



FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, December 8, 2011 BOARD ROOM
Minutes

Attendance:

SENATORS

Michael Odanaka
Mandeda Uch
Saul Panski
Chris Halligan
Jose Bernaudo
Tom Norton
Darwin Smith
Shirley Thomas
Leticia Vasquez
Jose Villalobos
Jerome Evans
Annaruth Garcia

GUESTS AND VISITORS

Dr. Curry
Barbara Perez
Ricky Shabazz
Wayne Ward
Cheryl Threadgill
Esdras Florimon

I. Call to Order - Saul Panski

II. Approval of Agenda - Bernaudo/Vasquez - approved.

III. Approval of Minutes –Minutes of 11.3.11 Vasquez/Norton - approved.

IV. Reports:

ECC Academic Senate Meeting - 12/6 - Saul Panski reporting.

- ECC Board imposed a contract after mediation and the faculty is not happy about several of the contract terms, including a change in the work year for counselors - 12 month to 10 month; changes in health care premiums for some faculty; and the elimination of winter session. On Dec. 14th, the ECC Board will be voting to eliminate winter for 2013-2014.
- The actions by the ECC Senate are going to be as follows:
 1. Seeking ASCC/CLC assistance in improving the collegial consultation process at ECC.
 2. Consideration of a Vote of No-Confidence - A task force will meet over winter session to look at this issue and, perhaps, draw up a draft resolution or

resolutions. Task Force recommendations should come before the ECC Senate at its February 21st, 2012 meeting!

Discussion:

Bernaudo - Why get rid of winter?

Odanaka - We need to take our vote on this matter as members of the ECC Senate very seriously.

Panski - We need to get the sense of the faculty-at-large before we consider our votes

Smith - We shouldn't take a view on the question of no-confidence because we are not employees of the ECCD.

Panski - OK, if it comes to a vote, we'll ask ECC AS President Christina Gold to discuss these matters at our first Council meeting of the Spring semester, on February 23rd.

V. Discussion Items

Honors Program - Barbara Perez presenting.

We hope to initiate an Honors Program in Fall 2012. The Transfer Center will play a key role in the program because it will be geared to promoting transfer. We want to attract academically stronger high school students, who are increasingly considering community college as a low cost alternative to take 1st and 2nd year requirements.

There will be two types of classes:

1. Honors courses.
2. Contract Instruction w/Instructor – students will take a regular class with additional work to be undertaken as outlined by the professor and agreed to by the student.
 - Dr. Aasi and Eyob Wallano, who are already members of an honors consortium, are willing to serve as co-coordinators, and Ms. Haynes in Counseling will provide the counseling component.
 - We will use existing ECC transfer agreements but will ultimately want to develop our own.

Discussion:

Panski - Would this be in conjunction with the new transfer majors being developed, that will guarantee admission to four year institutions?

Perez – There will likely be more of a focus on the General Ed. Requirements needed by students, rather than specific transfer disciplines.

Facilities/Projects – Saul Panski reporting

Jo Ann Higdon is now the administrator in charge of facilities projects whose funding goes to ECC. A facilities/ construction MOU is in development between the CCCD and the ECCD. Oversight will be clarified for projects solely under the auspices of the CCCD as well, such as the Little Theatre and the MIS upgrade.

Discussion:

Odanaka- They have started activities before the MOU has been finalized. Who carries liability in all of these projects?

Panski - ECC has always demanded indemnity but since some projects will have a match of Compton bond funds, so it will be necessary to clarify and articulate the CCCD's role in implementing the projects. Presumably this will be set forth in the MOU under development. The CCCD Bond Oversight Committee is also being reestablished but it has no direct control of facilities projects. It is unlikely that this MOU will be finalized until mid-Spring. At some point during spring semester we will invite ECC AS Vice President Higdon to discuss these matters with the Council.

VI. Action Items-- None

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn - Norton/Halligan - approved