

**California Community Colleges  
Extended Opportunity Programs & Services Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
April 1, 2015  
Teleconference**

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**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
---Nancy Retes	Region 1 Rep / Butte College
---Cintya Da Cruz	Region 2 Rep / Mendocino 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
---Carmen Rodriguez	Region 9 Rep /
**Joan Thompson	Region 10 Rep/ SDCCD – Miramar College
**Danita Scott-Taylor	By-Laws Committee

**Guests**

\*\*Jonathan Lightman FACCC

**The teleconference was called to discuss/update advocacy efforts on AB 490 – EOPS/CARE funding restoration bill.**

**I CALL TO ORDER** Fabio Gonzalez

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm

**II ROLE CALL** Sylvia Montejano

**III ADVOCACY UPDATE** Jonathan Lightman

Jonathan reported that there will be two major hearings on the community college budget before the May Revise, April 8<sup>th</sup> (at 4:00 PM) in the Assembly and April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Senate (scheduled for 9:30, but it could be later). The EOPS budget will be discussed at both hearings. In the Assembly there is a debate about changes in the proposed budget. The Governor says there won't be many changes between the budget proposed in January and the May Revise. Chancellor Brice Harris has been saying if there is additional money available in May, we can look at the EOPS budget. EOPS has a lot of support within

the legislature. AB 490 is a vehicle to shine a light on EOPS to get more support. For things to really happen with the EOPS budget it needs the support of the Speaker of the House or the Pro Tem Senate President (Kevin DeLeon), because they are the people who will be talking to the Governor at the end of the process. The EOPS Association has to focus on BOTH the bill and the budget hearings.

April 28<sup>th</sup> is the likely date that the Assembly Higher Ed Committee will address AB 490. The bill is likely to go to the Higher Ed Committee and pass. However, chances that AB 490 will make it out of the Assembly are slight, but that's okay. Ultimately it's not the bill, but the budget hearings that matter. EOPS will not get money through AB 490, it will get restoration if it is put in the budget. AB 490 is designed to show the support that EOPS has, and that is how it will help us. Once we can show our support within the legislature, we can then go to the Speaker of the House and the Pro Tem Senate President to get their support. The field should not be disappointed when AB 490 fails, it is serving its purpose. The process is as follows: The bill goes to the Assembly Higher Education Committee first, then to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. After that it is likely to be put on the suspense list and die. AB 490 is an unusual bill. We are trying to send a message to everyone through this bill that EOPS has a lot of support.

If we can get students to make phone calls to the Speaker of the House and Pro Tem Senate President in May, asking them to prioritize EOPS in the budget, that will really help.

Fabio reported that we have been getting a lot of great feedback from many different places, and asked regional reps to continue working with their local legislators. Get letters of support from everywhere we can. Also, Steve Tamanaha said he was referring people to the Advocacy website for more information.

#### **IV      ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.