



FACULTY COUNCIL
Thursday, May 19, 2011 BOARD ROOM
Minutes

Council Members:

Darwin Smith	Estina Pratt
Mandeda Uch	Saul Panski
Chris Halligan	Tom Norton
Pamella West	Annaruth Garcia
Jose Villalobos	Shirley Thomas
Leticia Vasquez	Jerome Evans
Michael Odanaka	Fred Lamm
Jose Bernaudo	

Guests/ Administrators:

Pieter Van Niel	Toni Wasserberger
Rodney Murray	Daniel Villanueva
Barbara Perez	Keith Curry
Cheryl Threadgill	Art Flemming
Holly Schumacher	Chelvi Subramaniam
David Maruyama	Eugene Benson
Diane Collins	

I. Call to Order - Saul Panski

II. Agenda – Pratt/Vasquez - passed.

III. Minutes – Minutes for 5/5/11 Pratt/Smith – passed

IV. Reports

President's Report:

Panski welcomed three new members of the Council:

1. Jose Bernaudo – Humanities
2. Leticia Vasquez - Adjunct Senator
3. Mandeda Uch – Social Sciences/ Creative and Performing Arts

Pratt reported on 5/17 meeting of the ECC Academic Senate Meeting , which included a discussion of issues related to the *academic calendar* for 2011-2012, which does not include winter session and changes the start date for spring to January.

The proposed new calendar:

Fall – classes August 27 – December 16th –

No Winter Session –

Spring – January 21st – May 18th .

Summer – June 4th – July 12th/June 18th – July 26th/June 18th – August 9th .

Panski reported that Dr. Fallo had indicated that the new calendar would be going to the ECC Board for approval on June 20th.

Norton asked if the proposed calendar would negatively impact veterans and Perez responded that this has been taken into consideration. She pointed out that veterans can not receive funds if there is a prolonged break in their studies.

ECC faculty feels strongly that this calendar is not good for students, particularly for students who depend on winter session to graduate. Retention is also very high in winter. In addition, the summer session start dates are viewed as not being beneficial to students..

The ECC Senate considered a *Resolution of No Confidence in the 2011-2012 Calendar* , which will be brought back for a second reading on June 7th.–

Discussion:

Wasserberger – They submitted this proposed calendar into the Board packet without even telling the Calendar Committee. The Union at ECC supports the vote of no confidence, as does the Federation.

Evans – What was the rationale for this revision? He agreed with Toni on the vote of No Confidence.

Smith – We need to know who the target of the No Confidence. vote is.

Panski-While individuals might be implicated in the vote, the vote is not directed at any individual or individuals. Its resolve reads as follows; *So resolve that the ECC senate will give a vote of no confidence in the 2011-2012 calendar, and that a task force of equal staff, faculty, and administration recommend changes to the existing Calendar Committee, and that cuts from 2010-2011 be applied evenly across the next academic year.*

Pratt indicated that the ECC Academic Senate had also discussed a proposed *Network Use Policy*, which has aroused a great deal or concern on the part of ECC faculty about possible censoring of emails on campus list servs. The policy, she added, also dealt with access rights and user authorization.

Discussion:

Odanaka- We should send this policy to the entire faculty - it's a bigger issue than just passwords.

Perez- Faculty at ECC has access to listservs - we do not here.

Subramaniam - We should be on the listservs.

Panski- Is there any way we can get on the listservs?

Perez—Explained that a listserv is controlled by an ITS moderator and inclusion is initiated by email.

Perez- ECC tried a discussion board - didn't work. The problem with listservs is that sometimes these things get 800+ names on them and then everyone complains that they are getting junk mail from the listservs.

Odanaka – People on lists often hit “reply to all” - this is a problem. Email accounts are often flooded.

Panski- Could we get a list of discussion groups? If faculty wants to get on, they can.

Perez- I'll look into it.

Maruyama - Our email accounts are capped, meaning they push old email out, some of which is still important. Our inbox is precious property.

Perez - Our system can't handle listservs at this time.

Pratt also indicated that the ECC Senate was discussing changes to the ***Graduation Requirements***. There is discussion about adding a section dealing with student recourse in the event of grade disputes related to fraud, mistakes, or bad faith on the part of instructors

Norton provided an update on the ***ECC Curriculum Committee***, pointing out that Lars Kjeseth was leaving as Chairperson. Pratt recommended that members of the body contribute to the Committee gift of appreciation to Lars. Panski added that Lars has been given the Distinguished Faculty Award at ECC and Smith added that he has always been a friend of Compton and worked with us at Plenary sessions.

V. Discussion Items: None

VI. Action Items:

Elections:

Panski reminded the body that the By-laws and Senate Constitution were constructed so that we elect the Faculty Council members and officers, who become ex-officio Senate members and officers. Elections then commenced under the supervision of the Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson – President –one year term

Vice-chairperson – Vice President – two year term

Chairperson-elect – President-Elect – shadow for one year, then two-year term.

Secretary – two year term

Curriculum Representative-two year term

Part-time Rep – two year term- serves on Executive Board and 5th voting member from Compton on ECC Academic Senate.

Nominations:

- **Chairperson** – **Saul Panski** – Halligan/Smith – nominated – discussion – none. Close discussion – Evans/Norton – **elected.**
- **Chairperson-elect** – **Michael Odanaka** – Halligan/Evans – nominated – discussion – none. Close discussion – Norton/Evans – **elected.**
- **Vice-Chairperson** – **Estina Pratt** – Evans/Smith – nominated – discussion – none. Close discussion - Norton/Villalobos – **elected.**
- **Secretary** – **Christopher Halligan** – Odanaka/Norton – nominated – discussion none. Close discussion – Pratt/Norton – **elected**
- **Curriculum Rep** – **Thomas Norton** – Smith/Halligan – nominated. No discussion. **elected.**
- **Part-Time Rep** – **Darwin Smith** -nominated– Norton/Vasquez – No discussion – **elected.**

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn - Pratt/Villalobos - passed