



**ACADEMIC SENATE
COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

Minutes
Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2011 1:00 pm Board Room

Senators:

Darwin Smith
Mandeda Uch
Chris Halligan
Pamella West
Jose Villalobos
Leticia Vasquez
Michael Odanaka
Jose Bernaudó

Estina Pratt
Saul Panski
Tom Norton
Annaruth Garcia
Shirley Thomas
Jerome Evans
Fred Lamm

Guests/ Administrators

Pieter Van Niel
Rodney Murray
Barbara Perez
Cheryl Threadgill
Holly Schumacher
David Maruyama
Diane Collins

Toni Wasserberger
Daniel Villanueva
Keith Curry
Art Flemming
Chelvi Subramaniam
Eugene Benson

I. Call to Order - Saul Panski

II. Agenda - Pratt/Vasquez- passed.

III. Minutes –Minutes of 5/5/11 approved. Halligan/Pratt – passed.

IV. Reports:

Faculty Representative to the Board – Jerome Evans reported that the 5/10/2011 board meeting was very contentious regarding lay-offs. Just to show the caliber of people representing the faculty – Saul Panski, Toni Wasserberger, and Pieter Van Niel spoke with eloquence and intelligence. Saul addressed the lay-offs. Toni called for transparency in the budget planning process.

Consultative Council –Tom Norton reported that Wanda Morris and Valerie O’Guynn will be co-chairs of the Council for 2011-2012.

Budget Update

CBO Daniel Villanueva reported that the May revise was released on Monday. It did not change the numbers for community colleges. While there were going to be nine deferrals, now there are only six. Budget numbers are still predicated on an election, and if the election is not ordered by July 3rd, it probably won’t happen. Even if it does happen, we won’t see this money for at least twelve months.

Discussion:

Flemming – Isn’t there more cash in the revised budget now?

Villanueva. – Governor has chosen to reduce deferrals, not infuse money. There is no money, it’s just that we will need to borrow less.

Panski – What is the dollar amount saved in interest for three less deferrals, What about the property backfill augmentation?

Flemming – There is good news in the budget revision.

Bernaudo – It is political suicide for the governor significantly cuts education at this point.

Panski– The leadership of both parties in the Legislature have gone on record to say there will not be an all cuts budget.

Villanueva. – A budget built on speculation is bad.

Saul – Isn’t our present budget built on speculation?

Art – Question, since more FTES funded means more money will the layoffs be stopped? Will they be rescinded?

Villanueva. – We can’t give false hope.

Panski – District needs to show a contingency plan in light of likely enhanced revenue.

Villanueva – Our priority is to pay our bills – if we are fortunate to get additional money – real money – we will revise the budget.

Panski– Art, you aren’t getting your answer.

Maruyama – What Art is saying is that a contingency plans needs to be on paper. Also, we need to get our contracts in order. Consultants, etc. need to be scrutinized - we want to maximize the bang for our buck.

Villanueva. – Districts reserve the right to make decisions regarding staff.

Panski – What Art and David are trying to say is that, if your doomsday prophecy doesn’t come true, what is the planned contingency plan? If you refuse to make one, then the Budget and Planning Committee is a joke.

Subramaniam– Why are we only seeing the negatives? Where is the bright side?

Panski. The question is – What will transpire if the budget does not conform to the “doomsday” scenario? Does the district have a plan or is it determined to downsize staff regardless of funding levels.

Villanueva. –If and when things get better, we will move toward Scenario 1.
Smith – What is your problem with a discussion as to what will take place if more money becomes available?

Maruyama– What Art and myself, are saying is that the devil is in the details. Our concerns are regarding cuts and rehires. We want to delineate what happens if money comes.

Villanueva. – Even if Prop 98 is not formally suspended we won't get the revenues projected.

Panski – Let's see what the CEO has to say. Question to Dr. Curry. Should the revenues to the district be increased based on higher funded apportionment, does the district have a contingency plan for the lay-offs, etc.? When is the district prepared to answer this question?

Curry – We will be doing all of this very soon, but we are not prepared at this point to respond. We will be in a better position to respond when the state budget is signed. We are predicating our decisions on a funding level of \$31million.

Panski – What if we get \$32 or \$33 million? We want to know what happens then.

Wasserberger – The district doesn't understand what planning is.

Curry – We will have a plan. You need to trust the administration.

Bernaudo – You refuse to make or delineate a plan to match various contingencies.

Halligan – The District's position reminds him of an incident in his childhood where vacation plans to Disneyland improved but the vacation still did not take place. The difference is that in this case we are not talking about a trip to Disneyland but about people's jobs!

Odanaka – We need to be looking at the role of the Budget and Planning Committee.

Maruyama – We aren't looking at this as line items but at the holistic state of our campus. We need to take these needs into account.

Villanueva– I am a conservative. We need to implement prudent fiscal decisions.

Panski– Schools across the state aren't laying off staff and, second, this is about the life of the institution. The concern is about the lack of collegial consultation – when committees exist but do not really meet, the district wonders why no one goes to committee meetings. You will never have effective participation in the committees by faculty as long as they think they are a sham. And here is an instance where the Budget and Planning Committee has had no role in determining budget priorities or considering alternatives should enhanced funding be appropriated to the District.

V. Discussion Items:

Educational Master Plan

Barbara Perez stated that the draft plan would be an addendum to the ECC master plan –and written up to reflect the fact that Compton is a Center with the intent of becoming an independent institution. We are in the ECC master plan as “The Center.” Secondly, the plan contains program statements that need improvement and amplification. Institutional Research will also provide 2009-2010 that will be incorporated into the document . The next step will be to develop a Master Plan for when the institution goes into candidacy and eventually becomes its own college. The ACCJC has also revised its accreditation standards and these will need to be factored into such a Master Plan.

Discussion:

Odanaka – Program summaries are quite variable. What is required—enhanced descriptions or enhanced delineation of program needs?

Perez – Both.

Panski – What’s the timeline for adoption of the EMP?

Perez – ECC Board approval is anticipated for August or September of 2011.

Panski – If your target date is in August, the Senate won’t be able to review or approve the final document..

Barb – ECC set the date for approval of the Master Plan—of which this document is a component—and we can’t change it.

Saul – This needs to be reviewed by faculty. We will have to hold a special senate meeting in the summer to review the document prior to submittal to the Board.

Barb – I’ll treat you to lunch!

Saul – O.K., so we will have a special meeting, date to be announced.

Vice President Perez also asked for feedback on moving forward to hire a Systems Librarian in light of the anticipated opening of the LRC in Spring 2012. With an unanticipated faculty retirement we can allocate funds for this purpose. Panski responded that the Senate was not in a position to respond on this matter as the allocation of unanticipated moneys was under discussion in negotiations..

VI. Action Items:

Nominations for Faculty Representative to the Board - Jerome Evans nominated – Norton, seconded by Darwin Smith. Discussion – None. Mr. Evans was elected by acclamation.

VII. Adjournment:

Panski reminded the body that there will be one more meeting on Thursday, June 2nd and that the ECC Senate will hold its last meeting on Tuesday, June 7th.

Motion to Adjourn – Villalobos/Pamella West – passed.