

**California Community Colleges
Extended Opportunity Programs & Services Association
Executive Board Meeting
July 6 – 7, 2014
Doubletree Hotel – Sacramento, California**

Day 1 / July 6, 2014

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 Community College
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I CALL TO ORDER

Fabio Gonzalez

Meeting was called to order at 1:42

II NEW OFFICERS/REGIONAL REPS SWORN IN

Fabio Gonzalez/Will Bruce

Will Bruce swore in Fabio Gonzalez as the new President. Fabio swore in the other new officers and regional representatives.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fabio Gonzalez

The agenda was handed out. There was a motion/second/approval (m/s/a) of the agenda.

IV APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Sylvia Montejano

The minutes from the March 3, 2014 board meeting were handed out. An update for the Fall 2015 conference was added to the minutes. Fabio asked that people in attendance be included in future minutes. There was a m/s/a of the minutes.

V OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report

Fabio Gonzalez

Fabio reported that there were many meetings in May and June, where he advocated for EOPS. EOPS supporters were always outnumbered by DSPS supporters in attendance at these meetings, but we led in phone calls, letters and e-mails of support. We did a good job of advocacy during the budget discussions. Fabio suggested that if we are going to have people advocate for EOPS to committees, it is important that we know what they are going to say.

In regard to Student Equity, Fabio stated that funding should be going to restoration of EOPS funding rather than the general pool of student equity. That statement was recorded and used against him. The Chancellor's Office was "upset" with him for saying that.

The Consultation Council continues to sight our outcomes. EOPS continues to be a successful program, doing what we have been charged to accomplish by the legislature. We did a good job getting the legislature to support EOPS. We have to do the same with the governor, because he is the person making decisions. Governor Brown has allocated \$50 million for innovative programs. We might be able to get some of that money to restore EOPS funding. An RFP is going to come out soon for that funding, and Fabio suggests that we should send a proposal to use some of that money for EOPS restoration. Will introduced Fabio to the consultation council at their last meeting.

Fabio also reported that David Morse is the new president for the statewide Academic Senate. He is a big supporter of EOPS. There are allies out in the state that we are not tapping into, such as the Academic Senate and CCLC. We need to attend more statewide meetings for various groups around the state and talk more about EOPS and what we do.

Eric Ogata brought up a question about the student equity plan...what does it look like at the individual campuses? Each campus has to develop a plan for how the money received will be spent. It is important that EOPS representatives be involved in this process on the individual campuses, and that they get on these committees. Fabio said that he would send the board a copy of the resolution that he presented to his governing board as an example of what we can do on our own campuses.

Past President's Report

Will Bruce

Will talked about the transition to new board leadership. It is important that we are more aware of the transition, so that it can be smooth. He feels that the new president should be someone who has already been on the board, and aware of what has gone on the previous year. He suggested possibly having a President Elect position, to ensure a smooth transition from one board to the next.

Will also advocated for closer relationships with DSPS, CalWORKS, FACCC and the Academic Senate. We need to be even more out there, be present and vocal. Continue to build those relationships with other groups. We didn't get the restoration we hoped for this year, but we also avoided the "flexibility" that was proposed.

Will also focused on the TAC committee, using technology more. We have to continue evolving while we stay true to our mission.

Vice-President's Report

Irma Rodriguez

Irma suggested that when we go to committees, we have to make sure that our stories are compelling. Ours are not as obvious as DSPS, for example, but just as important. The four largest districts (San Diego, Los Angeles, Kern and Los Rios) need to be especially visible and really advocate. We have to be clear on our strategies and the language that we use. We cannot allow ourselves to be homogeneous. There are different perspectives and that is important to solicit. We shouldn't be afraid of opposing views.

Treasurer's Report

Marcia Chaney

Marcia handed out the 13-14 Budget Report. There was a m/s/p to approve the 13-14 final budget. Marcia also handed the tentative 14-15 budget. She reported on the Fall'14 conference (and went through the conference budget), to be held in Sacramento. The committee is planning on 350 in attendance. The registration fees are as follows:

- \$375 Early Bird registration
- \$425 Regular registration
- \$475 on-site registration

Marcia also reported that the audio-visual costs and food costs are the most expensive items in the conference budget.

The conference committee is considering an I-PAD and Tee Shirts for fundraisers. There was a discussion about different possibilities for fundraisers, such as Hotel Weekends, a Casino Night, selling tickets to a performance on the second night to locals, and developing a foundation for EOPS specifically for fundraising. Fabio said he would look into getting donations to CCCEOPSA through monthly payroll deductions.

There was a discussion about using the EOPSA credit cards for travel, to simplify things when the board does things as a group.

There was a m/s/a of the 14-15 budget.

VII OLD BUSINESS

SWOT (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) – Butcher Paper Exercise to discuss Association goals.

We need to bring someone representing Veterans into the coalition. We already have someone for former foster youth. Steve and Will will contact the Foster Youth Consortium.

BOG WAIVERS – We need to add on EOPS/CARE/CalWORKS/DSPS to the BOG waiver, along with former foster youth.

Fabio wants to go to the all the regional meetings to talk to the field about doing advocacy for EOPS/CARE. Advocacy has to go beyond just the regional reps; everyone has to get involved. Irma will set up a template for regional reports to help the regional reps get their regions more involved in advocacy.

SB-1023 – Supporting Former Foster Youth in community colleges. The bill was drafted without any input from EOPS. We were not included in any part of the process. It was presented to us as a done deal and we were asked if we supported it or not. Further discussion on SB 1023 was suspended until we hear from Jonathan tomorrow.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

RMAT (RETIREE MENTORING ADVOCACY TEAM)

Ruth Dills

Ruth has been chairing this committee for the past two years. Currently there are 6 people involved, though many are not active. Ruth said she doesn't want to chair beyond this year. The only member who will probably continue beyond this year is Maryanne Michaels, and she is not willing to chair the committee – she does not have computer access. There is no structure for recruitment into the group. The committee has never been contacted for anything in the two years it has existed. Will, as past president, said he would be willing to interface and continue working with the group to keep it going. There was a m/s/a to make Will the liaison with the RMAT team.

Day 2 / July 7, 2014

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Guests

**Jonathan Lightman	FACCC
**Valerie Moll	2014 Conference Committee
**Patty Morgan	2014 Conference Committee
**Lorenzo Questa	By-laws consultant

VIII NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

FACCC UPDATE

Jonathan Lightman

2014-15 BUDGET

The 2014-15 budget is out, the Chancellor's Office and the Board of Governors will be happy with it. In the last two years \$700 million have been devoted to "Student Equity", but with lots of restrictions. In 2009 there were big cutbacks in the categorical budgets. We have been trying to get restoration of those cutbacks now that there is money back in the state budget but have been unsuccessful because Gov. Brown does not support it. Gov. Brown wants to apply subsidiarity to the community colleges (subsidiarity – what can be handled at the local area should be handled there). Gov. Brown wants to put the money into the general fund and allow the colleges to decide how they want to spend the money rather than have the protection of categorical funding. The problem with that is that not all community college districts recognize the importance of the categorical programs and fund them accordingly. Some are better than others. The legislature refused to fight for the categorical programs for the 2014-15 budget beyond what they got for DSPS.

What's happening now is that some districts are giving categorical programs backfill from the student equity funds, and some are not. Some districts support EOPS and other categoricals, some don't. It is a very uneven funding picture.

Jonathan asked how many people have connected with their unions about student equity money. The power tends to be in the faculty union, it is important to make that connection!

There is an election coming up and it is important to be vocal about our concerns. It is important to force the issue of restoration, meet with the CEO's and continue pressing the categorical funding issue.

The 2015-16 BCP process is already underway. There is support in the legislature for EOPS/DSPS. Jonathan suggests forming a joint lobby day for EOPS and DSPS.

SB-1023 – Supporting Former Foster Youth in the Community Colleges

As stated previously, this bill was drafted without any input from EOPS. Carol Liu proposed this bill coming from a noble position, wanting to help foster youth. Unfortunately, the things proposed in SB 1023 would be virtually impossible to accomplish and would be really problematic for EOPS. However, despite that, there would be enormous consequences if we go against this bill – it would be political suicide.

The process in Sacramento is that every bill gets a hearing, the bill is introduced first and then the discussion happens. EOPS was not included in the beginning stages of this particular bill. Where we are in the timing of this bill is in the house of origin. It is in the presentation to the second house where things really happen. Typically, the legislature waits for the bill to get to the second house. At this point, we don't know what the Appropriations Committee is going to do with it. The legislature comes back in August and the bill will be addressed then.

STRS Shortfall

STRS currently has a \$75 billion shortfall. There is going to be a big shift next year to deal with this shortfall and the state does not know what to do to reduce the impact.

By-laws update

Lorenzo Questa

Lorenzo Questa has been hired by the board to review and update the association by-laws. He reported that it's clear that someone cut and pasted from the non-profit code documents, and that our current by-laws need to be cleaned up. We need to remove the word "payment" from our by-laws, as well as the words "telegram" and "telegraph". We have some wrong citations currently in the by-laws. Different citations have been changed and we haven't updated to reflect the changes.

No one person can have total power, it has to be the board with the power. Also, the statement "General Nature of Business" is not appropriate, we have to be specific about what we do. We need to modify and clarify our by-laws and update citations as soon as possible. We will be reporting to the IRS every year and they will periodically review our by-laws.

Fabio will continue working with Lorenzo to update the by-laws.

2014 Conference Report

Irma Rodriguez/Jose Vallejo

The keynote speakers for the 2014 conference are Dr. Linda Santa and Dr. Duncan Andrade.

There was a discussion about the Legislative Award, about who we should choose to honor. Fabio suggested Kevin DeLeon.

Also, there was a discussion about finding someone to serve as the Conference Coordinator.

IX NEXT MEETING

There will be a teleconference meeting on September 18 th to complete the agenda.

X ADJOURNMENT

There was a m/s/a to adjourn the meeting at 11:37.