



Council of Representatives

Approved Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Room # 5402, Cuesta College

Attendance according to the sign-in page (p = present, a = absent):

Academic Skills/DSPS

(No elected rep)

Biological Sciences

Nancy Mann (p)
Laurie McConnico (a)
Ron Ruppert (proxy) (p)

Business Education

Michele McAustin (a)
Traci Robichaud (a)
Cynthia Wilshusen (a)
Marilyne Cleeves (proxy) (p)

Counseling

Dana Gough (a)

Engineering and Technology

David Fernandez (p)

English

Susan Marsala (p)

English as a Second Language

(No elected rep)

Fine Arts

Douglas Highland (a)

Health Center

(No elected rep)

Human Development

Dawn Brown (a)

Languages and Communication

Beth-Ann Dumas (a)
Tony Rector-Cavagnaro (p)

Library Services

Kevin Bontenbal (a)

Mathematics

Denise Chellsen (p)
Julie Hoffman (p)
Jodi Meyer (a)

Nursing / Allied Health

Mary Ann Ambrose (a)

Performing Arts

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Physical Education

Brian Locher (a)

Physical Sciences

Debra Stakes (p)

Social Sciences

Kathryn Logan (a)
Mark Weber (p)

Student Life and Leadership & Health Center

(No elected rep)

Workforce Development

(No elected rep)

Executive Board (non-voting)

Peet Cocke, VP (p)
Victor Krulikowski, GO (p)
Allison Merzon, Pres. (p)
Mark Tomes, S-T (p)
Marilyne Cleeves, PT Faculty Committee Chair (p)

Visitors

(none)

Rector-Cavagnaro opened the meeting at 3:37 p.m. No quorum was reached, so the meeting was held for discussion purposes only.

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

2. Division Concerns

An issue from a previous meeting was carried over to this agenda. It was deleted. There were no other issues.

3. South County Center

Merzon reported that it has been frustrating getting information on the expansion of the South County Center. Some info was distributed by Gil Stork's office the day before a Board of Trustees meeting, and then it was handed out at the BOT meeting. It was labeled as an information item on the agenda, but the BOT took action on it (possible violating the Brown Act by the action) by approving the district to enter negotiations for a lease on facilities. A floor plan for the facilities has been drawn.

There is still the question regarding why Stork and the BOT are pursuing an enlarged center when there is declining enrollment there, there is no staffing or technology plan for the facilities, etc. The Foundation needs to raise at least \$900,000 for start-up costs. Stork claims the new center will be "cost-neutral" for three years, but it is difficult to see how this is possible (he is negotiating a 20-year lease). Also, it was noted that the floor plan for the new center uses an outdated model.

Merzon will prepare a fact sheet regarding the South County Center, questions about it, etc. She also noted that the Planning and Budget Committee is becoming more powerless.

4. Proposed Options for 2011 Dental and Vision Plans

Once again, CCFT was given information regarding health plans just days before a decision needs to be made. Various options were discussed, and a straw poll was taken regarding preferences for the plans. Merzon will relay direction to the district.

B. CONTRACT EDUCATION/CLARIFICATION

1. (No issues)

There were no new items to discuss.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. No Place for Hate Initiative

There was support for the No Place for Hate Initiative. Merzon will sign the resolution.

2. Restructuring of Current College-Wide Distance Education Committee

Hoffman had sent a draft proposal of how to re-structure the DE Committee to all those who expressed an interest in it and will send it to anyone else who is interested. She clarified the section regarding the number of faculty members from each group by stating that these were open-ended. It was noted that it is critical to have good discussions regarding all the issues surrounding DE in order for DE to be done well, as other colleges have done, and particularly as more faculty are teaching DE courses.

D. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Budget

Merzon reported that the district continues to charge expenses against the SIP savings, thereby artificially lowering the amount that they are saying the SIP saved. She has requested the actual charges from the district. These and other budget figures have been difficult to track because of a lack of information from the district.

2. Negotiations

Negotiations has been set for Tuesday, November 16, 2010. Various negotiation items were discussed. It was decided that people need to speak to the trustees regarding the need to replace the recent SIP retirees with full-time faculty, for pedagogical, program, and

workload reasons. The next BOT meeting is December 8, 2010. Also, Dr. Stork continues to regard the lay-off of full-time faculty as a means to balancing the budget. There were many budget questions that will be formalized and sent to the district.

3. **Other**

Merzon reported that there is an informal organization on campus that is interfering with CCFT's abilities to handle complaints and grievances. One faculty member in particular has been sent a cease and desist letter from the district.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Mark Tomes, Secretary-Treasurer.

Next Council of Representatives meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2010, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Next Executive Board meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2010, 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.