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ACADEMIC SENATE
COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Minutes

Thursday, October 7, 2010 1:00 p.m. Board Room

Senators:

Darwin Smith, Art Flemming, Shemiram Lazar, Annaruth Garcia, Estina Pratt, Pamella West, Shirley Thomas, Eugene Benson, Fred Lamm, Michael Odanaka, Manzoor Ahmad, Thomas Norton, Saul Panski

Administrators:

Dr. Cox, Barbara Perez, Fred Sturner, Dr. Curry, Rodney Murray

Guests:

Nehasi Lee, Michael Khalilzadeh, Ella Stewart, Dovard Ross, Chelvi Subramaniam, Carmela Aguilar, Aurora Cortez-Perez, Fazal Aasi, Mandeda Uch, Harvey Estrada

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m., by Saul Panski

II. Approval of Agenda

Benson moved and Pratt seconded the adoption of the agenda
Passed

III. Approval of Minutes

Benson moved and Lazar seconded a motion to adopt the Minutes of 23.September.2010
Passed

IV. Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Nisei Project

Michael Odanaka gave an update, noting that 40 degrees will be awarded and 250 individuals are expected to attend—10 from out-of-state, including 1 person coming all the way from Ohio. He commended Juan Pazos and Toni Wasserberger for their library/archive exhibit.

Panski thanked all those who worked to put up this exhibit as well, including Vice President Perez. He indicated that the diploma ceremony would be a full-scale commencement and that the event was being coordinated by a dedicated committee, including the Maintenance and Operations department. He particularly

commended Dr. Dever for coordinating the various aspects of the entire month and the upcoming ceremony.

Panski also commented on the lecture by Alan Nishio the previous day and thanked those instructors who encouraged their students to attend. It was noted that the Student Lounge was packed and that the students were very interested in what the speaker had to say, many staying after the presentation had officially ended to continue asking questions.

Ella Stewart informed the group that she had asked Ivan Crosbie to publicize the event and make sure that media outlets were aware of the ceremony

Great Shake Out, October 21, 2010

Panski reminded the Senators of the earthquake/emergency drill , scheduled for October 21st and pointed out that there were flyers on the resource table discussing this activity.

BRIC Project

Panski gave an update on the recent visit of the BRIC team. He indicated that our visitors had concluded that the institution was much further along in key areas than the proposal to the organization had suggested, and that there needed to be a reformulation of how the project can assist the institution. Particular progress on planning and SLO assessment were indicated. He indicated that the team would review the initial proposal and reformulate a plan to provide us with meaningful assistance; the team mentioned the possibility of promoting dialogue on the part of faculty and staff as one possibility.

Budget

Panski stated that the CCCD will meet the 50% Law in 2010-2011, for the first time in 10 years. He also singled out Dr. Cox for his steadfast determination to ensure compliance. He also praised Professor Flemming for his steadfast insistence on compliance.

Vice President Perez added that part of the strategy to ensure compliance with the 50% law will be the hiring of three full time faculty for the spring semester , two in English and one in Mathematics. She added that this decision had been made quickly because of time constraints but that the institution would continue to utilize the regular hiring prioritization process

for future hires. She stated that we are considering hiring from 4 to 6 additional full timers for the Fall 2011 semester.

Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Cox thanked Art Flemming and the other BPC Committee members for their efforts on the 50% Law.

He noted that we needed 110% engagement by the faculty to move forward on accreditation eligibility.

He singled out the hard work of Michael Odanaka and the NDP Committee for efforts on the Nisei project. He noted that the Nisei had lost everything and were the victims of a great injustice, and that our granting of honorary diplomas was a small but important gesture in making amends for a great historical wrong. He concluded that he was very much looking forward to the October 16th ceremony.

Accreditation

Panski reported that the Accreditation Steering Committee had not met yet but that there would be three faculty members on the Committee, the Chair of the Faculty Council and two others to be chosen by the Council. Our task would be to ensure that we meet all of the twenty-one eligibility criteria for accreditation. If all goes well, we will seek eligibility in fall 2010 and could become accredited by 2015, after the preparation and approval of a Self-Study Report and a successful period of candidacy.

Nehasi Lee wanted to be sure that students are represented in the accreditation effort and was told that there is a student on the Steering Committee, as well as classified representatives.

Board of Governors

Panski noted that the Board of Governors will hold their November regular meeting at El Camino College and that members of the BOG would be visiting the Compton campus on November 9th for a few hours. He had no additional information on this visit.

SLO ASSESSMENT SUMMIT

Subramaniam discussed the upcoming SLO Core Competencies Assessment Summit, to take place on October 14-15 at El Camino.

She urged faculty to attend and explained that once a faculty member worked through the assessment process he/she would find it relatively easy to do. She added that she was also always available for assistance.

Comments

Professor Manzoor expressed appreciation for the new laptops distributed to faculty. He also commented on the unfortunate loss of civilian life in Pakistan in recent weeks.

Vice President Perez noted that the Winter 2010 and Spring 2011 class schedules have been "put to bed."

Estina Pratt added that there was discussion at that week's ECC Academic Senate meeting, as to whether or not ECC should eliminate winter session in the future and have two back-to-back summer sessions.

Panski pointed out that Toni Wasserberger is our representative on the Calendar Committee. He stressed that there will be a winter session this year.

Nehasi Lee asked the Senate President to meet with the ASB Council, to discuss the importance of student involvement in the shared governance process.

Administrative Reports

None

Faculty Representative Report

None

Consultative Council Report

None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Facilities Update

Fred Sturner presented an update on the LRC, touching on necessary approvals from the Division of State Architect, repairs to be made, and the need to remediate sound, air circulation, and other matters. He indicated that litigation is ongoing to cover the costs of repairs and remediation.

Flemming asked about utility costs for the new LRC and was told that energy saving systems should limit these costs.

Srturmer indicated that there would be completely new glass placed into the LRC, and a new underpinning structure. Manzoor recommended consideration of solar power and Sturmer responded that this would not be possible with the LRC but would be a feature of part of the infrastructure project.

Lazar asked if those parties who had not completed their work in accordance with stipulated requirements were being held accountable, and Sturmer responded that there had been and was ongoing litigation.

Sturmer next briefly discussed the steps/phases of the infrastructure project, and its impacts on parking, access, and mobility. Phase 1 would be ongoing, he added, for a significant period of time.

Sturmer added that funds were in the budget to retrofit the Allied Health Building and the District had a proposal for a new Huanities Building, to be started (plans and working drawings) in 2012, pursuant to passage of a proposed bond measure

He concluded by stating that the first facilities project that would be visible was the Little Theater renovation, which will start very shortly.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Norton/ seconded by Pratt, to adopt the Senate resolution commending Nisei students, on the receipt of their honorary degrees from the Compton College District on Saturday, October 16. Passed by acclamation. It was suggested that the completed Resolution eventually be hung in the Library.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was moved by Pratt and seconded by Ahmad Manzoor at 2:20 p.m.