

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

December 11, 2013

*(Approved by Executive Council on January 29, 2014)*

Executive Councilors present (noted by \*):

*Julie Thompson, <i>presiding</i>	*Dianne Davis	*Sean Martin	*Nikona Mulkovich
*Filomena Avila	*Terry Ehret	*Jacqueline McGhee	*Matt Murray
Paulette Bell	*Karen Frindell Teuscher	*Bud Metzger	*MJ Papa
*Shawn Brumbaugh	*Deirdre Frontczak	*Terry Mulcaire	*Margaret Pennington
*Paula Burks	Andre LaRue	Dwayne Mulder	

Officers/Negotiators/Appointed Positions present: Warren Ruud

Staff members present: Candy Shell, Carol Valencia

Faculty members present: Karen Stanley

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. in Doyle Library, Room #4245, on the Santa Rosa campus and video-conferenced to the Richard Call Building Room #609, on the Petaluma Campus.

### **PRESENTATION**

**Legislative Update** (*Andrea York, FACCC Director of Government Relations*)

"Overview of This Past Legislative Session & Priorities for the Year Ahead"

Opening remarks by Andrea included congratulating Deirdre Frontczak, who is now on the FACCC Board and is the Governor for Part-Time North. Also, FACCC is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

- Overview of May Revision  
The passage of Proposition 30 gave us all some breathing room, but the Governor is very fiscally conservative and still holds a pessimistic view about the future. However, the forecast is now up \$3.2 billion from the May Revision.
- Adult Education  
The original plan was to move Adult Education to Community Colleges (CCs), but when the finances were investigated, it was discovered that CCs would actually lose money taking this on. FACCC pushed back and was able to get the Governor to revise his plan. Now the plan is to work on developing regional consortia to get people talking. Noncredit Career and Technical Education has been left out of this discussion, however. (See link to [Winter 2013 InFACCC](#), page 2 "Governor Brown's January Budget Offers Additional Dollars, Seeks Policy Shift.")
- Online Education (Massive Online Open Courses "MOOCs")  
Udacity and San Jose State created a pilot program last year that had low success rates. They are learning from that and are making some changes.

- 2012-13 Major Legislation
    - **Assembly Bill 595** (regarding priority enrollment) was a big win for FACCC. We were able to accomplish the Bill's passage with little drama. (See link to [AB 595](#).)
    - **Assembly Bill 955** (regarding two-tiered enrollment) was fought by FACCC with all its resources, even hiring a professional lobbyist to help. As a result, the Bill was drastically reduced to a small pilot project with only Long Beach City College implementing it this winter term. The Governor took two weeks to think about it before signing. We will continue to work with Das Williams (Chair of the Committee on Higher Education) in the future. (See link to [AB 955](#).)
    - **Senate Bill 520** (regarding MOOCs) was fought by a large coalition. (See link to [SB 520](#).)
    - **Senate Bill 440** (regarding transfer pathways) was opposed by FACCC without substantial involvement. There is strong legislative support for changing the focus of CCs to greater serve underserved populations. (See link to [SB 440](#).)
  - 2014 FACCC Legislative Priorities
    - Faculty staffing and compensation
    - Accreditation
    - Fighting privatization
    - Retirement
    - Student Services
  - 2014 New Legislation
    - **Assembly Bill 657** arose from an issue of maternity/paternity leave during the tenure process being detrimental to the faculty member. FACCC would like to put in place protections for probationary faculty during Years 2-4. This Bill will be up for consideration during the first week of January.
    - **Legislative Resolution to Protect Part-Time Faculty Hour Cuts to Avoid ACA (Affordable Care Act) Implementation.** This issue arose at Napa Valley College where non-credit ESL teachers had their hours cut by one-half. FACCC is currently drafting language for a Legislative Resolution—it will not be "law," but a "memo to Districts." The Resolution might also be broadened to include classified employees.
    - **Opportunity Based Funding: A Counter Narrative to "Performance Based Funding"** directs resources for student success from a holistic perspective and considers the Chancellor's Office Scorecard. The purpose of this initiative is to provide opposing language to Performance Based Funding. FACCC is also looking at allocating money for categorical funding that was cut. Andrea explained that FACCC is just starting this campaign and is not sure where it will go in the future.
  - A judge threw out the **Title 5 Shared Governance** challenge, which was good news.
  - **ACCJC** (Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges) – There is bipartisan agreement in the legislature against ACCJC, but there are no alternatives yet.
  - Upcoming FACCC Events
    - **January 24 Policy Forum** will include discussion on ACCJC and a Special Achievement Award for Assemblymember Paul Fong, who is terming out.
    - **March 2-3 Advocacy & Policy Conference** will focus on the poverty issue with best-selling author Sasha Abramsky (book entitled *The American Way of Poverty: How the Other Half Still Lives*) as the keynote speaker.
    - **March 29 Counselors Conference** at UCLA.
- (See link to [Upcoming FACCC Events](#).)

- Questions & Answers

- **Q: AFA is currently looking at how to calculate the hours of part-time faculty members for ACA implementation. Can faculty members who teach in more than one district cumulate that load to get ACA benefits?**  
A: No, that is not possible because Community College instructors are not considered "state employees."
- **Q: Since the ACA is not just in education, is there a broader labor coalition involved in figuring out how it will be implemented?**  
A: FACCC's first step in this arena is starting with the small issue referred to above (protecting part-time faculty hour cuts), and then seeing where it goes.
- **Q: When did the Little Hoover Commission put out the report on MOOCs and Performance Based Funding?**  
A: I think it was out in May. The Commission does not have any new ideas; they are largely discredited and are not that influential, but they do feed the conservative media outlets. (See link to [Little Hoover Commission Report.](#))
- **Q: Regarding pensions, when will we have a serious conversation about unfunded liabilities?**  
A: It needs to be addressed, but probably won't happen until after the Governor's re-election. K-12 teachers have announced that they are not open to increasing their retirement contributions without a commitment to also increase State and employer contributions.
- **Q: Is there a plan to work on part-time faculty categorical restoration?**  
A: Recently FACCC had a meeting with the Department of Finance regarding this issue. The DoF was supportive but said they also would like to include local flexibility. FACCC is out there working on this. The budget lobbying will greatly increase starting in January, and there will be real budget numbers in the May Revise. This is top on our list for restoration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Carol Valencia.