

MINUTES
OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
May 20, 2010

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Barbara Perez, Keith Curry, Ricky Shabazz, Rodney Murray, Juan Pazos

VISITORS PRESENT: David Maruyama, Fazai Aasi, Cornelia Lyles, Terrance Stewart, Silvia Arroyo, Vanessa Haynes, Chelvi Subramaniam, Dr.French-Preston

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., by Saul Panski

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for 5.6.10 were approved Halligan, Evans (moved/ seconded)

IV. REPORTS

None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Panski indicated that the body would commence election of officers for 2010-2011 at 1:15 p.m, as communicated to members. In the meantime he would update the members on several matters.

Proposed Program Discontinuance Policy

A draft Program Viability, Intervention, and Discontinuance Policy is being worked on at ECC and would be presented as an information item to the ECC AS Senate on 6/1/10 and to the Compton Faculty Council on 6/3/10

Budget Update

The CBO, Ron Gerhard, will present the Senate with a budget update for 2010-2011 at the 6/3/10 Senate meeting, Our goal for 2009-2010 was 5600 FTES and was predicated on borrowing 250 sections from the first 2010 summer session. Due to scheduling changes and the census date for apportionment, this will not be possible,

and this will have a considerable impact on our ending balance/reserve for 2009-2010. The CBO continues to believe that we will end the year with at least a 3% contingency reserve, and hopefully higher. On a positive note, this will mean that all of summer session FTES will count for 2010-2011, when our goal is to attain 6400 FTES.

Board Policy 2510 "Local Participation in Decision Making" will be brought back to the Senate for approval, and will include some suggested revisions to the text requested by the District. It was the feeling of the District that the policy, as previously approved, delegated inordinate powers to the Senate, powers which should ultimately reside with the Board of Trustees.

Nisei Diploma Project

Professor Odanaka provided the Senate with a brief update on the Nisei Diploma Project and the efforts to reach former Compton JC students. He discussed plans for a ceremony and reception to be held on our campus during the fall and expressed the hope that it would be part of a week of activities commemorating Japanese-American contributions to America. He requested that faculty incorporate the experience of the Japanese-Americans in the 1940's in their coursework, as feasible. He also indicated that Professors Maruyama and Halligan were helping to coordinate this effort. Professor Maruyama also recounted some of the ongoing efforts to reach potential recipients and highlighted the role of several Compton JC students in 20th century American politics and society.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

The President noted that all eighteen members of the Senate were in attendance. He then turned the election process over to the Vice President, indicating that the Constitution of the Academic Senate calls for the annual election of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Curriculum Chair/ Curriculum Representative,

Election of Officers

President

Ahmad Manzoor was nominated. Lamm, Halligan; (moved/ seconded)
Saul Panski was nominated; Evans, Halligan (moved/ seconded).

Election by secret ballot ensued with the counting of the ballots and certification of results conducted by Norton and witnessed by Evans and Lamm Saul Panski 15 votes
Manzoor Ahmad 3 votes

Vice President

Estina Pratt was nominated; Smith, Evans (moved/ seconded).
Marjeritta Phillips was nominated by Manzoor Ahmad but she declined
Estina Pratt was declared Vice President by acclamation.

Secretary

Chris Halligan was nominated; Norton, Smith (moved/ seconded)

There were no other nominations. Chris Halligan was declared Secretary by acclamation

Curriculum Chair/ Representative

Tom Norton was nominated; Evans, Smith (moved/ seconded).

There were no other nominations.

Tom Norton was declared Curriculum Chair/ Rep by acclamation.

Panski noted that Professor French-Preston would also be representing the Center on the ECC Curriculum Committee, on behalf of Counseling, replacing Michael Odanaka.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Panski indicated that the Constitution of the Academic Senate provided for the appointment of a Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees by the Executive Board, but he inquired if there were any Senators interested in serving in this position. Professor Evans indicated that he was willing to continue in this capacity, whereupon the Executive Board unanimously certified his re-appointment to this post for 2010-2011.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President, Compton Center

Barbara Perez asked to briefly discuss a matter related to Fall Flex Day, prior to adjournment. She wanted to know if the body would support a “visioning” exercise, to be conducted by noted consultants, to help us delineate our vision of Compton in the future. The information gathered from such a session would help us prepare our Educational Master Plan and help position us when we are ready for advancement to candidacy as an accredited college. It was the clear sense of the Senate to support this activity. Dr. Preston added that the visioning exercise should be linked to professional development planning for faculty and staff.

Retirement Luncheon

The President indicated that he had been asked to remind the members that the luncheon for our faculty retirees will take place on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Greenfield’s Restaurant in Long Beach. Cost per person is \$30 and faculty are requested to RSVP to either Vanessa Haynes or Estina Pratt, so that the proper accommodations can be in place for the event.

A motion to adjourn was made; Evans, Villalobos (moved/ seconded). The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.