



Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, September 16, 2010, 2:00 – 3:45 p.m.
Room 3219, Cuesta College

Approved Minutes

Present: June Beck, Kevin Bontenbal, Marilynne Cleaves, Peet Cocke, Victor Krulikowski, Allison Merzon, Tony Rector-Cavagnaro, Debra Stakes, Mark Tomes

Absent: Steve Leone

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Merzon.

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made (Merzon/Beck) to approve the September 2, 2010 EB meeting minutes. It passed unanimously.

2. Senate Report

Merzon reported that stipends have been negotiated for the faculty members completing the re-write of the accreditation follow-up report. Also, a short discussion occurred regarding the roles of the union and the Senate. It was noted that close collaboration between the two groups can sometimes result in a blurring of their boundaries and bailiwicks; it is beneficial to remain clear about them.

3. Personnel

Various confidential issues were discussed. A discussion occurred regarding assignment to distance education courses.

4. Negotiations

The EB discussed the options for the health insurance plans offered by SISC. Most faculty members are in Plan B; it could result in maintaining the current premium by a SISC increase in prescription charges, implementing a prescription deductible, and increasing the office co-pay. The EB is soliciting input from members before making a decision about which option to take. It appears that there will be another open enrollment period in October.

5. Budget Information

Merzon reported that she attended the Planning and Budget Committee meeting, but no planning and no budgeting occurred at the meeting. Also, no administrator presented a college budget there.

6. Board of Trustees Candidates / CoR Meeting

The two District 4 Cuesta College Board of Trustees candidates, Pete Sysak and Charlotte Alexander, will be on campus separately for an all-CCFT member meeting on September 23, 2010, from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. (Sysak) and 4:00 - 4:45 (Alexander) in

Room 5402 (polycom will be available), in lieu of a Council of Representatives meeting. Details of the meeting format and procedures were discussed. Stakes will solicit questions from the members for the candidates. The candidates will have some time to present a statement, and then they will answer some questions from Stakes and then from the audience (the latter via index cards). Stakes will ask for written statements and résumés from the candidates for copying for the members. Members will be asked to continue a discussion of the candidates after the candidates leave. The EB might make an endorsement decision after the meeting.

A Council of Representatives meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 30, 2010 to discuss the candidates and to discuss the CCFT budget.

7. Searchable CBA

Tomes reported that Laura Benson denied CCFT's request for a searchable copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. He stated that the district does not "own" the contract and that CCFT has a right to a searchable copy of it. It was noted that CCFT has a strong interest in making sure it is protected from changes (one of the district's concerns, as well). A response to Benson was discussed.

8. Other

The EB discussed a request from the district for some divisions to "test drive" pdf versions of the typed and tabulated student evaluations that would be emailed to faculty members. There was concern that, since the district has declared that email should not be considered secure or private, that this confidential information could be compromised.

Merzon will be attending the CFT California Community College Council meeting in southern California next Friday, October 1, 2010.

9. Secretary Report

Two faculty members have recently joined CCFT.

10. Treasurer's Report

Tomes reported that the CCFT treasury holds \$16,815.33, although an upcoming AFT per capita dues invoice will reduce that to about \$5000. The COPE treasury has \$4992.09 in it, with \$1713.00 of that allocated specifically to a Board of Trustees campaign.

11. Committee Reports

COPE – Stakes reported that CCFT members staffed a table at the Democratic Party Labor Day Picnic in San Luis Obispo. Andrea Devitt was especially helpful in getting it set up.

Part-Time Faculty Committee – Cleaves asked for the number of part-time faculty members who utilized the Part-Time Bumping Rights MOU this semester; Merzon knew of at least three, but no one is keeping a tally. Also, a confidential distance education assignment issue was discussed.

Communications – Beck and Cleaves would like to get a newsletter out the first week of October.

Other - Stakes reported that the faculty members on the Accreditation Steering Committee who are re-writing the follow-up report thank the EB and Negotiation Team for negotiating stipends for their writing work.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Tomes, Secretary-Treasurer.

Next EB meeting: Thursday, October 21, 2010, 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.

District 4 BOT Candidates Meeting: Thursday, September 23, 2010, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.,
Room 5402

Next Council of Reps meeting: Tentatively set for Thursday, September 30, 2010, 3:00
- 5:00 p.m.