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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 26, 2007

CALL TO ORDER. President Zwi Reznik called the meeting to order at 3:07 in the Student Senate Chambers in the FCC cafeteria.

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND GUESTS

Members Present: Carroll, , Fleming, Gaxiola, Gilmore, Kelly, Kizziar, Ledgerwood, Liddle, Martin, Reznik, Ryan, and Walzberg

Members Absent: DeKruif, Dominguez, Elberg, Slaton, Stannard,

Guest: Shannon Willson

MINUTES. Minutes for the February 26, 2007 Executive Council meeting were approved as corrected.

REPORTS

President. Zwi Reznik discussed health concerns regarding the FCC Student Services Building renovation project currently underway. Complaints to OSHA resulted in an inspection by OSHA but SCFT was not notified. Zwi did meet with the inspector later and was informed that the dust did not contain asbestos. Employees may make anonymous complaints to OSHA. If a formal complaint is made, please do so, in writing, to your supervisor/dean with a copy to SCFT. A class may be dismissed if the instructor feels there is a clear danger to the health of the class. American Ambulance is the only provider in the area. They refuse to sign an agreement to reduce fees for FASBO members. Without an agreement, members are required to meet the 30% co-pay for services outside the network plus a \$500 deductible. Zwi is working to resolve this problem.

Secretary/Treasurer. Lee Liddle distributed copies and discussed the monthly per capita report he sends to CFT and AFT along with a large check. This is a payment for each member and agency fee payer for services provided by the state and national organizations. The amounts are set by a vote of the delegates to the annual conventions held by CFT and AFT. Each local is required to keep up-to-date with these payments or lose their affiliation and voting rights.

First Executive Vice President. Becky Slaton was unable to attend.

Second Executive Vice President-Membership. Ann Walzberg had no report.

Vice President of Grievance-FCC. Sheila Martin will report during closed session.

Vice President of Grievance-Reedley & North Centers. Maria Kelly will report during closed session.

Vice President of Academic Affairs. Paul Gilmore had no report.

Vice President of COPE. Steven Elberg was unable to attend.

Members-at-Large. Janice Ledgerwood is meeting with various Council members to update the new Web site at www.scftunion.org. Jim Ryan reported some irregularities in instructor evaluations at the North Centers. By contract, evaluations are to be completed during the 14-16 weeks of the fall semester. If this timeline is not met, the evaluation becomes null and void and may not be placed in the instructor's personnel file.

NEW BUSINESS

Convention Reports. A new CFT president and secretary/treasurer were elected at the 2007 CFT convention in LA. Jean Carroll, Linda DeKruif, Sheila Martin, and Zwi represented SCFT. Handouts from the community college workshop were distributed. Districts will no longer receive equity funding from the state. On-line or distance education offerings are eligible for "enhanced funding." Sheila discovered an excellent DVD on grievance case studies.

Union Leadership Institute. Council members interested in attending the training workshops at the Asilomar Center in Pacific Grove July 29-August 3 must send their applications to Lee this week because these workshops fill rapidly.

Health Care Coalitions. SB 840 is again being supported by CFT. It was vetoed by the governor last year. This is a single-payer plan like Medicare. Employers would contribute 8.5% per employee each month under this plan. Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed a plan requiring employers to contribute 4% per month. Jerry Fleming was asked to send out a form to part-time faculty requesting information on their health care issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Campus Safety. These issues were discussed in the president's report.

FCC Strategic Planning. Sheila provided copies of the 2006/2007 report from this planning group formed in spring 2006. It consists of representatives from administration, classified, faculty, and student government.

CLOSED SESSION

All faculty personnel, grievance, and arbitration cases are strictly confidential.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/AGENDA ITEMS/ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Senate Chambers in the FCC cafeteria.

In Solidarity,
Lee Liddle, Secretary/Treasurer