



P.O. Box 4800, Mission Viejo, CA 92690

MEETING MINUTES
Representative Council Meeting
Saddleback College, AGB Conference Room
March 6, 2017

Officers Present:

Mark Blethen
Kurt Meyer
Claire Cesareo
Parisa Soltani
Blake Stephens
Beth Clary
Lewis Long

Grievance Chairs Present:

Margot Lovett

Representatives from Irvine Valley College present:

Fawn Tanriverdi, GS
Tony Lin, LLR
Carlo Chan, MCSE
David Fretz, LST

Representatives from Saddleback College present:

Jan Duquette, KNES
Paula Jacobs, CS
Zina Boratynec, TCSP
Brock Schermerhorn, BS
Don Bowman, BS
Jenny Langrell, OELR
Christina Ghanbarpour, SBS

Part-time Representatives present:

Susan Bliss (SC)
Mari Stachenfeld (SC)

1. Call to Order: 3:10pm
2. Introduction of Guests: Loma Hopkins
3. Adoption of Agenda
 1. Motion to adopt current agenda- Don B. and Blake S. seconded approval of agenda. Agenda passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

1. Tony Lin attendance recorded twice. Minor changes made to '11. Benefit Changes.'
2. Motion to approve February Meeting Minutes. Tony L. motioned to approve and Blake S. seconded the approval of Meeting Minutes. Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

5. Part-Time Committee Report – Beth Clary (5 minutes)

1. Hugest turnout thus far. Changed location from SVEA to IVC;
2. 69 people in attendance;
3. Kurt did an amazing job and goes out of his way to put the entire presentation together.
4. First Friday in May – Unemployment Workshop

6. Communications Committee Report – Parisa Soltani (5 minutes)

1. New Rep Additions (including retirees)
 1. Process for adding a new rep or alternate: If your department has a Rep. Council vacancy, you may bring this to the attention of your department at the next meeting. If someone is interested in running and is unopposed, they may be voted in by majority. If more than one individual would like to run for the Rep Council seat, then we must conduct an on-line poll.
2. Gala Tickets
 1. Add Claire and Margot to Saddleback College
 2. 1 seat open for IVC Foundation (J. Egasse recommended)

7. Membership Report – Blake Stephens (10 minutes)

1. Blake: anticipating a big gap once FT faculty retire
2. IVC – two departments don't have representatives: FA and PST
3. SC - four departments don't have representatives: EI, FA, HSHS, ATAS
4. Numbers are not terrible. Up one member since last May. PT members at IVC has gone down significantly. Blake stated that he will send emails to recruit new members.
5. Paula: 4 new FT Counselors at SC. As we add new members, do they get a 'Welcome Letter' from FA? Christina confirmed that new members receive a physical letter in the mail with their membership card.

8. Treasurer's Report – ~~Tabled-Frank Gonzalez (10 minutes)~~

9. Organizing Committee Report – Kurt Meyer (5 minutes)

1. Kurt: I have nothing to report since the election in November.

10. Negotiations Report – Lewis Long (5 minutes)

1. Lewis: the email requesting feedback from Faculty will go out this week. Faculty will have two weeks to respond and then a meeting will be conducted with the Negotiating team to create a Sunshine offer. Lewis stated that he expects the District to Sunshine sometime in the Fall 2017.
2. Lewis expects to sit down at the table sometime in January.

11. Who Awards Nominee

1. Mark: Beth C. nominated Kurt Meyer and Claire C. seconded. Kurt Meyer was unanimously approved as our WHO Award nominee.

12. FA Scholarship Subcommittee

1. Claire: rewrote the criteria to be open to all majors;
2. Too late to change for IVC (currently 6 students applied), but SC was able to make the change since they are still in the process;
3. FA can expect to see many more applicants;
4. Blake and Jenny volunteers to review SC FA Scholarship applications.
5. Kurt asked that we have at least two people read each application. Claire wanted each volunteer to read each application.

13. Chancellor Search (5 minutes)

1. Mark: Paper screening completed. Applicants ranked, line was drawn. Waiting for first level interviews, which will be conducted off-campus between April 3-5th. Four interviews each day. Each candidate will be 75 minutes in length, 2nd level interviews will be more in-depth.
2. Jenny mentioned that she felt the process should be longer. Loma asked if there were any site visits planned? Mark said 'no.'
3. There is a Board Policy in place about hiring the Chancellor, however the District did not want to change the process mid-stream.
4. Mark may not make it to our next Rep Council meeting, in which case Kurt will run the meeting.

14. IVC Grievance Chair Opening

1. Opening next year, Fall 2017. Mark sent an email to faculty at IVC and got no response. Mark has been reaching out to IVC faculty.

15. CTA Winter Conference Report

1. Jenny: Blake did an amazing job on his tour of Downtown LA.
2. Kurt graduated Building Strong Leaders Academy (BSLA)
3. Kurt was asked to sing a Christmas Carol, which was a hit!
4. Loma: Bargaining PT Employees Re-Hire rights (SB 1379), now there is a state law (end of September) addressing PT Faculty re-hire rights. Consider the following: the length of employment at District or College, number of courses taught at District or College, Evaluations (methods of evaluation used to assess educational impact), availability/willingness to take on assignments (process should be created). Additional standards may be negotiated. Compliance with new standards will impact SSSP funding.
 1. Lewis: we tried to negotiate and the District said 'no' so technically we did negotiate it. Loma stated that 'no' is not an acceptable answer. Loma: the final agreement must include the SB 1379. Lewis will read SB 1379 word-for-word before negotiations.
 2. Mark: the take away is the law has zero teeth – no mandate. The terminology in SB 1379 is important. Loma recommended speaking to CTA, however Mark stated that they were less than helpful.
 3. Beth: thanked Loma for bringing this back up. Exec Council has been on top of this and hopeful that the language of the bill would be able for us to tell the District what must change. Unfortunately, the language in SB 1379 was not strong enough. Exec Council decided to wait until we start the negotiation cycle. This continues to be an on-going concern for PT faculty based on feedback she has received. Re-hire rights are PT faculty members #1 priority. Beth asked that Loma send her a copy of the documents she collected from the conference.
 4. Claire: mobilizing the 400+ PTs is key.

5. Don: How will this impact the help of Unemployment Benefits? Claire mentioned that there is still no guarantee of employment.

16. [CCTA](#) Spring Conference—April 21-23

1. Manhattan Beach Marriott
2. Anyone interested: Parisa Soltani, Kurt Meyer
3. Parisa will send an email to Rep Council to see who might be interested in attending

17. Announcements (5 minutes)

1. None

18. Other

1. None

19. Next Representative Council Meeting

April 3, 2017, 3-5:00pm, Irvine Valley College, LSB 105

20. Adjourned 4:19pm