



Minutes of REGULAR MEETING September 10, 2009, 2:15 – 4:15 pm Board Room in Building 200

Submitted by Michael Absher / Nancy Cowen

ITEM

OFFICERS

Senate President
Michael Absher

Vice President
Ming-Lun Ho

SENATORS

**Applied Technology
& Business**
Dmitry Kalygin

Arts & Humanities
Dov Hassan

Counseling
Rachel Aziminia

**Health, Physical
Education & Athletics**
Nancy Cowan
Ken Grace

Language Arts
Jason Ames
Andrew Pierson

Library
Jim Mathews

Part-Time Faculty
Anne Brichacek

**Science &
Mathematics**
Dave Fouquet
Wanda Wong

Social Science
Kathy Kelley

EX OFFICIO

**Associated Students
of Chabot College**
Cynthia Flores

**Chabot-Las Positas
Faculty Association**
Shari Jacobsen

1.1 Call to Order Quorum called to order at 2:30pm

Introduction of special guests Ann Brichacek and Carolyn Arnold

1.2 MSA 1 abstention, **Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2009 as written**

2.0 REPORTS I

ASCC — **Cinthya Flores**: reported that the ASCC is working on activities designed to educate students and the community on the following:

- a. Power Plant*
- b. State Budget

Finally, the student survey is being planned for the near future.

*President Absher also voiced his concerns again about the Russell City Power Plant.

2.1 **CLPFA** — *Dave Fouquet reported for shari Jacobsen that the CLPFA will incorporate pertinent CLPFA into his comments about Shared Governance and Due Process later in the agenda*

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

Election of Part-time representative:

Ann Brichacek was elected by acclamation to be the Part-Time representative to the Senate. The senate and President Absher thanked her for stepping up to fill this important position. MSA acclamation

Approval of Technology Plan: Lisa Ullibari

There was a discussion about the need for approval. **Jim Mathews** said that normally the approval of the Tech Plan would be in the IPBC.

Moved and seconded that the plan be approved as presented.

J. Mathews noted that it should be institutionalized (the plan). The plan will be ready for the Accreditation visit.

Some comments related to the delivery of equipment to classrooms by media services.

W. Wong wondered if the previous Media ?supervisor? (Steve P.) position was being eliminated. **Jim Mathews** noted that there would likely be some obsolete material in this plan, but that will need to be revised in the future.

Mike A. said that this was a very good improvement over the previous plan. He voiced being pleased with the work done on the tech. plan.

J. Mathews amended the motion to read that approving the tech plan with the stipulation that it needed to be reviewed and amended as needed.

Mike A. thanked the committee for their hard work.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Spring Schedule Reductions: The original plan that started the reduction was to reduce it District wide by 3.39% but that this has been changed and is not as severe. D. Fouquet said that b/c Summer and Fall were already "finished" it was too draconian to reduce it by this much. Therefore the planning is to have it reduced by 1.7%. annualized cut. You get some pressure from people saying that we are so productive that we could continue. Dave felt that when he went into DEMC that they would encourage leaving the

plan alone and roll back enough from this year into the previous year so that 3.39% reduction would come from a lower number. Our revised base is 17501. So 16902(ftes) is the new target. The hope is that the economy will improve (as it should) and we won't suffer severe losses of students and funding. **President Absher** said that the difficulty was for the Senators to try to explain this to individual decisions. **Senator Wong** asked if we knew by now (in our respective divisions) if the reductions have been accomplished. Jason Ames said that **VP Railey** noted in his e-mail that more cuts were coming. **Senator Fouquet** said that he thought the reference was more the "mid-year" cuts that sometimes happen in February. When cuts get made you need to strategize your cuts so at you don't have disastrous results in the future. **President Absher** said that there are a number of places that are worse off than we are. He wishes he could say we aren't going to get cuts as much as many other colleges. Productivity numbers might take a jump because of students coming back. **Senator Ho** wondered if DEMC could put these strategies, principles, comments, etc. on "paper" so we wouldn't have to "learn" this all over again. **Senator Fouquet** said that the DEMC has always made decisions by consensus. District usually treats DEMC as "advisory." Therefore, nothing is "codified." Jim pointed out that by taking more students we won't be getting more money. **Senator Fouquet** said we are generating 10050 FTE. If we take an 8% dive, we are back at 10000 again.

Accreditation Update: Audits and related information has been forwarded. 10/19-21 is when the committee is coming **President Absher** said that anyone on one of the teams who were working on accreditation should be ready to be called in by the committee. **Senator Matthews** said we should look at the web page for accreditation details and documentation which has been compiled.

Responsibilities of the Senate: was tabled for a future meeting when time is available.

Russell City Energy Center:

President Absher reported on a recent meeting He brought the Fact Sheet that he was given in the meeting. The second page contains data from Russell which depicts the huge amount of pollutants that are likely to be "dumped" on Chabot College. **Diane Zuliani** gave some background on the Russell City Plant. It will be very visible. The levels of atmospheric and Bay water contamination are above and beyond what many considered safe. The reason we have concerns is **not only** that we will be the recipients of the pollution, but **that the electricity will be cabled across the Bay to San Mateo county**. The real concern for us is that based on the height of the towers and the prevailing winds of the Bay will result in a "maximum impacted center." (Specifically dumps on the athletic fields) Diane commented about social justice issues related to this. **Senator Grace** wanted to know who (politically) is behind this. Russell City is paying the City of Hayward when this is "settled." **President Absher** said, in addition to whose is benefiting money-wise, the plan was originally voted on by the City Council (approved) in 2001. The question he wanted to ask/point out was "normally before the council voted on it, the permit would have been voted on. However, this time, the vote was taken before the permit was given." **President Absher** also pointed out that we have the person's name(s) to write letters to. Final day of submission of the letters (mailed or e-mailed) is 9/16/2009. **Senator Fouquet** said that he talked with Mr. Lee of the BAAQMD after the meeting, and questioned him about the "isoplexes". He said that Mr. Lee told him it would be 0.3 "deaths" over several years. When Air Quality Management does affirmatively vote, the next step will be to start building.

Where is the District? The District is supporting the college in its current concerns about the plant. Chancellor and Board of Trustees seem to be getting pressured from outside. The District is taking the position of asking Russell to answer some more questions before the District "moves" on this matter.

Diane Zuliani urged us to post it on the Library's website to inform students and staff. If an e-mail is sent to faculty, it should come from Senate. **Senator Matthews** moved that **Senate President send an e-mail to faculty urging faculty to write letters to Mr. Lee**. Motion seconded **Senator Kelley**. **MSA UNANIMOUSLY**

President Absher said Academic **Senate and ASCC** will have a rally on Tuesday, 9/15 on the corner of Hesperian and Depot Road in protest of the Russell City Energy Plant Urge your faculty in your divisions to support and attend. Staff and Students and Administration and concerned citizens are encouraged and welcome even with the short notice.

Good of the order:

Senator Fouquet Facility meeting, Celia wants to move into IOB. Mike spoke to George Railey about this and he said they were just talking about it. **Senator Fouquet** wanted to know what the due process was on this.

Rest of the agenda was tabled until next meeting. Senators are supposed to read about AB 1725. We need to discuss at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Present at meeting. **K. Grace, R. Aziminia, N. Cowan, J. Ames, J. Mathews, A. Pierson, W. Wong, D. Fouquet, M. Ho, M. Absher. A. Brichacek**

3.1 Adjournment — Meeting Adjourned 4:30pm

Next meeting is September 24, 2009