

ACADEMIC SENATE
COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MINUTES
Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2010 1:00 pm Board Room

Senators In Attendance:

- Thomas Norton
- Christopher Halligan
- Art Flemming
- Jerome Evans
- Marjeritta Phillips
- Annaruth Garcia
- Shemiran Lazar
- Manzoor Ahmad
- Leonard Clark
- Shirley Thomas
- Darwin Smith
- Jose Villalobos
- Fred Lamm
- Estina Pratt

Guests:

- Fazal Aasi
- Aurora Cortez-Perez
- Ella Stewart
- Chelvi Subramaniam
- Lars Kjeseth (Main Campus)
- Reuben James
- Chris Gold (Main Campus)
- Lawrence Cox
- Christopher Richardson
- David Vakil
- Irene Graff (Main Campus)

- I. **Call to Order** - Saul Panski
- II. **Approval of Agenda** - Jerome Evans, Second: Thomas Norton.
- III. **Approval of Minutes for 9/9/2010** - Marjerrita Phillips,
Second: Thomas Norton.
- IV. **Reports:**

President's:

- **Fall Senate Plenary** will be held **Nov. 11th - 13th in Anaheim, CA.** We would like to be able to send as many senators as we can, but we are waiting for confirmation of the budget to see how many we can send.

- **Board Training** will commence this week. Saul is participating with VP Perez in one session on **9/29**. He will be explaining the following information with regard to Senate/Council because the board needs to understand that there are processes:
 1. The roll of senate on campus/10+1 rule.
 2. The functions of the council.
 3. Discuss curriculum development as it relates to faculty.
- **Accreditation** - There will be an **accreditation meeting on 10/5** with Dr. Arce, Dr. Cox, and VP Perez in attendance to discuss the Center's timeline for eligibility for accreditation. Tentative timelines and goal-setting will be set in motion. FYI - Accreditation process involves: 1.) Meeting eligibility for consideration, and 2.) Candidacy for accreditation. There will be five subcommittees created and it will require much faculty involvement. "It ain't gonna happen without the faculty."
- **BRIC** - Stands for "Bridging Research Information and Cultures." We were one of ten awarded this grant. On 9/30, the team arrives on campus and there will be an **all campus meeting on 9/30 at 3 p.m.** They want to talk to the entire faculty.
- **Important Budget Planning Meeting** also being held on **9/30 at 1 p.m.** Discussion items will include 50% Law for 2010-2011. Faculty will want to review changes between the tentative budget and the final budget. "Be there!"
- **CBO Screening** - The faculty have selected Professor Joiner to sit on the new business officer screening committee. Committee will convene on 9/29.

Admin. Report: N/A

Faculty Rep: N/A

Consultative Council:

- Monzoor Ahmad is now the 4th appointee to the council. Tom Norton said that the wording of the clause on vacation time for classified employees was discussed at the last meeting.

Discussion Items:

- Deferred until next meeting by Saul due to heavy schedule.

Action Items:

- **Status of CEO** - Senator Pratt had concerns regarding the CEO contract, and **made a motion** to support Dr. Cox as our current CEO.
- contract with an option for extension. It is no secret that Dr. Cox has been sending out applications to other institutions. It was also noted that it is crucial to our re-accreditation that we exhibit stability in our administration - we have not been able to do that as of yet.

1. **Dr. Landsberger** - Discussed how lack of stability does have an effect on instruction. He also pointed out that Dr. Cox must be notified by the end of 2010 whether or not he will be rehired, and an evaluation is being conducted now.
2. **Chelvi Subramaniam** - Asked if we are showing support for stabilizing the CEO position or showing support for Dr. Cox. She pointed out that we need to be very careful in our wording.
3. **Darwin Smith** - Pointed out that one of the things that ACCJC was most critical about was the lack of stability on top.
4. **Dr. Landsberger** - Pointed out that the partnership has been and continues to be a difficult road. What happens between the two campuses - the differences, disagreements, and growing pains - MUST BE KEPT INTERNAL AND PRIVATE. Externally, with regard to ACCJC and the accreditation - WE NEED TO APPEAR TO BE TOTALLY ON THE SAME PAGE. (Referring to recent Board actions and behavior). He pointed out that Compton District's board is "making El Camino College very nervous" but he is committed to keeping the process moving.
5. **Art Flemming** - Pointed out that Student Services under Dean Curry is the only administrative area at the Center that has been consistently overseen over the last several years by the same individual and, not surprisingly, the most successful.
6. **Pieter Van Niel** - Stated that people feel as though "we have been remade" here at Compton Center. While he supports Senate forwarding a motion of support for stability in administration, he felt it was equally important to point out, officially, that the partnership has all but ignored the culture at Compton Center.

Motion on the Table: *So move that the Academic Senate of the Compton Community College District support the notion of stability in the top-level positions of administration in order to better prepare the Center for accreditation.*

- **So moved by: Estina Pratt, second: Pieter Van Niel**
- **14 "Yays", 0 "Nays", 0 Abstentions.**
- **Faculty Social Mixer** - Senator Halligan discussed (again) the importance of faculty to start taking ownership in their institution. However no one supports the use of alcohol to loosen the faculty up. Halligan was sent back to the drawing board to come up with some more ideas.
- **Committee Membership** - Deferred until next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn - Marjerrita Phillips, Second: Jerome Evans.
Approved by unanimous vote.