

**California Community Colleges
Extended Opportunities, Programs & Services Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2015**

Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, California

Executive Board

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| **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 |
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| **Nancy Retes | Region 1 Rep / Butte College |
| ---Cynthia Simon | Region 2 Rep / Solano Community College |
| **Wanda Bynum | Region 3 Rep / Santa Rosa Junior 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 |
| **Carmen Rodriguez | Region 9 Rep / San Bernardino Valley College |
| **Joan Thompson | Region 10 Rep/ SDCCD-Miramar College |
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| **Fabio Gonzalez | Advocacy |
| **Rejoice Chavira | Awards & Scholarships / CSSO Liaison |
| **W. Bruce/D. Scott-Taylor | By-Laws |
| **Danita Scott-Taylor | Elections |
| **Tim Mariner | TAC |
| **Steve Tamanaha | CCCSFAA Liaison |

Guests

**Mercy Yanez

CALL TO ORDER

Fabio Gonzalez

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Fabio Gonzalez

The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Sylvia Montejano

There was a motion (Eric Ogata) and a second (Steve Tamanaha) to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. **(MOTION APPROVED)**

2015 CONFERENCE UPDATE

Joan Thompson

Joan reported that there are currently 490 people registered for the conference. We are sharing the hotel space with two other conferences, so space is tight. Registration will open today at 3:00, in the Regency Foyer. Breakfast will be served daily from 6:30 – 8:30 outside. On Tuesday, lunch will be served in two different rooms, but on Wednesday we will all have lunch at the Golden Ballroom.

The schedule for Thursday will be as follows:

- 8:00 General Session / Elections
- 9:30 Denise Noldon
- 10:30 Chancellor’s Update
- 11:30 Jonathan Lightman

Will Bruce mentioned that if the by-laws are approved today, that is going to change the election on Thursday.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Fabio Gonzalez

Fabio reported that 500 “Thank You” cards have been printed for our use. He has already sent cards to the BOG and Consultation Council. There are three key individuals to thank, Kevin de Leon, Toni Atkins and Governor Brown. Someone suggested handing the cards out at the regional meetings. Fabio suggested sending the cards before Thanksgiving.

Fabio also announced that Cynthia Simon is the new rep for Region 2.

The Chancellor is retiring in April, Fabio is hoping that Denise Noldon will be applying for the Chancellor’s position.

Fabio reported on the CAFYES grant. The Chancellor’s Office might not award all 10 grants. They are looking for programs with clear psychological services for the population. They have selected the readers for the grant applications. There will be four readers per group, including representatives from the Chancellor’s Office, EOPS, Foster Youth, and the community (Foundation). Students will have to be enrolled in at least 9 units to be served by this grant program. However, those students with 9 units will not be part of the 10%, we can bring in as many as we want. It is important that, when we attend meetings about Foster Youth, that we are clear about the services that EOPS already offers these students. Also, priority registration for Foster Youth is scheduled to sunset in 2017.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Will Bruce

Will reported that they are close to finalizing the by-laws regarding the “President Elect” position. He is on the EOPS Allocation Task Force as the Region 6 representative. There are not many people in the task force who remember the history, only him and Keith Brookshaw.

The FACCC board is going to Washington DC to advocate for California Community Colleges. Will has mixed feelings about going since we are state-funded. There is a shift to offer more EOPS-like services to all students at the federal level, hence the push to advocate at the federal level.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Irma Rodriguez

No Report

TREASURER’S REPORT

Marcia Chaney

Marcia presented the final 14-15 budget and the proposed 15-16 budget. So far, \$171,000 has been collected for the conference. The final 14-15 budget will be handed out at the general meeting on Thursday. There was a motion (Wanda Bynum) and a second (Irma Rodriguez) to approve the final 14-15 CCCEOPSA budget (**MOTION APPROVED**). Also, there was a motion (Steve Tamanaha) and a second (Will Bruce) to approve the proposed 15-16 budget (**MOTION APPROVED**).

OLD BUSINESS

Advocacy 15-16 - Fabio Gonzalez

Fabio reiterated the importance of not opening Title 5. He had a meeting with Denise Noldon (along with Irma Rodriguez and Danita Scott-Taylor). He reported that it was a good meeting. Dr. Noldon is very supportive of EOPS.

We are working to continue/sustain priority registration beyond 2017 for five groups of students: EOPS/CARE, Foster Youth, CalWORKS, DSPS and Veterans. AB 595 (Priority Registration) is coming out in February.

We also are continuing our work to postpone implementation of the new rules on the BOG waiver from Fall '16. We need to work locally, go to local board meetings and request suspension of the new BOG waiver rules from Fall '16. Fabio suggested asking our local boards to write letters to the Chancellor's Office requesting suspension of the BOG implementation. Enrollment is currently down, now is not a good time to implement these new rules.

CAFYES Update – Fabio Gonzalez

There are people in the Foster Youth group that generalize local issues to the entire state, and that is problematic. They assume that the local problems they are having are the same throughout the state, and that is not the case. There are local issues in some areas, and statewide issues. EOPS is already serving foster youth, but there is a misconception that we are not. The Chancellor's Office has pushed the CAFYES grant, not the EOPS Association. Fabio met with Tim Bonnell, for the purpose of clearing up misconceptions about EOPS not wanting to serve foster youth. Fabio reported that it was a good meeting.

Priority Registration / BOG Waiver

There was a discussion about the sun-setting of priority registration and the changes to the BOG waiver. The first priority is to secure priority registration for our students. After that, the next priority is to decouple priority registration from the BOG waiver issues.

Elections and Appointments – Danita Scott-Taylor

The election this year will be for even-numbered regions and Executive Board-members. Also, Cynthia Simons has volunteered to serve as the rep for Region 2.

FACCC Contract – Fabio Gonzalez

The FACCC contract with Jonathan Lightman is basically the same as before, though it has been increased to \$20,000. It has been reduced from a 2-year contract to a year-to-year contract, this year from November 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. The next association president can decide if s/he wants is in a two-year cycle or one-year cycle.

Spring Training – Fabio Gonzalez

The hotel venue has been changed again for the Spring Training 2016. Right now, it is planned for the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento. The Spring Training will be held on Math 8 – 9, 2016. The EOPS Association will over the first day, and the Chancellor’s Office will do the second day.

By-Laws – Will Bruce

We reviewed the changes in the by-laws from the July meeting. There was a motion (Joan Thompson) and a second (Rejoice Chavira) to approve the changes. **(MOTION APPROVED)**

There was a discussion about the next election, now that the by-laws have been changed and we have a President-Elect position.

NEW BUSINESS

CCCEOPSA Reimbursement Policy – Irma Rodriguez

Irma reported that there hasn’t been a written policy for reimbursements in place. Since we are currently working on the by-laws, it was decided that now would be a good time to establish one. There was a first reading of the proposed reimbursement draft.

Region 2 Representative Appointment – Fabio Gonzalez

Cynthia Simon volunteered to serve as the Region 2 Representative.

2015-16 Association Goals and Objectives

There was a discussion about attaching a Student Leadership component to our Fall conferences. However, that is with the caveat of not giving that additional responsibility to the Conference Committee, they already have enough to do.

State Advisory Committee

The EOPS Association had a statutory committee before, but it was disbanded. We are looking into forming a state advisory committee for the association again.

FACCC Contract 15-16 – Fabio Gonzalez

The contract for November 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 with Jonathan Lightman was approved.

FACCC UPDATE

Fabio Gonzalez

Jonathan sent an update via e-mail. He reminded the board that now is the time to thank Assembly Member Luis Alejo for AB -490, as well as Senator Kevin de Leon.

Next year's next issue is going to be CTE/Tech prep. There is a possibility that CalWORKS might be switching over to CTE.

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE UPDATE

Kelly Gornik

Kelly reported that Todd Hoig will be offering a workshop during the conference about Data Mart. It will be a useful workshop to attend.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

2016 Conference

The 2016 conference committee will be sending out "Save the Date" cards for October 18 – 20, with the conference being held somewhere in the bay area. They are having problems finding a hotel that will accept the state rate for rooms. Will Bruce mentioned that the 2017 conference committee (Regions 6-7-8) should start looking now for Fall '17, because organizations are booking two years in advance. Will Bruce, Dawn Reid, Steve Tamanaha and Cesar Flores will start working on the Fall '17 conference.

Membership – Nancy Retes

Nancy reported that she and Marcia will look into using payroll deductions to pay for EOPS Association membership, and report at a future meeting.

Elections – Danita Scott-Taylor

Danita reported that even-numbered regions and the Executive Board (President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) will be the positions up for a vote in this year's election.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 – Nancy Retes

Region 1 will be holding a mini symposium for their CARE students in the upcoming Spring 2016 semester. Shasta has agreed to host students from Butte, Lassen, the College of the Redwoods and Siskiyou. The symposium is an opportunity for CARE students and their children to experience a fun activity, as well as the parents gain from networking with students from different colleges. The Butte College CARE specialist will assist in the planning, since Butte College has the largest number of CARE students in Region 1.

Region 2 – No Report

Region 3 – No Report

Region 4 – No Report

Region 5 – Maria Roman

Some of the colleges in Region 5 will be applying for the CAFYES grant. Fresno City College is already meeting and putting a plan together. Other colleges are thinking about it, but haven't met yet. Some of the issues for all of the colleges are identifying the number of foster youth attending the colleges. At this point, Fresno was only able to identify 20-23 students thus far.

Modesto contacted the Chancellor's Office for direction on possibly giving EOPS grants that are directed specifically to AB 540 (undocumented) students. The Chancellor's Office stated that they cannot do that, grants should be issued in a way that ALL students in EOPS have an opportunity to qualify for them. Kelly suggested that the region could offer grants that are GPA driven instead, that would be acceptable because all students would have an opportunity to qualify for the grant. Modesto has developed a program at their campus to serve their undocumented students. They are also planning on visiting the Undocumented Student Center at Santa Rosa Junior College. Fresno also has a center for undocumented students, but it is still in a developmental stage.

CARE numbers are down region-wide, and the region is working to increase the numbers in their programs. They are looking at the following benefits for their students: Meal cards, transportation, gas cards, childcare reimbursement and "compliance" grants.

Region 6 – No Report

Region 7 – No Report

Region 8 – Steve Tamanaha

Rosa Alvarez, from Foster Youth Services, Orange County Dept of Education, gave a presentation to Region 8 on "Education Equals". There are several campuses in the region who expressed interest in working with her (Fullerton, Golden West, SCC, Cypress and OCC). Yvette from Cerritos is serving as the region's rep for the CCCO's Foster Youth Success Initiative task force. Also, Fullerton reported using equity funds to assist foster youth who are not EOPS-eligible with gas cards and textbooks.

Several campuses in the region have added staff or faculty or are in the process of recruiting them. Currently, Coastline has a vacancy for their EOPS/CW/FY Director, and Golden West has vacancies for both their EOPS/CW Director and CARE Intake staff.

Region 8 is re-establishing their California non-profit status. Their corporation number is C2893919.

The region had a discussion about electronic ed plans and signatures. There is an auditing requirement for a "wet signature", which means that even if a campus goes with an electronic SEP, it will still have to be printed and signed by both the counselor and student.

The region is planning a Staff Development event for Spring 2016, held possibly during the weeks of April 18 or 23, date to be determined later. They are expecting about 100 attendees, and the region is looking at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel/Conference Center for the venue.

The region is also starting to plan their CARE Student Conference for Spring 2017. CARE reps from all the colleges will be having two meeting during Fall 2015 and will start to meet monthly in Spring 2016 for planning purposes.

Region 9 – No Report

Region 10 – Joan Thompson

Region 10 has had many EOPS Director changes in the past two years:

MiraCosta College – Yesenia is the permanent Director

Southwestern College – Omar Orihuela is the permanent Director

Grossmont College – Mario Chacon is the permanent Director

Palomar College – Calvin Onedeer is the interim Director

SDCCD/Mesa – Nellie Dougherty is the interim Director

Five Region 10 Directors visited with the higher education aide to Toni Atkins, for the purpose of urging Ms. Atkins to support the restoration of EOPS funds. The region also made phone calls to legislators to urge them to support restoration. Subsequently, the region has sent handwritten thank you notes to the politicians who helped support the restoration of EOPS funds.

The region will be hosting its annual Region 10 Student Leadership Conference on October 22, here at the Town and Country Hotel, immediately following the EOPSA Conference.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be announced at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.