

**ACADEMIC SENATE
COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MINUTES
Academic Senate Meeting**

Thursday, November 18, 2010 1:00 pm Board Room

Attendance:

Shirley Thomas	Pam West
Thomas Norton	Fred Lamm
Shemiram Lazar	Leonard Clark
Manzoor Ahmad	Christopher Halligan
Jerome Evans	Estina Pratt
Art Flemming	Darwin Smith
Michael Odanaka	
Saul Panski	

Guests:

Aurora Cortez Perez
Chris Richardson
Ella Stewart
Chelvi Subramaniam
Christina Gold (ECC)

Administrators:

Barbara Pérez
Francisco Arce
Gerald Sequeira
David Vakil

- I. Call To Order** – Saul Panski – 1:00 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda** – Pratt/Evans – passed.
- III. Approval of Minutes** of 11/4/10– Ahmad/Flemming – passed.

IV. Reports:

President

Faculty Retiring – Eleanor Sonido, Tommy Rydalch, and Mohammed Shaikh. Sonido and Shaikh at the end of fall semester. Also retiring is classified staff member Kazuaki Higa.

Michael Odanaka stated that we need to start a faculty emeritus program – Saul stated that it already exists. Saul suggested that Michael write a proposal to reactivate the faculty emeritus program.

ECC Academic Senate Meeting – 11/16/10

Our senate's resolution for winter session was cited in joint between the ECC union and senate. ECC senate married our resolution with theirs.

Discussion – Manzoor stated that the administration is overriding faculty in decisions including what's being offered for winter session. He stated that there were no CTE classes being offered.

Chelvi Subramaniam countered that departments need to be able to show the numbers from previous semesters to display a need for classes now. It's no longer a guessing game. Administration needs the data.

Saul stated that Barbara says we are in a status quo position and will not add a significant number of classes; **Flemming** stated that we should expect mid-year cuts beginning in the spring. **Saul added** that initiatives to add classes would not be successful.

High-Level Meeting in Oakland – Representatives of ECCD, CCCD, CCCO, and ACCJC met recently in Oakland to deal with issues that have not been reported back on.

Questions to be considered include:

- **Accreditation eligibility** – Once we hit 6 on all FCMAT standards, are we able to submit an application for eligibility of candidacy to ACCJC? Do we need to wait two full years after this point? It should be kept in mind that we must sustain the level of "6" or better in the FCMAT standards for at least two years.
- **How do we separate from ECC when we are finally accredited?** The Commission is going to need to decide. Art stated that we need to have two calendars. We need to be able to demonstrate complete autonomy. The state needs to leave before the Commission can move forward.
- Chelvi – We need to be looking from the bottom up. The young faculty have not come of the woodwork. They need to take the initiative.
- Chris Halligan responded by asking what the fundamental difference between ECC and Compton was? Until we can illustrate the differences and show why independence is the better option, people will do what works.
- Michael Odanaka suggested that we again get mentoring moving and get the faculty evaluation process working faster and more efficiently.

New Business officer – CBO Daniel Villanueva – worked for the LA County Office of Education. Will start 12/6/10.

ECC Visiting Accreditation Team – Will visit Compton on Monday, 11/23 at 10:00 a.m. They are checking to make sure the same things are happening on both campuses. Art, Chelvi, and others will be meeting with them in the Board Room.

Nisei Speech Reading – Tuesday, Nov. 23rd from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Student Lounge
– Students will be reading selected poetry and writings from young Nisei students who were interred in 1942.

Manhood/Womanhood – Come see the Theatre Department’s latest production.
Through Monday, Nov. 22nd. \$5 bucks. Be prepared for some salty language. “Come one, come all!” – Pieter Van Neil.

Maintenance and Operations Director Interview Committee – Needs a faculty volunteer to make a winter commitment. Art Flemming said he’d do it conditionally. If Art does not qualify, Leonard Clark volunteered. (Note: Art can and has agreed to serve)

Compton Accreditation Committees – Committees are being finalized and scheduled to meet prior to the end of the semester.

V. Discussion Items

Update on Basic Skills – Deferred until next meeting – Dec. 9th

VI Action Item:

Composition of Hiring Prioritization Committee (HPC)– Most divisions should be generating proposals for new-hires for the 2011-2012 academic year. Barbara Perez told faculty to not think “replace,” but think “new hire.” She said these decisions would be based on data presented by each division. **Motion** is made to appoint Senator Estina Pratt and Dr. Cornelia Lyles to serve on the HPC. **Norton/Fleming – Motion Passed.**

Note: Christina Gold from ECC has volunteered to be a third faculty representative on the committee.

Before Christmas holiday, committee will need to get documents and proposals gathered from each division, review the applications, and then discuss with the division chair and deans so that it can come up with a prioritization list.

VII. Adjournment:

Reminder: Faculty Pot Luck Thanksgiving Gathering – Monday, Nov. 22nd from noon to two in the staff lounge. Bring canned goods for drive, RSVP to Estina or Chris.

Motion to Adjourn – Jerome Evans/Pamela West – Passed.