

MINUTES OF THE
COMPTON CENTER FACULTY COUNCIL
Feburary 19, 2009

Councilpersons present: (13)

Leonard Clark, Shirley Thomas, Estina Pratt, Shemiran Lazar, Fred Lamm, Eugene Benson, Pamella West, Jerome Evans, Michael Odanaka, Art Flemming, Darwin Smith, Thomas Norton, Saul Panski

Administrators present: (5)

Dr. Jane Harmon, Ricky Shabazz, Dr. Nelly Rodriguez, Mytha Pascual, Keith Curry

Visitors present: (5)

Albert Turner, Dr. Pieter Van Niel, Ella Stewart, Aurora Cortez-Perez
Janet Levine

At 2:00 p.m., the Council was called to order by Saul Panski.

A motion was proposed to adopt the agenda by E.Pratt; Dr.Lamm seconded.
Passed.

There were no action items on the agenda, only three informational presentations

FACULTY MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

Dr. Nelly Rodriguez, Title V Director, accompanied by consultant/grant writer Janet Levine, discussed the Faculty Mini-Grant program, pilot grants to be disseminated to faculty under the Title V Program. Grants can range from \$500 to \$2,000 and Ms. Levine will assist interested faculty in proposal generation. Ms. Levine added that a forum for potential foundation/funding agencies was being planned for our campus, with a tentative date of Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Mr. Ricky Shabazz, Director of Outreach, passed out a packet of information delineating outreach activities, the demographics of our student body, and a staff ambassador program, a program which has fo far yielded only five volunteers.

He indicated that high schools have expressed a strong interest in hosting Compton classes on their campuses, particularly for CAHSEE students. He also discussed Counselor Luncheons designed to acquaint high school counselors with our programs and course offerings.

There was a discussion, initiated by Saul Panski, about the need to refine outreach to the Hispanic population, particularly to those who would benefit from credit ESL instruction. He added that there was also a need to ramp up recruitment efforts in the area of fine arts.

Dean Curry stated that he was in the process of obtaining funds to support the ESL program. Mr. Shabazz added that we have significant under-representation in the eastern portions of our district, particularly in Paramount, and that he would be focusing greater effort in this area.

Curry added that we needed to increase our ESL enrollment and our overall male student enrollment as well.

Dr. Flemming pointed out that the under-representation of Hispanics represented a great source of additional potential enrollment, and underlined the need to actively recruit in Lynwood, which is predominantly Hispanic.

Shabazz indicated that while we had problems recruiting in Lynwood and Paramount in the past, both districts now had new administrators in charge and we have cordial relations with both districts at this time.

FINANCIAL AID

Mytha Pascual, Director of Financial Aid, provided the Council with an update on the work of her office. She indicated that 655 students have submitted BOG waiver applications and that 3400 students are receiving financial aid. The FA Office has also added a bilingual staff person to assist students and staff have undergone customer service training. The FA Office has also been remodeled, to provide cubicles for student privacy.

Even more aid could be disbursed if students filled out their applications in a timely manner. She pointed out that new regulations on financial aid were also forthcoming from the Department of Education and that PELL grant awards would be increased.

She distributed some handouts from the FA Office, as well as a report on various types of financial aid disbursement.

Darwin Smith urged FA staff to come to classes to discuss the FA process and opportunities with students. Ms. Pascual indicated that she would consider such a request from individual instructors and would accommodate them as feasible.

There was some discussion of the ongoing dispute between the CCCD and DOE over past financial aid disbursements, and Ms. Pascual indicated that it was anticipated that this would be shortly resolved. She added that she was working on such a resolution .

There was discussion relative to the difficulty of instructional areas to obtain CWS support because such employees require a departmental match and departments are not funded for student worker support.

M. Odanaka was confused over the proper form to be used for scholarship apps. The one handed out by Dr. Harmon was for High School.

Dr..Van Niel chimed in that there should be more dollars next year due to President Obama's stimulus package.

It was underscored that we must get our Students to use <<myecc>>.

A motion to adjourn was presented by J. Evans, and seconded by D. Smith. This was passed; and the Council mtg. adjourned at 3:07 p.m.