

ACADEMIC SENATE

COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MINUTES

Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2009, 1:00 p.m. - Board Room

Senators Present: Leonard Clark, Art Flemming, Manzoor Ahmad, Shemiran Lazar, Jerome Evans, Estina Pratt, Eugene Benson, Christopher Halligan, Shirley Thomas, Michael Odanaka, Tom Norton, Saul Panski, Darwin Smith, Annaruth Garcia, Pamela West, Marjeritta Phillips (16) Senators present.

Administrators Present: Dean Curry, Dr. Harmon, Fred Sturner (3) Administrators Present.

Guests: Carmela Aguilar, Chelvi Subramaniam, Ella Stewart, Silvia Arroyo, Nehasi Lee (5) Guests Present.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted, Evans, Pratt (moved/ seconded)

III. Approval of Minutes

The Academic Senate Minutes of October 22, 2009 were approved on a Motion by Pratt, West (moved/ seconded)

IV. Reports

A. President's Report

Area C Meeting was last Saturday at Los Angeles Harbor College, with Smith, Pratt, and Phillips attending.

The Plenary will be next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (11/12- 11/14/09) Smith is our voting representative.

It was noted that the Spring 2010 Area C meeting will be at El Camino College on March 27th, 2010.

FCMAT

Clark inquired about who (of the faculty) was visited. No one present indicated that their classes had been visited. It was concluded, therefore, that perhaps there had been no time for classroom visits given the quantity of documents being reviewed by the team.

Smith noted that the FCMAT team had singled out the Earth Sciences (Geology) program review for its excellence.

While there was nor formal exit interview conducted to the President's knowledge, FCMAT team members comments included observations that the classes seemed to be full and the faculty highly motivated and energized. It appeared that the FCMAT team was pleased with progress in the areas of fiscal affairs and facilities as well. The governance process was yet to be reviewed by the FCMAT team, which would come to campus the following week.

Panski reminded the Senators and guests that Compton would need to reach sufficiency in all areas under review, and retain that level for two years before it could be even considered as a candidate for accreditation. This means that even in a best case scenario it is unreasonable to expect candidacy to be approved for three years. This means that talk about accrediting Compton must take into consideration that we are talking about 2012-2013 in a best case scenario, and most likely a later date. He indicated that he thought it was more likely to have candidacy approved somewhere between four and six years.

ECC Accreditation

The President summarized comments from the ECC Accreditation Team Exit Meeting, which included commendations on progress made in the area of program review and planning, as well as curriculum. The Chair of the Team had also indicated that the team had no concerns relative to the three recommendations linked to Compton and indicated that El Camino had a "lot to be proud of" in terms of their response to the ACCJC recommendations.

Panski also indicated that there appeared to be some confusion on the part of the Team relative to the various levels of planning at ECC but this appeared to have been

clarified. The Team also asked a large number of questions related to Student Learning Outcomes (SLOS). Panski reminded the Senate that EÇC is required to demonstrate sustainability in this area by 2012.

Panski added that both campuses will be working actively to implement assessments and that Professor Subramaniam would be spearheading assessment efforts on our campus.

He added that ECC had indicated that while ECC has informed the Commission that it has reached the sustainable and proficiency level required for program review, planning, and budgeting, the Center is only at the "developmental" level in this area and needed to continue refining its efforts.

Panski concluded by stating that it was clear that the Center had made the effort required of it to support ECC in getting removed from sanctions, whether it was related to involvement in program review, linking planning to budgeting, or progress in terms of fiscal solvency, human resource planning, or facilities planning.

B. College Council

Odanka indicated that the Council had not met that week because of the Accreditation visit.

C. Administrative Reports

Dr. Harmon discussed the winter and spring schedules and indicated that an effort is being made to add classes at key times, including afternoons. She added that ECC would be recommending classes at Compton to students unable to get into classes on the main campus.

Manzoor wanted to know why there are no CTE classes in the winter and Dr. Harmon responded that the emphasis was on transfer level courses. She added, in response to a query from Wasserberger, that it was believed that offering CTE courses in winter simply drained potential enrollments from fall and spring. Classes in this area, it was added, are not being offered at the Torrance campus either.

Phillips asked what Harmon meant by afternoon classes and was told that classes would be scheduled between 2 and 6.

Arroyo stressed the importance of having a counselor on duty during winter session and on Saturdays. Curry responded that there will be a counselor on duty Saturdays from 8am to noon. He also indicated that he intended to have staff in the Admissions and Records Office during these hours as well. He also agreed that counselors were needed in the winter and was addressing this matter.

D. Report on Area C.

Smith indicated that the meeting at LAHC had been very productive, with detailed discussion of pending resolutions. Panski urged Senators to contact Smith if they had concerns about any of the proposed resolutions, which had previously been emailed to them.

E. Faculty Rep to the Board

Evans indicated that he had no report.

V. Discussion Items

Panski informed the membership that Chairs had been asked to recommend and justify new full time hires for 2010-2011 and that these requests would be reviewed by the Hiring Prioritization Council (faculty members Pratt & Lyles) and then brought to the Senate for approval/review at the 12.3.09 meeting.

Harmon stressed that any proposed hire had to be included in an area's program review and that all area plans must be completed by 11/23/09. The HPC will not approve any position that is not in Plan Builder.

Flemming stressed that our substantial growth—at a time when new faculty hires had been implemented—was untenable and that we need to begin hiring in key areas.

Panski added that any recommendation for a new hire had to keep long-term enrollment trends and not just the bump we are currently benefiting from because of the dire State fiscal situation. He expected that ECC would only replace retirees at Torrance at this time because of fiscal uncertainties.

VI. Action Items.

Panski asked the Senate to support a request to the Provost to table Board Policy 2510 "Participation in Local Decision Making" and Administrative Regulations 2511 "Council Committee Structure," pending revisions by the Senate.

He added that he had asked the Chair of the Consultative Council to pull these items but this had not taken place and the Council had approved them. Both items dealt with the Senate and its role at the institution.

Panski indicated that he believed that these items were being developed by a consultant and were following a generalized template from the Community College League but they were deficient.

The BP did not enumerate the role of the Senate in a fashion similar to the same policy at ECC and the Administrative Regulations had errors in faculty membership listings. It had also removed the approved involvement of the Federation in the appointment of members of some committees.

Flemming spoke in support of the Senate's request to have these items tabled. So did Odanaka, who asked whether they would be resubmitted to the Council after being revised by the Senate. Panski indicated that this would seem to be the logical course of action.

Smith added that he had not opposed approval of these items by the Council because he had been told they were needed to demonstrate to the FCMAT team that we were making progress in adopting a corpus of board policies. He stated that the Chair of the Council did indicate that the Senate President had raised some concerns about these items.

Ahmad pointed out that we do not need to mimic ECC. Panski responded by stating that we would like to have the 10+1 powers granted in Ed Code to the Senate included in the policy and that this was not specific to ECC.

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It was Moved/Seconded (Pratt/Phillips) that the Senate request that the Provost table both BP2510 and AR 2511 until such time as the Senate could review them and make suggested revisions, at which time the revised documents could be reconsidered by the Consultative Council.
drew her previous Motion.

Odanaka asked that the Senate consider these items at its next meeting.

Nehasi Lee asked if the portion of the Policy discussing the Council should be removed from the document.

Panski also pointed out that the revised AR increased the number of faculty members on the Student Success Committee to nine (9)

Motion was approved with one abstention (Ahmad)

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:05 p.m. (Pratt/Phillips Moved/Seconded).