

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE INDEPENDENTS

Fall 2008 Conference, October 10-11, 2008

U.S. Grant Hotel, San Diego CA

Meeting Notes

Members present: Chabot-Las Positas, Contra Costa, Foothill-De Anza, Grossmont-Cuyamaca, Pasadena, Rancho Santiago, Redwoods, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Santa Rosa, West Valley-Mission, Yosemite

Guests: Carl Friedlander, Jonathan Lightman

First Session, Friday, October 10, 2008

CCCI President Rich Hansen called the first session to order at 9:00 am. Following introductions, the agenda was approved unanimously (M/S by West Valley/Mission, Santa Barbara).

Guest Presentation:

Carl Friedlander, President of the California Community College Council (CCC/CFT) and one of the principal participants in the discussions among representatives of CCC/CFT and the Community College Association (CCA/CTA) on a possible merger of the two organizations, presented a report on the current status of these talks. He outlined some of the history of AFT and NEA unification efforts and cited unity as one of the lessons to be drawn from the Proposition 92 campaign. The first meeting of representatives from CCC and CCA took place in April. Discussion among the membership has barely begun. So far, discussions have been conceptual with some speculation about structure. He suggested that there will be a time when it will be important to include representatives from both CCCI and FACCC in the discussions.

CCCI members engaged Friedlander in a discussion of the merger, conveying some of the concerns from the point of view of the Independents.

District Negotiation Reports:

College of the Redwoods.

Lunch: noon-1:00 pm.

Guest Presentation:

Jonathan Lightman, FACCC Executive Director, presented an overview of the state budget and related legislation. He reported that FACCC has taken an oppose position on Propositions 6 and 9 but had not taken positions on Propositions 5 and 11. FACCC will be doing a survey on retirement system discussions regarding changes to the retiree earnings limit.

Following Lightman's presentation, Mitra Moassessi (Santa Monica) discussed contract membership in FACCC. At present, Santa Monica and Foothill-De Anza are contract members.

District Negotiation Reports, cont'd:

Redwoods, Contra Costa, Santa Monica, Rio Hondo, Chabot-Las Positas, Foothill-De Anza.

The conference recessed at 5:00 pm.

Second Session, Saturday, October 11, 2008.

Hansen called the second session to order at 9:00 am.

District Negotiations Reports, cont'd:

Rancho Santiago, Yosemite, Santa Rosa, Pasadena, West Valley-Mission, Santa Barbara, Grossmont-Cuyamaca.

At the conclusion of the reports, members voted the second annual "Broken Heart Award" to West Valley-Mission College.

Lunch: noon-1:00 pm.

Members discussed the report presented by Carl Friedlander.

*MOTION authorizing CCCI officers to participate in the informal merger discussions.
M/S: Contra Costa and Santa Barbara; Approved unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report

CCCI Treasurer John Smith reported on CCCI finances.

Discussion

Members agreed on two sets of dates for the Spring 2009 Conference: May 1-2 or 7-8 in San Francisco, Sacramento, or Santa Rosa.

Members agreed to invite representatives from both CCC/CFT and CCA/CTA to the Spring Conference for another merger update.

President's Report

Hansen reported on CCCI participation in Consultation Council meetings, the Council of Faculty Organizations (CoFO), and Board of Governors meetings. He also reported on the SBMA (Supplemental Benefits Maintenance Account), FACCC Bylaw changes, attendance at the COCAL Conference, and California Forward's proposal for a workshop on community colleges.

Other Items

Tom Garey (Santa Barbara) led a discussion about district reserves, and Deborah Dahl (Contra Costa) led a discussion on how part-time faculty parity and office hour payments may affect retirement.

The conference adjourned at 3:40 pm.