

**California Community Colleges
Extended Opportunity Programs & Services Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
Double Tree Hotel – Sacramento, CA**

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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| **Danita Scott Taylor | Elections |
| **Rejoice Chavira | Awards & Scholarships / CSSO Liaison |
| **W. Bruce/D. Scott-Taylor | By-Laws |
| **Maria Roman | Membership |
| **Fabio Gonzalez | Advocacy |
| **N.Retes/C.Simon/W. Bynum | Conference 2016 |

Guests

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| **Jonathan Lightman | FACCC |
| **Matt Canty | FACCC |

CALL TO ORDER

Fabio Gonzalez

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 A.M.

FACCC UPDATE

Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan introduced his new assistant, Matt Canty. Jonathan discussed SB 906, authored by Jim Beall (with several co-authors). SB 906 would retain priority registration for foster youth and former foster youth, as well as EOPS and DSPS students, indefinitely. Right now, the priority registration is scheduled

to sunset by January 2017. Priority registration has been a part of EOPS benefits for a long time, but things got complicated when SSSP was implemented. SB 595 brought back the priority registration that was taken away by SSSP, but that was only temporary, and is due to sunset next year. SB 906 would grant priority registration for these three protected groups indefinitely. Jonathan is working with the Republicans, trying to justify keeping priority registration for EOPS students. Matt has been working with the Senate Education Committee, where this bill is going to be heard. Four of the people on that committee are co-authors of this bill. There will be a hearing on SB 906 tomorrow morning. Fabio will be there with students. Jonathan expects that the bill will pass.

Jonathan also discussed AB 2017, which sets up a funding mechanism that takes money from Prop 63 and funnels it into higher education. Currently the money from Prop 63 goes to the counties for community health services. Right now, mental health services at community colleges are spotty. AB 2017 will take the growth money from Prop 63 and redirect it from the counties to higher education for mental health services. At this point, they don't know how they will divide it among the three college systems: CCC/CSU/UC. The bill is going to the Higher Education Committee first, then the Health committee, that part will be more difficult.

Jonathan also presented SB 1450, authored by Steven Glazer (with several co-authors), The California Promise Program, which will give priority registration and advising support to students who complete 30 semester units per year and an associate's degree within two years. This bill is not coming up in tomorrow's Education Committee meeting. Jonathan advises us not to oppose this bill, Governor Brown likes this model.

Regarding the budget, there is a lot of money on the table, but no one is very enthusiastic about the budget. The proposal for COLA is only 0.47%, and for growth it is 2%. The new budget includes \$200 million for CTE, \$283 million for instructional equipment and maintenance (one-time money). There is also discussion for providing on-going money for Basic Skills.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion (Joan Thompson), and second (Maria Roman) to approve the agenda. **(Motion Approved).**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There was a motion (Irma Rodriguez), and a second to approve the minutes. **(Motion Approved).**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President

Fabio Gonzalez

There is an issue coming up with the statewide Academic Senate regarding minimum qualifications for instructors. Academic Senate wants to set the minimum qualifications for all instructors, including CTE. EOPS minimum qualifications are protected by Title 5. Right now, the minimum qualifications issue has

gone dormant because the current Chancellor is leaving and it has been put on hold. It will come up again when the new Chancellor comes on board, because the statewide Academic Senate really wants to have the control.

Irma suggested the EOPS Association hiring a part-time Executive Director for EOPS. As the association continues to grow, more and more responsibilities are being placed on the officers and regional reps, on top of their full-time jobs. Having a part-time Executive Director would help reduce the workload for the board members. Also, in the education code, EOPS is supposed to have a Consultation Council, chaired by an assembly member. That council was disbanded in the 90's. Irma suggested bringing that Consultation Council back.

Fabio met with Marcia and they purchased a supply of polo shirts for EOPSA. The shirts will cost \$25 each, and they will go on sale at the next conference. The association spent \$4500 on pens, tote bags and polo shirts.

PAST PRESIDENT

Will Bruce

Will attended the FACCC board meeting, where they discussed minimum qualifications. He explained that we have always worked to protect Title 5, because if we open up Title 5, it would be open to any kind of change. Now Academic Senate wants to take over minimum qualifications for the entire system.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Irma Rodriguez

Irma reported helping Fabio with various meetings. She also reported that Maria del Carmen Rodriguez will not be able to attend the training tomorrow, she was supposed to participate on the panel with Leonard. Irma asked if anyone could step in to support Leonard with his presentation. Wanda and Danita agreed to participate on the panel. Irma said she would be providing 3X5 cards for questions at each training session.

Duplication of EOPS services is an issue, especially for new directors. Irma reiterated that EOPS students are eligible for ANY service available to any student attending that college. Students should not be denied any services available to other students just because they are in EOPS. EOPS services are above and in addition to any other services available to all students.

Fabio acknowledged Irma for taking over the organization of the Technical Training.

TREASURER

Marcia Chaney

Marcia reported that the association currently has \$152,653 in the budget. There was a discussion about creating a separate foundation account for receiving money for scholarships and other things (like the Executive Director position). There was a motion (Marcia Chaney) and a second (Joan Thompson) to create the foundation account (**Motion approved**). A committee was formed to research the possibility for forming this foundation account. Joan Thompson volunteered to chair the committee, Marcia Chaney, Maria Roman, Tim Mariner, Danita Scott-Taylor, Eric Ogata and Carmen Rodriguez volunteered to serve on the committee.

There was a motion (Marcia Chaney), and second (Rejoice Chavira) to pass the current budget (**Motion Approved**).

OLD BUSINESS

CAFYES - Will Bruce

Will reported that we are using CARE guidelines as a model for CAFYES, though there aren't the same restrictions on this program. Will, Steve Tamanaha and Inez Barragan are working on developing new guidelines for CAFYES, they should be ready in a couple of weeks.

CAFYES is a 3-year pilot program, it does not have the 70 units limit according to Janet _____. The Chancellor's office will form an advisory committee for CAFYES and bring their recommendations to the EOPS Association meeting. Also, EOPSA will bring their concerns to the Chancellor's Office. There are concerns about the lack of guidelines and the ensuing confusion around that lack. The association

training. There was a motion (Wanda Bynam) and second (Eric Ogata) to have CAFYES follow the same guidelines as CARE for three meetings per year (at the Fall Conference, Spring Training and a third determined by the Chancellor's Office **(Motion Approved)**).

CCCEOPSA CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

Moved to the next meeting.

EOPSA STUDENT PROFILE

Will worked on a student profile form that can market the success of our program. How can we publicize our student success stories? Will, Marcia, Fabio and Tim are working on this project.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR EOPSA

There was a discussion about the possibility of hiring a full-time Executive Director for the EOPS Association, to take it to the next level. With all the things happening, it is getting harder for all the work to be done by a volunteer President. There were several questions regarding this issue, including how much the position would cost the association, whether a full-time position was needed, or if part-time would be enough, how this position would fit in with Jonathan's advocacy role. There was also concern expressed that if the person in this position was not "home-grown", would they have the passion needed to be effective?

EOPS is currently a \$122 million program, and we are growing. There are certain meetings that the association president must attend, like the BOG meetings and the Consultation Council meetings, but other meetings could be attended by others, as is happening already. We would need to prioritize the meetings and determine which are essential to attend.

Discussion regarding this topic to be continued.

ELECTIONS – Danita Scott-Taylor

Danita reported that 188 ballots were returned. The election this year is for Even regions (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) and for the Executive Board. In Region 10, Joan withdrew her name and Yesenia Balcazar volunteered to serve as Regional Rep. In regard to the VP position, Irma Rodriguez withdrew her nomination, as did Nick Mata (from Santa Monica College). Fabio will announce opening up the VP position at the training session tomorrow. Will Bruce stressed the importance of the person in the VP position to have experience in the program. Wanda Bynum and Joan Thompson volunteered to count the ballots.

NEW BUSINESS

BOGW APPEAL PROCESS

There was a discussion about having EOPS representation in the BOGW appeals committee on campuses. Cesar Flores mentioned that this was a hot topic in his district. Different campuses are doing different things. Most campuses have a committee with different programs represented on the committee. Some campuses are doing the appeals committee through Admissions & Records, others through Financial Aid. It is very inconsistent from campus to campus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2016 CONFERENCE UPDATE – Eric Ogata, Maria Roman, Wanda Bynum

Eric is the liaison for the conference site. He reported that we will probably take over the entire hotel site during the time of the conference. They have only 500 rooms, and we will take up all of them.

Maria is chairing registration. She reported that registration will start tomorrow, there will be an announcement at the training. Monterey will be giving us 500 promotional magazines for free, and there will be a website that people can clock onto with visitor information. Also, there will be a “Flash Your Badge” promotion at participating restaurants in the area.

Registration fees will be as follows:

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| Early bird | \$575 | until August 31 |
| Regular | \$625 | |
| On-site | \$675 | |
| Students | \$200 | |

Conference chairs:

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| Eric Ogata | Site Liaison |
| Wanda Bynum | Workshops |
| Danita Scott-Taylor | Keynote Speaker |
| Maria Roman | Registration |

MEMBERSHIP

Membership to the EOPS association is covered in the registration fees for the conference. However, not everyone attends the fall conference. Now people will be able to cover their membership fee by purchasing a polo shirt. If you buy a shirt, that will cover your membership fee for the year.

ELECTION RESULTS

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| President | Fabio Gonzalez |
| President-Elect | Omar Orihuela |
| Vice-President | OPEN |
| Treasurer | Marcia Chaney |
| Secretary | Sylvia Montejano |

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| Region 2 | Cynthia Simon |
| Region 4 | Victor Garza |
| Region 6 | Cesar Flores |
| Region 8 | Steve Tamanaha |
| Region 10 | Yesenia Balcazar |

REGIONAL REPORTS

No reports submitted.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the conference site, in Monterey, on June 28, 2016. Fabio will take care of reserving the rooms for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion (Eric Ogata) and a second (Marcia Chaney) to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 PM (**motion approved**).