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AGENDA
Representative Council Meeting
Irvine Valley College, B211
September 8, 2014

Officers Present:

President: Claire Cesareo
President-Elect: Mark Blethen
Past-President: Paula Jacobs
Treasurer: Ken Woodward
Secretary: Allison Camelot
Membership Chair: Loma Hopkins
Part-Time Faculty Chair: Beth Clary

Grievance Chairs Present:

Margot Lovett, Saddleback College

Representatives from Irvine Valley College present:

June McLaughlin, Business Sciences
Diana McCullough, Guidance and Counseling
Ted Weatherford, Kinesiology, Health and Athletics
Kurt Meyer, Humanities and Languages
Jefferey Kaufmann, Life Sciences and Technologies
Brent Monte, Math, Computer Sciences and Engineering
Martha Stuffer, Social and Behavioral Sciences
George Brogan, Physical Science and Technology

Representatives from Saddleback College present:

Veronica Obermeyer, Fine Arts and Media Technology
Jan Duquette, Kinesiology and Athletics
Josh Pryor, Liberal Arts
Jenny Langrell, Online Education and Learning Resources
Samantha Venable, Health Sciences and Human Services
Frank Gonzalez, Mathematics, Science and Engineering
Margot Lovett, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Part-time Representatives present:

Stephanie Arredondo-Glacet

Susan Bliss

Bev Wirtz

- 1) The meeting was called to order 3:10 p.m.
- 2) Introduction of Guests and New Representatives

New representatives to the Representative Council introduced themselves.

- 3) Adoption of Agenda
Moved by Margot Lovett; seconded by Ted Weatherford; unanimously approved.
- 4) Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 5, 2014
Moved by Margot Lovett; seconded by Bev Wirtz; unanimously approved; five abstentions.
- 5) New Representative Orientation (5 minutes)
The Roles and Responsibilities information was dispersed. Claire Cesareo stated that there will be a special election for alternates for divisions soon. Claire discussed and explained the roles and responsibilities of representatives.
- 6) CTA Campaign 2014 (15 minutes) – Robin Devitt, CTA Staff

Robin Devitt dispersed CTA campaign information. Robin stated that CTA is endorsing Governor Jerry Brown and discussed specific reasons why CTA is endorsing him. Robin stated that CTA is endorsing Tom Torlakson for state superintendent and why CTA is endorsing him. Robin asked representative to fill out an information sheet.

CTA has taken a “Yes” on Prop 47 Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act.

CTA has taken a “No” position on Prop 46

- 7) Treasurer’s Report (10 minutes) – Ken Woodward
Ken introduced himself and provided information on the budget and calendar year.
 - a. Additional Summer OSH for Negotiating Team

Claire stated that last year the representative council approved .5 OSH for the negotiating team for summer. The team met on a weekly basis throughout the summer. The Executive committee is recommending that an additional 1 OSH be assigned per team member. A motion was made by Ken Woodward to pay each team member 1 additional OSH and pay the president of the Association (Claire) 1 additional OSH; seconded by Margot Lovett; unanimously approved; 2 abstentions.

b. Approval of 2014-2015 Budget

The proposed budget was dispersed to the representative council and the budget and each category were explained. Jeffrey Kaufman asked about the District allocation of Executive Committee salaries and stipends, Ken and Claire explained allocation. Paula Jacobs moved to adopt the budget; seconded by Loma Hopkins; unanimously approved.

8) Membership Report (5 minutes) – Loma Hopkins

The Membership reports were dispersed (the membership status by total numbers). Loma stated that she is looking for new members for the membership committee and explained what the committee does. Loma explained that we are Agency Fee and that faculty have to sign up as a member and asked the representatives refer to the sheet that explains the benefits to being a member when speaking to their faculty.

9) Communications Committee Report (5 minutes) – Allison Camelot

The Communications Committee activities were explained (newsletter; ways to increase communication to members, etc.). The committee is in need of more members. At this time Allison, Claire, and Deyanira are the only individuals working on the newsletter. Caroline Gee has served on the committee previously but is on sabbatical this semester. Margot Lovett stated that it would be beneficial to inform other faculty of Faculty Association committee opportunities. Allison asked that the representatives talk to their faculty and have them contact her if they are interested in taking part in the committee.

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

Approximately 30 people attended the Part-Time Faculty Orientation last Friday, 9/5. About 9-10 faculty signed up as members at the workshop. Susan Bliss is leading a membership drive. In December there will be an unemployment workshop.

11) Organizing Committee Report (5 minutes) – Mark Blethen

Mark explained the goals of the Organizing Committee. A group of faculty have been attending the Board meetings and meet at 4:30, prior to the Board meeting, at Garman's. There was a discussion on the importance of a unified faculty. Mark encouraged representatives to attend and for them to encourage the faculty in their divisions to attend. George asked if they have considered members of the community to meet with faculty and attend Board meetings. Margot stated that it is important that individuals speak at the Board meeting at public comments. Claire discussed negotiations and the importance of faculty speaking during public comments on specific issues that are being negotiated.

12) Negotiations Report (10 minutes) – Lewis Long

The team has been in negotiations all summer and meeting on a weekly basis. Lewis discussed the status of negotiations and the status of the issues being negotiated. Loma inquired about the COLA increase. Samantha Venable also inquired about COLA, Lewis explained COLA and the contract.

13) Proposed Bylaw Changes (10 minutes)

The bylaws and proposed changes were dispersed. Claire explained the process of bylaws and standing rules changes. The Executive committee met during the summer and made the proposed changes. Claire explained each proposal. Claire stated that the bylaw changes will be sent to the representatives electronically to review. The bylaws will be sent to the entire membership to approve. Jefferey Kaufmann asked about any additional proposed changes, Claire stated that if anyone has any proposed changes to email the information to her. The issue of a voting quorum was discussed; Claire stated that this issue will be revisited next meeting.

14) Proposed Standing Rules Changes (5 minutes) - Claire Cesareo

Proposed changes to Standing Rules were discussed.

15) COCAL Report (10 minutes) – Susan Bliss

Susan attended the COCAL Conference this summer in New York. Issues faced by part-time faculty was the focus including international issues. Susan discussed the issues covered at the conference (international strike, strategies for resolution, alliances with other unions, etc.).

16) CCA Fall Conference (5 minutes)

- a. October 10-12, 2014, Holiday Inn Capital Plaza, Sacramento
- b. Delegate List (permitted to have 13 delegates): Beth Clary, Loma Hopkins, Susan Bliss, Claire Cesareo, Jefferey Kaufmann, and Bonnie Massey stated that they were interested in attending. Loma asked that we send an email to representatives and alternates.
Faculty need to register by 9/18.

17) PAC Report (10 minutes)

- a. Actions Taken
The PAC voted to support T.J. Prendergast and pay his filing fee; he is currently unopposed so we will get the majority of the funds back if that remains the case. The PAC voted to support Marcia Milchiker and to pay her filing fee; she is unopposed as well. Nancy Padberg is running against Quinlan Rakin; the PAC voted to pay Quinlan Rakin's filing fees.
- b. Next Meeting – September 15, 2014, 5:00-6:00pm – BGS 345

18) Benefits Update (5 minutes)

Will address at the next meeting.

19) Other

Blake Stephens inquired about the department chair compensation for this semester.

20) Next Representative Council Meeting

- a. October 6, 2014, 3-5:00pm, Saddleback College – AGB Conference Room

21) Meeting adjourned 5:06 p.m.