

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE INDEPENDENTS

Fall 2009 Conference, October 16-17, 2009

Marriott Hotel, Manhattan Beach, California

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Contra Costa, Foothill-De Anza, Rancho Santiago, Redwoods, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Santa Rosa, West Valley-Mission, Yosemite

Guests: Jonathan Lightman, Susan Aminoff

First Session, Friday, October 16

The first session of the Fall 2009 CCCI Conference was called to order at 9:00 am by President Rich Hansen.

Guest Presentation:

FACCC Executive Director Jonathan Lightman presented an overview of the state budget, legislation of interest to community college faculty, and upcoming advocacy initiatives.

Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved with addition of topics suggested by the group.

District Negotiation Reports:

Yosemite, Santa Barbara, Contra Costa, Santa Rosa, Foothill-De Anza, Rancho Santiago,

The conference recessed at 5:00pm.

Second Session, Saturday, October 17

President Hansen called the conference to order at 9:00 am.

District Negotiation Reports (continued):

Rancho Santiago (additional information), Santa Monica, West Valley-Mission.

Guest Presentation:

Susan Aminoff, Los Angeles CCD, presented a report on changes in health benefits plans in the Los Angeles Community College District and described the structure of the Joint Labor/Management Benefits Committee that crafted these changes.

CCCI Business

Hansen began his President's Report with information on the recent developments at Grossmont-Cuyamaca where the San Diego CCD California Federation of Teachers (CFT) local was successful in its campaign to decertify the Independent local. He also answered questions about several locals that have expressed interest in becoming Independent and updated the group on the most recent developments in the merger talks between CCC/CFT and CCA/CTA.

This led to a discussion of ways to increase CCCI activities at the state level, and a motion was made to investigate the possibility of having CCCI hire a contract lobbyist.

MOTION: That the President investigate the cost of a contract lobbyist and bring development a long-term plan to the Spring 2010 conference.

M/S Redwoods and Foothill-De Anza—passed unanimously.

Members discussed the Spring 2010 conference that will be held in the North, most likely in Sacramento. The consensus was to consider expanding the conference to two and half days with preferred dates of April 29, 30, and May 1 and a backup choice of April 22, 23, and 24. Hansen noted that the Spring Conference will include the election of officers and asked members to consider running for one of the positions.

The President's report continued with discussions about current developments on accreditation issues, Fifty Percent Law issues, and the state funding reductions in categorical funding.

Cornelia Alsheimer reported on part-time faculty issues and activities.

The Broken Heart Award was awarded by acclamation to Redwoods.

John Smith, Treasurer presented a report. See attachment. He also reported on the Chancellor's Office Legislative Task Force.

Members discussed the CCCI Newsletter, the idea of CCCI having legal representation, Senate/union dues issues, and the impact in terms of both cost and time of SLOs (Student Learning Outcomes) on members' colleges, noting that the impact is especially significant for smaller districts. There was discussion of a possible letter to the Chancellor and to the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges on the workload impact of SLOs.

The Conference adjourned at 4:12pm.