

**EL CAMINO COLLEGE COMPTON CENTER  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
Thursday, October 21, 2010 BOARD ROOM  
Minutes**

**I. Call to Order** – Saul Panski

**II. Approval of Agenda** – Manzoor Ahmad, second: Estina Pratt. Approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes for 9/23 and 10/7** – Manzoor Ahmad, second: Shemiran Lazar. Approved.

**V. Discussion Items:**

- **Faculty Reps** – Accreditation Steering Committee – Two Faculty needed. Saul recommended Pieter Van Niel and Chelvi Subramaniam to be our faculty reps. **Motion made by Halligan** that Van Niel and Subramaniam be our faculty reps on the accreditation steering committee, seconded by Tom Norton. Senate body passes motion.
- **Five Accreditation Subcommittees** – Question was posed as to whether or not we can have adjuncts serve on these committees. No one saw why not.

**VI. Action Items:**

- **Retention of Winter Session** – The ECC faculty wants to keep it.

**Discussion:**

1. **Toni:** Arce is against it while Nishime seems to support its retention. Brought in Irene Graff to do a survey on who benefits with Winter discontinued. Survey ultimately showed that the only entity that benefits is administration.
2. **Saul:** Many of the academic groups at ECC Main Campus including the Honors program are for keeping it.

**Motion:** Manzoor Ahmad, **seconded by:** Estina Pratt. *Winter sessions should be retained indefinitely.*

**Discussion:**

1. **David Vakil:** (answering a question posed by Michael Odanaka asking why ECC wants to abolish it). Ending Winter session would impact semester start dates and will allow for two 6-week summer sessions. For many courses, five weeks is simply not long enough for adequate instruction.
  2. **Toni:** Problem is that Administration sees winter as a time when they can get their work done. It's a time when they can slip stuff by faculty without faculty input. Administration makes the claim that five weeks is not enough time for faculty to give adequate instruction to students i.e. they assume that faculty can't do it, without consulting faculty or gathering any data to support their assertion.
  3. **Art:** Nobody in Administration is taking into account that Winter Intersession is a fundamental part of many of our students' education plans. Many of our students need to take classes during winter to keep up with their academic plans.
- **MOTION IS APPROVED BY COUNCIL.**
  - **David Maruyama – Presentation on Fulbright-Hayes Group Project Abroad (GPA Program).** David showed us a wonderful slide presentation on his trip to Vietnam and Cambodia, explaining how the cultures there have survived and thrived since the Vietnam War and the murderous Pol Pot regime of the 1970's. He went on to explain

how other scholars can receive grant money for studies and group-trips like the one he participated in.

1. Two types of awards – US State Dept. Bureau of Ed. And Cultural Affairs. US Dept. of Education – Fulbright-Hayes
  2. Colleges and Universities are awarded these.
  3. Requirements: Course materials, new course outline, bibliographies, presentations, and web content. Must have record of academic rigor.
  4. Dave's blog on the trip: [maruinseasia.blogspot.com](http://maruinseasia.blogspot.com)
  5. Opportunities abound in the National Endowment for the Humanities, Challenge Grants for 2-year colleges.
- **SB-1440 and C-ID Project** – Presented by Pieter Van Niel.
    1. 7<sup>th</sup> of October – Northern California reps met and advanced their recommendations.
    2. 8<sup>th</sup> of October – Southern California reps met and advanced their recommendations.
    3. Program was designed as a response to the senate bill that encourages matriculation officers from universities and transfer reps from community colleges to work together on compiling a list of courses that will be fully-transferrable across the board.

**VII. Motion to Adjourn:** Estina Pratt, second: Jerome Evans. Approved by council body.