

**MINUTES
OF THE
EL CAMINO COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE
COMPTON CENTER FACULTY COUNCIL**

**HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
March 6, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **13 members present:**
Saul Panski, Dr. August Hoffman, Estina Pratt,
Manzoor Ahmad, Jerome Evans, Pamela West, Darwin
Smith, Annaruth Garcia, Thomas
Norton, Dr. Art Flemming, Shemiran Lazar, Leonard
Clark, Marjeritta Philips

MEMBERS ABSENT: **6 members absent:**
Michael Odanaka, Tom Rydalch, Walter Bentley.
Mohammed Bouroudjerdi, Chris Halligan, Shirley
Thomas

**ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT:** **2 administrators present:**
Fred Sturner, Dr. Mary Callahan

VISITORS PRESENT: **6 visitors present:**
Rodney Murray, Axa Maradiaga, Ella
Stewart, Harvey Estrada, Aurora Perez-Cortez
Fredwill Hernandez

27 IN ATTENDANCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Saul Panski at 1:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The President asked for any amendments to the agenda. There were none.
Manzoor Ahmad/ Shemiran Lazar (moved/seconded) to approve the minutes of
March 6, 2008. Passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. August Hoffman/Darwin Smith (moved/seconded) to approve the minutes of February 21, 2008.

IV. REPORTS

Saul Panski announced that he would change the agenda order slightly as we had a distinguished visitor from the Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges headquartered in Sacramento. Jonathan Lightman, the Executive Director of FACCC, was introduced to the audience. He was with us to explain the current California Budget and to give us an update on the bill ACR 69.

Saul Panski gave a brief history of his dealings with FACCC and emphasized some reasons why it is so important to be a member of the organization. He stated that in his early days at Compton, he did not get all the information he needed from the Union. He then came upon this organization called FACCC, that not only kept him current, but also was speaking up for community colleges. He said AB318 was not readily embraced by the California Federation of Teachers; but FACCC supported the bill immediately.

Mr. Panski noted that when the bill went for first reading, only FACCC spoke in favor of it. He also said that FACCC bridges all other groups, and that no other organization can speak on our behalf like FACCC. He urged faculty members to join, and that inactive members reinstate their memberships.

Jonathan Lightman started off by pointing out the good relationship that exists between FACCC and the State Academic Senate. He mentioned that Lobby Day was coming up for all community colleges and indicated that we should participate.

He noted that there were 2 parts to the AB 318 that Assemblyman Dymally had authored for Compton College, the legislative and the fiscal. FACCC, he said, exists because there is a power imbalance between the community colleges and other segments of higher education, and it tries to bridge the gaps.

In explaining the budget process in California, he said that in January the Governor usually proposes a balanced budget. From there it follows the path until an agreement is reached on both sides; the Democrats and the Republicans.

He noted that because of no COLA, no growth funds and cuts to categorical programs, money for Community Colleges will be scarce in 08/09. The CSUs have also closed admissions early, and 52,000 spots will be lost, sending most of these individuals to available community colleges.

He explained that FACCC will soon call Proposition 92 proponents together to continue the momentum of the election campaign. He wants to see the separation of community Colleges from the K-12 system, in terms of funding formulae. He also explained that ACR expresses the will of the legislature, and does not have the force of law or statute.

He also said that AB 318 was problematic in some ways and therefore warrants a robust community discussion.

A short question and answer session followed.

- A. Saul announced that the resolution from the Senate for the late Jeannette Carlock was ready. Copies were passed out to members. He asked for a motion to pass the resolution. Manzoor Ahmad /Thomas Norton (moved/seconded) the resolution. Passed. Mr. Panski announced plans for a memorial on campus for Jeannette Carlock. It is being sponsored by the Senate, the Union, and the Classified Union under the guidance of Dr. August Hoffman. The resolution will be presented to Jeanette's family at that time. Mr. Panski urged all members to stay in their classes if they have a class scheduled at that time.

Because of time constraints, Dr. Pieter Van Niel was asked to defer his concerns until the next Senate meeting on March 20th.

Saul Panski informed the Senate that Art Flemming, Rodney Murray and he attended a meeting last week at ECC for Division Chairs to discuss the fall schedule. It was a good meeting and a lot was accomplished. He also stated that their argument was for at least 600 sections to be offered so that we can at least get close to reaching our FTES target. He also spoke against the administration for pushing productivity above all else.

At the last ECC Senate meeting, faculty were concerned about the breakdown of collegial consultation on the main campus. They are considering writing up a list of violations and may seek the assistance of the State Academic Senate.

Dr. August Hoffman added that for the last year that is all we on this campus have been talking about as well.

Two screening committees are about to convene; one for the Administrative Dean of Academic Affairs and one for the Dean of Vocational Technology. Saul asked for volunteers to serve on the screening committee for the Voc. Tech Dean. Ahmad Manzoor and Harvey Estrada were willing to serve and Marjeritta Philips volunteered as an alternate. Mr. Panski informed the Senate that the Provost's position will close in April. The ECC Senate Exec Board has been asked by Barbara Perez to revise their faculty hiring policy. We might now be on their screening committees.

Nahasi Lee asked about the Chancellor's cancelled visit. She did not make it to our campus but was able to get to ECC. Saul announced that she would be here on March 25th.

- B. **Faculty Rep Report**
No Report
- C. **Shared Governance Comm. Report**
No Report
- D. **Student Rep**
Fredwill Hernandez briefly mentioned the Student Forum that was held March 5th in the Student Lounge. He indicated that it was mostly the same issues brought up the last time like bathrooms, cafeteria, and bookstore. He also wanted to know if another meeting about the fall schedule will take place at ECC.

Dr. Pieter Van Niel denounced the recent actions of FCMAT on our campus. He described their behavior as Nazi-like, spying on faculty, and stated that was disgusting. He said he was tired of being beaten up by the state.. He remains extremely proud to be faculty member of this institution. He went on to say it was time for faculty to stand up for what an educational institution stands for.

Mr. Panski let Dr. Van Niel know that he will be on the March 20th agenda.

Adjournment

Thomas Norton/August Hoffman (moved/seconded) that the meeting be Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Ss Faithfully submitted by Estina Pratt

