

**ACADEMIC SENATE
COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2010 1:00 pm Board Room

In Attendance:

- Thomas Norton
- Christopher Halligan
- Art Flemming
- Jerome Evans
- Shemiran Lazar
- Manzoor Ahmad
- Leonard Clark
- Shirley Thomas
- Darwin Smith
- Michael Odanaka
- Estina Pratt
- Saul Panski
- Jose Villalobos

Guests:

- Aurora Cortez-Perez
- Ella Stewart
- Chelvi Subramaniam
- David Vakil
- David Maruyama
- Mandeda Uch
- Lawrence Cox

- I. Call to Order** - Saul Panski
II. Approval of Agenda - Jerome Evans, Second: Manzoor Ahmad.
III. Approval of Minutes for 9/23/2010 - Christopher Halligan,
Second: Darwin Smith.
IV. Reports:

President's:

- **Panski Resignation still in effect** - December 17th is likely the last day that he will be presiding as president of the senate. He might be staying on until spring, but if not V.P. **Estina Pratt** will assume the duties of president.
- **May Elections** - If any faculty is interested in running for Academic Senate President, start putting your campaign together now. If not interested, start recruiting in your department for a candidate. Make sure they are on the Senate by April. Please note that the commitment by the president will be for long-term. Saul anticipates that it will be 12-18 months until we are ready for an accreditation self-study, and a full two years before we will be eligible for candidacy.
- **For the record**, Estina Pratt as well as the majority of the senate **does not accept Mr. Panski's resignation**. We informed him that he **MUST** stay in the position forever.

- **Area C Meeting** - It will be held October 30th at the L.A. Pierce College from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. It is free with free parking. This is where the resolutions for our area that will be presented at the Fall Plenary will be discussed. It is a great opportunity to network.
- **Fall Plenary** - It will be held November 11 - 13th at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel. So far, Darwin Smith is the only delegate attending. Please let Saul know if you are interested in attending.
- **Faculty Seat on Board of Governors** - A faculty seat has opened up for the state Board of Governors. Saul believes we should nominate a faculty member. It would be a big coup.
- **Nisei Diploma Ceremony** - There were 500+ people in attendance. The stars aligned and everything went off without a hitch. Students and families were overwhelmed by how nice it was. Everyone had a great time. Faculty turnout was good. The food was great. Special thanks to the senate/council, as well as M&O and all the staff who helped make it happen. There was good press including a nice write-up in the L.A. Times. Saul pointed out that the UPI wire picked up the story, so it was being reported on all over the world. Photos and a video will be available on-line soon. Toni Wasserberger and Juan Pazos did a wonderful exhibit in the library. Go check it out. Saul gave a special thanks to Mandeda Uch for his musical contribution. Dr. Cox thanked the Nisei Diploma Project Committee. He reported that Chancellor's Office staff that it was the best attended of all the diploma ceremonies so far.
- **Miscellaneous suggestions and information:** Dr. Cox suggested that the:
 1. Nisei Exhibit in the library should stay up indefinitely.
 2. The Foundation will send thank-you notes to everyone involved.
 3. We should set up a scholarship or endowed chair so that we can make this a sustainable memorial.

It was added that there will also be a **Student Debate** coming up in November.

Admin. Report: No report

Faculty Representative: Jerome Evans - reported that the Nisei Ceremony at Compton was a **poignant moment and was uniquely wonderful**. He appreciated how faculty incorporated the issue into their classrooms and turned the event into a major learning project, where students learned that there are other ethnic groups in American history that have suffered in silence while being mistreated by the policies of narrow-minded government officials.

Consultative Council: No report

Curriculum Committee: Meeting Tuesday, October 26th - Tom Norton and Dr. Preston presently represent us on the committee.

V. Discussion Items:

Faculty Involvement Committee: Halligan reported that the Committee is moving along. We are hoping to get the calendar together along with administration involvement to get the ball rolling with regard to Flex Day plans and Outlook training.

Darwin Smith: We need to get the adjuncts on board with this. They usually don't realize that they can get involved, and most would be most eager to do so.

Michael Odanaka: We need to get the faculty mentor program going again, as well.

Manzoor Ahmad: Division Meetings are to be faculty-driven but they are not. He said the VP has been telling division chairs that she can attend faculty meetings if she so wishes. The people imported from ECC only understand their programs, which do not have divisions.

Tom Norton: We need to get a faculty contact person for the adjuncts.

Saul: Send an email to Barbara ASAP to see if she is willing to participate in this planning process as it relates to Flex Day.

David Vakil: Said that the ECC mentoring program is run by Donna Manno, get in touch with her.

VI. Action Items:

Senate Constitution: Constitution states that there will be two faculty senators representing each division. The district, however, has combined two areas so we now we have 4 senators from one division. Saul suggested that we either hold a new election and eliminate two senators, or make a motion that the body accept an alteration to the constitution for the rest of the year so that the present senators can serve their perspective terms.

MOTION: *So move that the senators stay at their posts until the end of the academic (2010-2011) year. This will be for this year only.*

Motion made by: Shemiran Lazar. **Second:** Tom Norton - **PASSED.**

VII. Motion to adjourn: Tom Norton, **Second:** Darwin Smith - **PASSED.**