



El Camino College Compton Center

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, November 3, 2011 BOARD ROOM Minutes

COUNCILPERSONS

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

GUESTS AND VISITORS

Toni Wasserberger
Barbara Perez
Chelvi Subramaniam
Susan Dever

I. Call to Order: Saul Panski 2:17 p.m.

Excused Absences: Michael Odanaka, Darwin Smith – at the Fall Plenary.

II. Approval of Agenda: Norton/Smith

III. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of 10/20/11 Pratt/Vasquez – passed.

IV. Reports:

ECC AS Meeting

Estina Pratt reported on the El Camino Academic Senate meeting of November 1st, during which the following matters were discussed

- **Title 5** – Apportionment – Changes will require students to “withdraw” from courses earlier than is currently allowed. earlier.
- **Program Review/Curriculum** –Regular review of programs to be on a 4-year cycle. Language change to reflect the fact that the President/Superintendent has authority to change courses.
- **Designated Smoking Areas** – No total ban at Torrance; designated smoking areas to be considered.

- **BP4255** – 1st reading – will be changed BP4245. There will be a language change. “Pres/Superintendent **shall**, jointly with Academic Senate, change the procedure.”
- **BP4025** – Philosophy for Associate Degree in General Ed. Language change – “ECC pledges to promote these core competencies.”

V. Discussion Items

ECC Negotiations – Certificated negotiations at ECC went to impasse and fact-finding; results of fact-finding report expected soon.

Statewide Student Success Task Force

Dr. Dever reported on the Student Success Task Force convened to respond to legislative concerns by the Chancellor’s Office. Some of the points/positions being put forth in ongoing discussions include:

- Established that there are three systems of education for K-12, CCs, UCs/CSUs
- UC - Research; Cal State - Professional and teaching institutions; K-12 - Secondary Ed. including Adult Ed.; and Community Colleges are the link to them all.
- Three major goals for community colleges:
 1. To be a portal for the students into higher education.
 2. To be a port of entry and re-entry of those searching for vocational skills.
 3. To be a point of re-entry into education for any Californians who graduated from high school, or anyone over 18.
- We have a schizophrenic role - We want to welcome everyone but this limits the degree of success.
- We need to narrow our scope because we can't be everything to everyone. We need to focus on those students who have the potential for success.
- State mandate that all students complete an Ed. Plan when they arrive, and we will need to hold the student to that Ed. Plan.
- We need to standardize, assessments and curricular requirements.
- The major difference between California and other states is that the Chancellor in California. has little power. We need to give the Chancellor a lot more flexibility and power

Panski indicated that there is widespread concern that the impact of the student success effort will be to reduce educational opportunities and options to minority groups in the state. On the other hand, there is an increasing demand for accountability and a widespread feeling among many that our low success rates are an indication that we are wasting a lot of money on students who will never succeed.

Status of Winter Session

Vice President Perez indicated that various calendar options were discussed by the Calendar Committee, including the possible elimination of winter session and its replacement by an alternate academic calendar that would include two back-to-back summer sessions. Winter Session is intact for this year, she stressed

Wasserberger, who serves on the ECC Calendar Committee indicated that the faculty members on the committee had expressed strong opposition to any effort to eliminate the winter session. Perez added that some proposed payroll regulations being promulgated by LACOE might also impact the discussion, as they would disallow payment to faculty for months in which they actually have not worked. It was indicated that the Calendar Committee would be meeting again soon to discuss the matter further.

VI. Action Items--None

VII. Motion to Adjourn - Pratt/Evans - passed