

California Community Colleges
Extended Opportunity Programs & Services Association
Executive Board Meeting
February 11, 2015
Teleconference

Executive Board

** present

**Fabio Gonzalez	President / San Jose City College
**Will Bruce	Past President / Allan Hancock College
**Irma Rodriguez	Vice-President / Sacramento City College
---Marcia Chaney	Treasurer / Cerritos College
**Sylvia Montejano	Secretary / Grossmont College
**Nancy Retes	Region 1 Rep / Butte College
**Cintya Da Cruz	Region 2 Rep / Mendocino College
**Wanda Bynam (for Inez Barragan)	Region 3 Rep / Santa Rosa College
**Eric Ogata	Region 4 Rep / Monterey Peninsula College
**Maria Roman	Region 5 Rep / Porterville College
**Cesar Flores	Region 6 Rep / Oxnard College
**Dawn Reid	Region 7 Rep / El Camino College
**Steve Tamanaha	Region 8 Rep / Orange Coast College
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**Omar Orihuela (for Joan Thompson)	Region 10 Rep/ SDCCD-Miramar

Committees / Appointments

**Danita Scott-Taylor	Elections
**Nancy Retes	Membership
**W. Bruce / D. Scott-Taylor	By-Laws
---Rejoice Chavira	Awards & Scholarships
**Fabio Gonzalez	Advocacy & Legislative
---vacant	RMAT (Retiree Mentoring Advocacy Team)
**Tim Mariner	TAC
---Joan Thompson	2015 Conference
---Rejoice Chavira	CSSO Liaison
**Will Bruce	Allocations Task Force
**Steve Tamanaha	CCCSFAA Liaison

Guests

**Andrea York FACCC

I CALL TO ORDER

Fabio Gonzalez

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

II ROLL CALL

Sylvia Montejano

III FACCC UPDATE

Andrea York

Andrea reported that Jonathan was currently in Washington, DC. She said that they are close to getting an author for the appropriations bill to restore EOPS funding. February 27th is the deadline to introduce a bill. She hopes to have someone by the end of this week (February 13th) or next. She said that there are some questions that need to be answered, for example, how many students have we had to turn away since our funding was decreased? Also, how many more students would we serve with restoration of our funding?

We are at the beginning of a new cycle, and there are a lot of new freshmen legislators that we need to inform and educate. She reports that feedback from the legislation has been very positive. Kevin De Leon stated that he owes everything to EOPS. Dawn Reid asked if DeLeon had been approached to be the author of our bill. Andrea explained that he is Pro Tem, and he's in a better position to manage from above. Andrea and Jonathan are doing what they can in Sacramento and Washington, DC. Once they have an author for our bill, they will be looking for someone who can "shine a light" on EOPS. One of the questions that Andrea is getting from the legislators is "What is the demand of EOPS in the field?" We still have a high demand, but not the resources to serve them.

Budget hearings are in April, and as many board members as possible should attend. The hearing in the morning is for higher education, in general, and the afternoon hearing is specifically for community colleges. Irma Rodriguez mentioned that Southwest Airlines now has \$49 flights now, and suggested that people make their reservations early so they can get these lower fees.

Maria Roman pointed out that there are so many new directors who don't understand the current situation. They haven't experienced how EOPS was before the cuts. We need to educate them and explain the history of our program to them.

IV OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report

Fabio Gonzalez

Fabio reported that he attended a Region 7 meeting recently and hear much of the same as he had heard at the Region 4 meeting he attended earlier. Everyone is dealing with the same problems. Questions about shifting funds within the program, what to do with book vouchers, etc... Issues are pretty much the same across the board.

There are a lot of EOPS veterans who understand the program well. The regional meetings are really important and not all regions are meeting regularly. We need monthly meetings to organize our directors, and educate our new directors. It might be hard to do face-to-face meetings because of schedules. Utilizing CCC Confer can help regions meet regularly. Fabio explained how to get connected to CCC Confer, it's very simple. He also offered to walk anyone through the process if they had problems with it.

V REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 Nancy reported that Region 1 is having their first meeting on February 27th at Shasta College. Most of the colleges in their region will be attending.

Region 2 Cintya reported that Region 2 hasn't met yet. She sent out emails to all the directors but hasn't heard back from anyone yet. Irma suggested making phone calls to individual directors.

Region 3 Wanda reported that Region 3 is having their first regional meeting on February 20th at the Petaluma campus. In the Fall, directors in her region invited their legislators to talk to them about our programs.

Region 4 Eric reported that Region 4 met last Friday (February 6th). They are hearing very similar conversations across the region. Times are really good for the colleges right now and districts are challenged to use the SSSP and Student Equity funds that are available. There is a lot of hiring going on across the region, which is great, but might be temporary. He stressed that veteran directors need to educate the new directors about how to use the funding and not send money back to the state. Right now money is good, and EOPS is getting some of it. However, when money gets tight we know that poor students lose out.

Fabio pointed out that we are in a critical position now. In Sacramento people are hearing that everything is okay, and that EOPS is getting local funding. We need to inform people what's really happening. In some cases, EOPS is receiving local funding, but not everywhere. We need to work with our legislators and let them know what's happening at the local level.

Region 5 Maria reported that their region is so spread out that they haven't met often. They need to utilize CCC Confer to remedy that problem. Advocacy has been low in her region because of lots of turnover in the region. She reported that she stepped down from Director of Student Services to a Coordinator at her campus, because she wants to focus on EOPS alone. A new Director of Student Services has been hired, but her time spent on EOPS/CARE is limited. A lot of the directors in her region have other responsibilities and can't devote that much time to EOPS/CARE. The region will be meeting in two weeks.

Irma reported that they are working with Puente and UMOJA because those programs have the same student population that EOPS has. We can't pit ourselves against other student equity programs, we ARE student equity. It's important to form coalitions with these programs that serve the same students. Also, there's been a lot of discussion about directors with multiple responsibilities and oversight. The directors of the other programs can advocate for EOPS and coordinate with their programs.

There was a discussion about the Student Equity funds. Student Equity will not have the same oversight that EOPS has. The Chancellor's office doesn't have the staff to do the oversight for that program. EOPS already has that oversight in place. At this point, the state doesn't know how they are going to determine the most effective way to use the Student Equity money.

Region 6 Cesar reported that Region 6 had a conference call on January 27th, to strategize how to approach legislators. They are contacting them personally, along with sending emails and letters. Pamela Brogdon spoke with their local legislator, Scott Wilkes, and Cesar

spoke with representatives for Jackie Irwin. They have seasoned directors/coordinators in their region, and there has been little turn over. Their region has had little success getting SSSP/Student Equity funds so far. They will be meeting on March 27th for a regional conference.

- Region 7 Dawn reported that her region met last Friday (February 6th). Fabio attended that meeting. There are at least 5 new or acting directors in their region. Region 7 represents the LA Community College District. They met on January 9th to discuss organizing a regional CARE conference for the Spring, and inviting a legislator to it. They also discussed doing a student letter-writing campaign. They are focusing on legislators Jimmy Gomez and Miguel Santiago for their support. Fabio suggested also talking to Ricardo Lara. The region will be meeting again on March 2nd, before our next board meeting.
- Region 8 Steve reported that Region 8 met last week. Seven of their 14 directors are new. These directors are busy learning their new jobs and can't focus on advocacy right now. The region is planning on attending the March in March. The region is focusing on two points, working with legislators and also dealing with the roadblocks on campus from upper administrators. Programs are losing money across the board, and we need to focus on that when we talk to legislators and administrators.
- Region 9 No report
- Region 10 Omar is the Interim Director of EOPS at Southwestern College. He didn't know that we needed to advocate for more money, he thought that everything was okay. The region is meeting every month, and focusing on the 2015 conference and also the all-employee staff training scheduled for March. Joan is arranging a meeting with Marty Block. Fabio suggested also reaching out to Shirley Weber. She is on the Senate Higher Education committee, and is a key player for funding to the community colleges.

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

2015 Conference Committee – no report

2016 Conference Committee

Fabio asked if a committee has been formed yet for the Fall 2016 conference, which will be hosted by Regions 3, 4 and 5. A committee needs to be formed to start the planning.

Election Committee

Danita Scott-Taylor

Ballots have been sent to Regions 1-3-5-7-9 and 2. Ballots are due back on February 27th. There is only one person on each ballot. She's not sure what's happening with Region 9, because Carol Lasquade is on the ballot and she is leaving.

By-Laws Committee

Will Bruce

Will reported that he is going to contact Lorenzo Questa and start working with him on the by-laws. Also, there's going to be a rally at the March in March, and EOPS has been asked to have a booth there. Will's not sure what exactly is happening with that. He will have a report at the next meeting.

VII OPEN DISCUSSION

Fabio opened the floor for questions and Danita asked if there was an update on SB 1023. Fabio reported that nothing has been moved forward because there is no funding attached to it. Foster youth is a targeted population for Student Equity funding, so the money might come through there. There is a lot going on behind doors at this point.

VIII NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 2nd, at Vallejos restaurant in Sacramento.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.