

**California Community Colleges
Extended Opportunity Programs & Services Association
Executive Board Meeting
September 18, 2014
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 / Cerrito College
**Sylvia Montejano	Secretary / Grossmont College
**Nancy Retes	Region 1 Rep / Butte College
**Jose Vallejo	Region 2 Rep / Woodland Community College
**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
---vacant	Region 9 Rep /
---Joan Thompson	Region 10 Rep/ San Diego – Miramar College

Committees / Appointments

**Danita Scott-Taylor	Elections
**Maria Roman	Membership
**Fabio Gonzalez	By-Laws
---vacant	Awards & Scholarships
**Fabio Gonzalez	Advocacy & Legislative
---Ruth Dills	RMAT (Retiree Mentoring Advocacy Team)
---Tim Mariner	TAC
**I. Rodriguez	2014 Conference
**N. Retes, J. Vallejo	
---Joan Thompson	2015 Conference
---vacant	CSSO Liaison
---vacant	Allocations Task Force
---vacant	New Directors Training
---vacant	CCCSFAA Liaison

I CALL TO ORDER

Fabio Gonzalez

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fabio Gonzales

Approval of the agenda was waived because this meeting was a continuation of the July 6/7 board meeting. The board reviewed the previous agenda and determined what had not been covered previously and picked up where we left off.

III PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fabio Gonzalez

Fabio reported that the past three weeks have been extremely busy, and the "craziest" he has experienced so far. Will Bruce and Irma Rodriguez have been helping him by attending different meetings. A lot is going on at the Board of Governors' meetings and the legislature. Fabio has been working to meet with each of the BOG members individually to advocate for EOPS/CARE. His goal is to set up an appointment with Linda Michalowski and the Chancellor as soon as possible to discuss our concerns with them. At the BOG meeting, it was announced the Board of Governors are looking at fully restoring categorical programs to their 2008-09 funding levels, which means \$6 million for CARE and \$27,513 million for EOPS, according to Dan Troy (Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities Planning Division).

There was a discussion about what terminology people in the field should use when discussing return of our funding. Some refer to it is EOPS being **fully funded**, others refer to it as **full restoration**. We have gotten conflicting messages about what terminology to use. At the last EOPSA board meeting, Jonathan Lightman had advised us to use the terminology "fully funded" instead of "restoration". There might be a negative connotation to "restoration", and it doesn't include anything about growth. However, Fabio reported that at the last BOG meeting, Jonathan and the board members used the term "restoration" in the meeting. Fabio will follow up with Jonathan today to see which terminology we should use in the future.

IV EOPS ASSOCIATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Fabio Gonzalez

There was a discussion of the goals and "talking points" of the EOPS Association. Talking points include:

- Return of full-time directors
- Full restoration of EOPS/CARE funding
- No changes to the EOPS Title V requirements
- Inclusion of EOPS with foster youth for the BOG Waiver exemption

In Sacramento, the buzz words are Student Success and Student Equity. However, EOPS has been left out of the discussion. The question is how can we re-image EOPS as being a Student Equity program so we can be included in dialog regarding these funding programs? Fabio reported that the Academic Senate is introducing the topic of adding EOPS and Veterans to the exemption language through the consultation council. They are trying to put it on the agenda for the next BOG meeting. Hopefully, with the help of the academic senate, we will be successful in getting included. If access is the goal, cutting off the BOG waiver for EOPS is counter-productive and contrary to the stated goal.

There was a discussion about the various goals of the EOPS association, which include:

- Outreach to the field
- Publicizing legislative agenda to the field
- Publicizing opportunities for involvement (through creation of a Communications Officer position)
- Publicizing existing data and determining gaps in that data

- Forming a planning group for board meetings to address internal weaknesses
- Identifying three new opportunities for coalition
- Examination of agendas to focus more on strategic agenda and implementation
- Selecting an Awards and Scholarship chair

Publicizing existing data and determining gaps in that data

There is already an archive of old forms and letters, available through a drop-box that Tim and Will have worked on. What we need is to reinstate the position of Historian. Someone who is technology savvy so they can work with what has already been developed. There was a m/s/a to bring back the Historian position. Fabio said he would work with Will on bringing this position back.

Outreach to the field

Fabio requested that regional reps notify him of when they hold their regional meetings so he can attend and do outreach to the field. He wants the meetings to be posted on our website.

Publicize opportunities for involvement – Communications Officer

There was a discussion about creating a Communications Officer position. This person can do the newsletter and update the field about what happens at the board meetings. The question was brought up whether we try to find someone from the field to volunteer or hire a professional consultant. After much discussion, there was a m/s/a to make it an appointed position rather than hiring a consultant. That person would also participate on the TAC committee. Fabio said he would work on the position title.

Will mentioned that the EOPS Association should publicize our study. Fabio said that that can be one of the first jobs for our new Communications Officer.

Planning group for board meetings to address internal weaknesses

There was a discussion about internal weaknesses in the EOPS Association board. Some board members asked for clarification about this issue. There are weaknesses in the executive board, we need to determine what they are and address them.

V NEW BUSINESS

Foster Youth Survey

Fabio Gonzalez

A survey was sent out to the field on July 2, 2014 to find out their position on SB 1023. That survey got 45 responses. There was a discussion about sending out the survey again, and it was suggested that we wait until after the Fall conference, because there is going to be a break-out workshop addressing this issue at the conference. A lot of people have questions about this bill, there is a lot of confusion around the issue. It was decided to hold off sending out the survey again until after the conference, it is better to have the discussion and answer people's questions first. In the first round, 60 % of the colleges that already responded supported the bill. Board members felt that that percentage reflected general support of Foster Youth. The delineating question is not support of Foster Youth, but EOPS's participation as defined by the bill. The bill is currently on Gov. Brown's desk, and it hasn't been signed

to date. EOPS had sent in recommendations for changes to the bill, but they did not accept any of the changes that we had recommended.

2014 Conference Update

Irma Rodriguez

To date there are 341 people registered for the conference, we are missing payments from 20 of those people. We exceeded the hotel room minimum. Starting tomorrow (September 19th), the hotel will open up rooms at the regular rate. There is an overflow hotel, a waitlist is being developed for that overflow hotel. There were 38 requests for break-out workshops, 24 were selected. There will be 4 blocks of 6 break-out sessions each at the conference. The Keynote Speakers are Dr. Santalina Moreno, a Life Coach and former EOPS student, and Dr. Jeff Duncan-Andrade, a San Francisco State professor who works with youth. The conference will last 2-1/2 days, the first day will be all general. There will not be any presentations during lunch, only entertainment. Irma reminded regional reps to bring their baskets for the raffle, they must be worth at least \$100. Eight vendors have signed up for the conference, including local artists and some college reps. Fabio asked when the Regional meetings were being held. It was decided that the end of Day 2 would be the best time for them to meet.

Eric Ogata asked if it would be possible for his region (Region 4) to do a fundraiser at the Fall conference. There was extensive discussion about opening up the fundraising to individual regions and it was decided that it would conflict with the scholarship fundraising. No motion was put forward.

Student Equity

Fabio Gonzalez

At the last BOG meeting a budget was approved with a 12-16% increase for the 2015-16 year, including restoration of categorical programs funding to 2008-09 levels. The challenge that EOPS is now facing is how to be included in receiving Student Equity money earmarked for the colleges.

There is a workshop being held on September 26th, at American River College, sponsored by the Academic Senate, for the purpose of training colleges on how to write their Student Equity Plans. Categorical programs are okay to receive funding from the Student Equity Plan. Fabio hopes to have more information regarding this at the next EOPS Association meeting on October 5th.

The Chancellor's office staff will be presenting on SSSP and Student Equity at the Fall Conference.

VI NEXT MEETING

The next EOPS Association meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5, before the 2014 Fall Conference at the Doubletree Hotel, from 2 – 6 PM.

VII ADJOURNMENT

Fabio Gonzalez

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.