

MINUTES
OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
May 6, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Manzoor Ahmad, Leonard Clark, Darwin Smith, Art Flemming, Chris Halligan, Annaruth Garcia, Michael Odanaka, Eugene Benson, Fred Lamm, Jose Villalobos, Pamela West, Jerome Evans, Shemiram Lazar, Tom Norton, .Estina Pratt, Saul Panski

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. L. Cox, B. Perez, Dr. S. Dever, Fred Sturner

VISITORS PRESENT: Members of the Compton faculty and students

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m., by Saul Panski

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved. Halligan, Pratt (moved/ seconded)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for 4.8.10 were approved: Norton, Halligan (moved/ seconded)

IV. REPORTS

Reports were waived .

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Resolutions of Commendation were read for the three faculty retirees. Don Roach read the resolution honoring Dr. Wu, Dr. Dever read the resolution honoring Carroll Fisher, and Ahmad Manzoor read the resolution honoring Robert Morgan.

The resolutions were approved individually by acclamation after the following movers/seconders: Wu-- Pratt/ Halligan Fisher-- Halligan/Smith M Morgan— Norton/Evans.

Each retiree took pictures with faculty colleagues and subsequently with Dr. Cox and Vice President Perez.

Each retiree addressed the body individually, followed by Dr. Cox and Barbara Perez.

Dr. Wu spoke of his many years of service and of his desire to see the college accredited once again. He indicated how proud he is when his students succeed in fields such as nursing and hoped that the time would come again when we could offer a comprehensive chemistry program. He said he would be rooting for us when we restored the college even if he was not with us, but he realized that as he was getting the grandchildren of his students in class, it was time to go.

Carroll Fisher spoke of how she had found her experience a time of constant learning, from her students and from her colleagues. She stated that she had felt privileged to teach at Compton and found our students to be warm, friendly, and enthusiastic. She wished the institution a bright, independent future.

Professor Morgan said that Compton was his home and it could never be taken away from him. He added that he hoped to continue teaching here on a part-time basis. He was confident that we can be successful and stressed that what the institution is currently going through is just one more trial. He urged the faculty to stay united and added that he would never forget where he came from.

Dr. Cox spoke to the group and recounted some personal experiences he had had with each of the retirees. He also remarked on the clear sense of family that permeated the room. He added that the Compton faculty works hard and all employees truly care. He concluded by saying that we would all miss the retirees but wished them well.

Vice President Perez thanked the retirees for their service and indicated that while she has been in her current position for only a short time, she has known the retirees for several years, and knew that they had given their heart and soul to make the institution a success. She added that Compton was now on the verge of a renaissance, as we begin to hire new faculty members for next year. Compton, she concluded, has a bright future ahead.

Saul Panski thanked the Print Shop for its assistance in preparing the resolutions, and those faculty members who had contributed financially to provide refreshments that afternoon.

He then called on the Vice President, who announced that Dr. Fallo had decided to have El Camino purchase a new computer for each Compton faculty member. This announcement met with hearty applause. She added that she hoped that these computers would be distributed by Flex Day in the fall.

Panski added that the Federation would be sponsoring a luncheon for the retirees on June 2, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. He added that details about the venue and other matters would be forthcoming shortly.

Professor Subramanian also asked the faculty to assist her effort to coordinate SLO Course Assessment.

Before adjourning, he reminded the Senators that officer elections for 2010-2011 would take place at the next meeting of the Senate, on Thursday, May 20, 2010/

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 with the admonition that the Council would convene sharply at 2:15 p.m. to hear several important items. Evans/Norton