

MINUTES OF THE
COMPTON CENTER FACULTY COUNCIL
November 5 2009

Council Members Present: Leonard Clark, Art Flemming, Manzoor Ahmad, Shemiran Lazar, Jerome Evans, Estina Pratt, Eugene Benson, Christopher Halligan, Shirley Thomas, Michael Odanaka, Tom Norton, Saul Panski, Darwin Smith, Annaruth Garcia, Pamella West , Marjeritta Phillips (16) Members present.

Administrators Present: Dean Curry, Dr. Harmon, Fred Sturner, Mytha Pascual (4) Administrators Present.

Guests: Carmela Aguilar, Chelvi Subramaniam, Ella Stewart, Silvia Arroyo, Nehasi Lee (5) Guests Present.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m., by Panski.

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved. Ahmad, Phillips (moved, seconded).

III. Approval of Minutes

The Faculty Council Minutes of October 22, 2009 were approved on a motion by Evans/Pratt.

IV. Reports

None.

V. Discussion Items

Student Success Plan

Dr. Harmon indicated that work is ongoing on a long-term student success plan that will incorporate basic skills and other funding. She added that BSS funds for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 were being conserved for implementation of this

plan, a draft of which is expected by spring, for implementation in 2010-2011. Items charged to BSS at this time are utilizing funds from 2007-2008 which were not expended.

She also urged faculty to participate in the OnCourse training program in January, 2010, as utilization of the techniques of this program will have a significant impact on enhancing student success. She added that if someone is teaching winter session a substitute will be found to allow participation in this training. She concluded by stating that there are slots for fifty Compton faculty members.

Debit Card Plan for Financial Aid Students

FA Director Pascual discussed the new debit card system that will be put in place for federal financial aid recipients starting in spring 2010.

She discussed the process for disbursements and added that students who still wanted a paper check would be able to receive one.

She pointed out that there are numerous ATMs in the vicinity of the Center and that there were also provisions for replacement of lost cards.

Pratt expressed concern that hackers might be able to get into the database and pull scams on students or obtain confidential information through phishing via MyECC.

Pascual indicated that these were all being factored into the e-dollars disbursement program. She added that she hoped that students would be able to learn sound money management principles through use of the program.

She concluded that details were still being worked out as to the location of a campus ATM and steps needed to ensure that it contain adequate funds for peak disbursement periods and is secured.

Curry indicated that he is reviewing RFPs for the placement of a campus ATM.

Odanaka saw the need to provide our students with money-management workshops and Phillips strongly concurred.

Curry indicated that he would seek faculty assistance in getting students to utilize the e-money system when it goes active. involvement in promotion & utilization of e-\$s, starting this week.

Pratt also reminded the group that this was Homecoming Week and faculty members were urged to buy a ticket to the dance even if they could not personally attend.

Faculty Involvement Campaign.

Halligan expressed frustration at the fact that a handful of faculty members seemed to be doing all of the work and were serving on all the committees, and asked whether there were any processes in place to require faculty participation in the affairs of the institution.

Harmon responded that faculty were required to complete "Professional Obligation" cards and that involvement in committees and campus affairs was a component of faculty evaluation.

Odanaka suggested that there was a great need for a faculty mentorship program for new faculty .

Halligan suggested that faculty be exhorted to participate in the life of the campus and it was recommended that he draft a letter for possible signature by the Provost, the Council Chairperson, and the Dean of Academic Affairs. He agreed to do so.

Smith noted that adjunct faculty were not getting memos flyers, or e-mails, accounting for their lack of participation in campus committees and activities.

Panski stressed that encouragement and motivation to serve on committees and in other capacities required the direct involvement of the Provost.

Harmon expressed the hope that the implementation of a College Hour next fall might provide for greater faculty participation.

Panski pointed out that since the loss of accreditation there had been a decline in regular, formal faculty meetings, at which concerns and issues could be effectively communicated, and that these meetings were an ideal venue to foster greater faculty involvement in the institution.

VI. Action Items

None.

VII. Adjournment

Adjournment was at 3:04 p.m.; Norton moved and Pratt seconded.