

**MINUTES
OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING**

**HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
March 18, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Art Flemming, Shemiram Lazar, Ahmad Manzoor, Jerome Evans, Leonard Clark, Chris Halligan, Michael Odanaka, Shirley Thomas, Tom Norton, Estina Pratt, Saul Panski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela West, Jose Villalobos,, Fred Lamm, Eugene Benson, Marjeritta Philips, Annaruth Garcia, Darwin Smith

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Susan Dever, Keith Curry, Juan Pazos, Mytha Pascual

VISITORS PRESENT: Dr. Fazal Aasi. Silvia Arroyo,. Chelvi Subramaniam

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m., by S.Panski

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include a presentation on financial aid by Director Pascual. It was then approved. Norton, Evans (moved, seconded)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 4 March 2010 were approved Halligan, Clark (moved, seconded)

IV. REPORTS

President's Report

Panski indicated that resolutions were being prepared to congratulate Dr. Wu and Carroll Fisher on their pending retirement. He also stated that the Federation would likely sponsor some sort of get-together to mark this milestone. Silvia Arroyo indicated that she, Marjeritta Philips, Vanessa Haynes Dr. French-Preston, and Chris Halligan were working to organize such an event.

It was suggested that the Federation might provide funds to suitably frame the resolutions, since the Senate had no discretionary funds for such purposes. Panski added that the resolutions would be presented at an upcoming meeting of the body and that the Chairs would be asked to encourage all of the retirees' colleagues to attend.

Panski indicated that the ECC Academic Senate is considering holding its regular meeting of Tuesday, April 20, 2010 on the Compton campus. Logistics were being worked out and he would report back on this matter.

Panski reported that Senate/Council representatives from divisions and other instructional groups without a Chair were being conducted but it may be necessary to hold a campus-wide election to select the two At-Large and Adjunct representatives for 2010-2011. He added that emails asking for nominations in these two areas would be forthcoming. All elections will take place in April.

The President indicated that hiring committees were being established for faculty positions for 2010-2011. He indicated that Boatwright and Osanyinpeju would be on the Anatomy/Physiology committee while Odanaka and French-Preston would be on the committee for the Financial Aid Counselor. ECC faculty were still being solicited, as were faculty members to serve on the hiring committees for Nursing and Kinesiology/Coaching.

Panski asked for consent to have Darwin Smith serve as Compton's voting delegate at the April Plenary Session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges in San Francisco. There was unanimous assent. He added that Professor Pratt would not be going to Plenary as planned but Professor Halligan would be.

The President then relinquished the floor to Professor Odanaka, who spoke about recent state legislation urging California universities and colleges to grant honorary degrees to Japanese-Americans who did not graduate because of the outbreak of World War II and the internment of more than 120,000 Japanese-Americans. He indicated that there was support from both Compton and El Camino administrators to redress this injustice but it was a complex matter since Compton College no longer existed and El Camino College was not founded until after World War II. Degrees, would have been granted, he pointed out, by the Compton Junior College District in 1942. Michael also spoke about his father having attended Compton and about his mother, who was one of the Nisei who were interned. Several faculty members indicated that they would like to assist him in this initiative, including Professors Pratt, Halligan, Ahmad, and Subramaniam. The entire body commended him on this effort.

Director of the Foundation for the Compton Community College District

Juan Pazos, Executive Director of the Foundation for the Compton Community College District introduced himself and outlined the purpose of the newly established foundation. He outlined who the current Board of Directors were and indicated that he hoped to see the board expand to between sixteen and twenty individuals. He added that the Foundation was being supported by a Title V grant administered by Nelly Rodriguez at ECC.

Pazos indicated that the three areas of emphasis for the Foundation which he would to focus on are:

- scholarships
- textbooks for students
- grants from non-governmental organizations

He added that he would also like to establish a viable alumni association and had amassed a sizable database of graduates which would be utilized for this purpose.

Finally, he discussed the Osher Foundation scholarship program and steps that he was taking to ensure that Compton met its match. He added that he hoped that faculty members would consider making a personal donation to this matching grant.

Finally, he pointed out that there would be mini-grants funded by Title V and open to faculty with project ideas and proposals.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Professor Evans highlighted the presentation made by Professor Estrada and a committee established by the Federation, at Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Trustees. He stated that the presentation was a slide show documenting the deplorable condition of campus facilities in several areas of the campus. He pointed out that a raccoon had also fallen through the roof of the Learning Center in the G-Row. Members of the committee who had compiled the information for Estrada's presentation were mentioned as well. They included Professors Halligan, Thomas, Johnson, Maruyama, Uch, and Phillips.

Director of Financial Aid

Director Pascua made a brief presentation on financial aid and pointed out that many students had to petition after having lost financial aid because of poor academic performance. She passed out some statistical information and flyers from the FA Office and indicated that the office was already gearing up for fall applications. She added that scholarships were a crucial component of ensuring that students remain in school and asked for faculty to serve on a campus Scholarship Committee.

Panski asked for three volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Committee and the following three faculty members volunteered: Estina Pratt, Thomas Norton, and Shemiram Lazar.

V, **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

None

VII **ADJOURNMENT.**

Pratt/ Halligan (moved, seconded) a Motion to Adjourn at 2:20 p.m.

