the divisions would be asked to make certain that they had representatives at the ECC Division Curriculum Committees. Such service, he added, would count as a faculty professional obligation, required by contract.

Administrative Reports

Dean Harmon informed the faculty that they would be receiving an email on "drops" and the last date on which to drop students without leaving a record would be September 15th. She also stressed the importance of retention and the importance of providing students with a supportive environment. At that same time we need to hold them accountable to academic standards; a community college environment is a good place at which they can learn that there are rules and consequences to actions. She concluded that if a faculty member was aware of a student who needed specific assistance, that person should send the name(s) of these students to the Academic Offices.

Report of Faculty Representative to Board (None, J Evans, absent).

Report from the Shared Governance Committee—no report from Darwin Smith, as the Committee has not met ,

Report from ASB—no student representative appointed; Senate officers invited by Nehasi Lee to attend ASB meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Report on Student Success Conference- Basic Skills: Jose Villalobos and Darwin Smith attended and spoke very briefly about this conference. Reports were similar to that provided to our faculty at Flex+Day. Another conference , it was pointed out, will take place from October 3-5th in Anaheim.

Accreditation Site Visit will take place from October 6-9th. Dr. Dever is one of the two Self-Study Coordinators (along with Dean of Enrollment Management Arvid Spor, at ECC. There will be an all-campus meeting on the upcoming site visit, which will take place on Wednesday, September 17th.

Ahmad complained about the continuous noise from fans in his classroom in

Voc-Tech.

Dean Curry provided a proposed reorganized structure of district institutional committees. The item will come back to the body at its next meeting, for formal approval.

Faculty representation on the Shared Governance Committee, as recommended by the Senate and Federation will be as follows: Darwin Smith, Billie Jo Moore, Fred Lamm. When new committee structure is formally adopted, faculty representation will increase to four; fourth member will be Manzoor Ahmad.

Faculty were urged to give students tasks that will require them to use their El Camino email addresses. It was pointed out that students accessing MyECC with Microsoft VISTA programs can not utilize the email function.

Senate Adjourned at 2:33 p.m.