

HSACCC SOUTHERN SECTION GENERAL MEETING
Friday, May 7, 2004
Mira Costa College

1. Meeting called to order by Southern Section President Lori Brault at 8:45 am.
 The following members were present:

Elizabeth Benne	Pierce College
Becky Perelli	West Valley College
Nancy Poe	Mesa College
Grace Cruz	Southwestern College
Linda Shaffer	Mira Costa College
Renee Kimberling	Chaffey College
Mary Lou Giska	Cypress College
Linda Martin	Golden West College
Beth Hoffman	Santiago Canyon College
Chris Hogstedt	Irvine Valley College
Sharon Manakas	Moorpark College
Lori Brault	Fullerton College
Connie Netzley	Mira Costa College
Sandra Phoenix	Cuyamaca College
M. Jayne Conway	Palomar College
Mary Mirch	Glendale College
Jo Buczko	Pasadena City College
Marilyn Dickson	Orange Coast College
Beverly Kemmerling	College of the Canyons

2. Minutes of March Section Meeting, postponed due to absence of quorum.
 Discussed possible e-mail approval, tabled discussion to later in the meeting under “web site”.

3. Reports:

- a. Treasurer’s Report: No quorum so cannot approve; however, Bev Kemmerling reported that we will be changing credit unions due to higher interest and no restrictions and will be able to do electronic banking. Per Southern Section President, will hold off approval until the October section meeting. New CD opened on May 4, 2004 with Telesis Credit Union, will mature on November 4, 2004. The following are the total assets:

Savings	\$ 1,507.66
Checking	\$ 12,782.12
CD	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ 24,289.78

- b. State President: Incoming Northern President Becky Perelli, speaking for Kate Hartzell. Audit progressing in the north. Hope to be completed by executive retreat this June, guaranteed by July 1. Alice sent a two-page

preliminary conference report. Still a few outstanding expenses that need to be gathered. Conference report includes ideas for next year's conference, topics from this year that were not utilized and ideas gathered from the conference evaluation forms. A detailed report will be sent on to Patti Smith, conference chair for 2005. New northern officers: President Becky Perelli; past president Susan Quinn; president-elect Indra Thadami (Laney College); treasurer Angie Hill (Solano College); secretary Charlene Riley (Napa Valley College).

- c. Section President's Report: Lori Brault. Lori attended the BOG meeting early in the week. There are five new members on the board and two of them were upset that they were expected to make recommendations on a budget they had nothing to do with. The budget was still the topic by 3:15 in the afternoon and Lori didn't speak until later. Lori realized that the new members didn't know anything about our issues so she started her presentation with a comment that acknowledged this. Attached to the minutes is the one page summary titled "Facts and Funding" that Lori presented to the BOG. Lori feels that the Chancellor's office is happy with the proposed budget because it is more than last year. Lori reminded us that it was the Chancellor's office that took us out of the budget. With 5 new BOG members, we have to start over. Another concern is that the new chancellor, Mark Drummond, doesn't appear to have health services on his radar. Chancellor Drummond recently toured the Ventura District. Mary Jones, the coordinator of health services at Oxnard College, and the faculty senate president at Oxnard addressed health services with the chancellor. He was not aware of the scope of practice. His only exposure to health services was during his tenure in Los Angeles. Apparently it was negative; he heard only complaints, discrepancy in services and in fact the absence of services. Ventura district wrote a letter to the chancellor (see attachment). As the public comment portion of the BOG meeting continues health service did receive support from Kate Clark (academic senate) and Chris Schultz (CSSOs). The surprise of the afternoon came when Piedad Robertson (President at Santa Monica) went before the Board and held up Lori's one page synopsis. She simply commented that before them was a simple solution to one of the myriad problems facing the board. Piedad has the ear of the governor. She is on his advisory committee for Community Colleges. Lori plans to pursue her apparent support this coming week. We only have two weeks to get to the governor before his May revise and two months to get to the legislators. The specific wording of the backfill proposed last fall is included in the attachments to these minutes (see attachment). We do not believe the chancellor's office is in a position to help us at this time. It appears that Mary Gill will be retiring this summer and 100 other people are gone from the chancellor's office. They are struggling and cannot be relied upon for help. Chancellor Drummond wants to change the way the chancellor's office is perceived. It will no longer be called the chancellor's office but

“The System’s Office”. He may have other agenda items apart from the name change, primarily dealing with funding issues. It appears that he wasn’t to have access to a more powerful funding stream such as the one the UCs and CSUs are in. In other words, we feel that we should focus on our legislative options vs relying on the Chancellor’s office. However we cannot afford the chancellor’s office to be negative, neutral would be preferred and we need to work towards that goal. So Lori is proposing a two-pronged approach. One to the chancellor’s office and one to the legislators. Last Friday Lori, Mary and Susan Broderick had an appointment with Assemblywoman Hanna Beth Jackson. She represents the Santa Barbara area. Assemblywoman Jackson had been prepped of our issues by a packet of information that Lori had prepared. The Assemblywoman had read all the documents and was well prepared for the meeting. The meeting lasted an hour with the assemblywoman asking many direct questions. She was especially concerned about local issues such as binge drinking. She wanted to know the difference between duplicated and non-duplicated visits. She wanted to know the difference between contracted and non-contracted health services. Mary was very impressed with her grasp of the situation and her concern. She advised that we get the chancellor on board, to at least be supportive of health services. She didn’t feel we would be successful with the back fill issue because of the lack of funds in the state. However, when the elimination of BOGs from the fee waivers was brought up, she had no problems with that and in fact stated that it was the cost of two Starbuck coffees. Jackson may be the person to go to if we pursue legislative changes. Now we need someone on the senate side. Jo Buczko spoke of her connection with Senator Jack Scott’s office. Ernestine Moore, a past Vice President of Student Services at PCC now works in Senator Scott’s office. Jo has a good relationship with her and plans on contacting her to set up a meeting. A discussion ensued with the result being we should approach the legislators for support of the backfill but also discuss changing the waiver. Lori’s talking points with Assemblywoman Jackson are included in the attachments (see attachments).

4. Committee and Ad Hoc Committees:
 - a. Nominating: We have a slate of officers for the southern section but we do not have a quorum (50% + 1). So far we have Linda Schaffer for President Elect, Beth Benne for Secretary and Bev Kemmerling for Treasurer. We can take nominations from the floor. Those present today can vote then there will be an e-mail ballot to the rest of the southern section members. We will discuss the ballot under “New Business”.
 - b. Annual Meeting: Patti Smith is the chairperson of the next annual meeting. It will be held March 2,3 and 4, 2005 at the Mission Inn in Riverside. Room rates will be \$89.
 - c. By-laws: Chris Hogstedt, Jan Olsen and Beth Hoffman have been working the by-laws and the reorganization. We have a new membership

definition that was approved after 3 years, voting was begun at the state meeting in Asilomar and completed via e-mail. The e-mail ballot was tricky but not impossible. Certain campuses did not allow e-mails that requested a “receipt request” so those ballots were returned. Please don’t reply to voting on the list serve. Return your vote directly to the person requesting it. By-laws and the reorganization were discussed yesterday at executive. The following are the highlights:

1. Region reps to be elected or approved by the region, not appointed.
 - a. 1 rep from Region 1 – 5 and 1 rep from Regions 6 – 10 will be selected to serve on the Executive Committee.
2. Exec. Committee Members authorized to sign checks: Treasurer, President and President-elect.
3. Audits will be independent (North is in progress now, then every other year).
4. Reimbursement requests will be initiated in order for treasurer to pay bills
 - a. Approved by Exec. Committee
 - b. Two signatures for more than \$500.00
5. Membership
 - a. Handled through treasurer
 - b. Official list held by secretary
6. Main role of officers in by-laws, but specifics will be found in standing rules.
7. Committees:
 - a. Nominating
 - b. Newsletter/Stethoscope (corr sec to do web/list?)
 - c. By-laws
 - d. Legislative
 - e. Research
 - f. Conference
 - g. Other ad hoc committees as decided by the membership
8. Formally two meetings a year of Exec Committee with options for others, in by-laws now.
9. No reference to be made to north or south. Will be Regions 1 – 5 and Regions 6 – 10.
10. Nominating Committee to be reflective of entire state, either elected or volunteers: 2 from regions 1 – 5, 2 from regions 6 – 10 and 2 at large.
11. Need to decide Executive Committee traveling expenses, have paid for president, assigned designee.
 - a. Cap travel expenses?
 - b. Board of Directors travel (100 miles), car travel reimbursed up to \$200.00
 - c. Exec. Committee = treasurer, president and president-elect in event of emergency decision?
12. Fiscal year, same?, not now stated
 - a. Now July 1

13. Officers assume duties

- a. Now, July 1 (elected in March)
 - b. June 1 to July 1 transition period
- d. VP of student services from Mira Costa, Dick Robertson, stepped in to welcome us. He is already dialoguing with our state president elect, Lori Brault. He is the president elect of the CSSOs. Health services is on the top five issues that the CSSOs will be addressing this coming year. However the fee increase is what they are immediately addressing. He vowed that he wants to work with us and preserve health services.
 - e. Announcement that Connie Netzley from Mira Costa is retiring in December.
 - f. Chris has also been working on a new purpose for the organization as stated in the by-laws. Lori would like to table this for the retreat but wants to see the purpose focus on the health centers and not the students. It will be on the retreat agenda.

5. Region Reports:

- a. Region 6: no meeting but see the report by the Ventura District on Chancellor Drummonds visit (See attachment).
- b. Region 7 and 8: Met in November where Chris and Sandy Samples presented information that will be put on the web site. In December met again to work on job descriptions for the new reorganization. After two meetings it was decided that we couldn't focus on the reorg with the ongoing state budget crisis. Resolution was put forth to be presented at the state executive meeting by Beth Hoffman to table the reorganization and focus on survival of health centers throughout the state.
- c. Region 9: Met to discuss the state conference next March.
- d. Region 10: Sandy Phoenix, they have had a couple of meetings, networking, nuts and bolts stuff. The speaker during today's lunch spoke at their last meeting. CCC Confer will present the concept of internet conferencing. Their meetings have also generated questions about MAA reimbursement and LEC. Several of the San Diego area colleges are looking into both.

6. Old Business:

- a. Membership: election of southern section officers. Sharon Manakas circulated a ballot today and will generate an e-mail vote to the rest of the southern section. Sharon will have a quorum after she receives three responses over the internet. Sharon will post the official results on the web site.
- b. Executive Retreat: Scheduled for June 3rd and 4th. RSVP to Lori at 714.992.7415. All officers, region reps and anyone interested in a leadership position in the organization are invited. You will be responsible for one meal on Thursday evening, breakfast and lunch will be provided.

7. New Business:

- a. Web site: fall minutes haven't been posted. The minutes not yet approved but that need to be approved will be sent to Naomi with "pending approval" then Naomi will be notified when the minutes are approved.
- b. Research and planning: On two separate occasions, the chancellor's office has suggested we contact the state research and planning group to ask for assistance in gathering our annual data. The purpose of this would be to refine what we collect as information that describes who we are. It was suggested we speak with the "information officer". Becky wants to put this out for discussion and suggestions. She feels our tool is not real useful in the current format and is labor intensive. Lori would like to know if we could combine our annual survey with the survey Mary recently completed that focused on Title V. Lori and Mary volunteered to look at both surveys to see if we can develop a new annual survey. According to Becky, the annual survey is usually sent out in the spring for the previous fall. Can we do this more efficiently? Our problem with research is that we haven't had the time to develop effective research questions. What do we expect from the questions? There needs to be a committee with a couple year commitments that puts together something that will work for everyone. Becky wants to know what everyone thinks about asking the statewide research and planning group to help out. Lori feels that we need to determine what our research plan is before we ask for assistance. Linda Martin from Golden West volunteered to help on the stats/research committee. There is an equity issue that can come out of the stats. Becky has also volunteered to help and Susan Quinn may be able as well. Beth Hoffman can be a back-up support person for Linda.
- c. Funding agenda strategy:
 1. Short range: Over the next 6 weeks, in other words, right now. What can we do to influence the legislative process? Lori feels it is too late to approach the governor. We have been hammering away at the back fill and we need to continue for the next 6 weeks. We will find out who is on the budget committees and what region they are in. Then those of us who live and/or work in those regions need to contact their legislators. Over the next three weeks, Lori will send out the "Facts and Funding" synopsis and the verbiage of the back-fill proposal. If everyone sends a personal note and includes it with these two items we can initiate a grassroots campaign towards the budget committee members. We will ask Kate to do the same, representing the HSACCC. Mary has volunteered to go on-line to find out the members of the committees in the senate and the assembly. Another short-range goal would be for Kate, Lori and Gloria (Santa Monica College) to contact Piedad Robertson. We can also attempt to contact Richard Reardon. The Faculty Senate and the Chancellor's office should also be contacted to elicit their support. Beth Hoffman will also check out the MOE referendum. There may be something on the

November ballot where the city gets mandated fee reimbursement and one of the mandated fees is the health fee.

2. Long range:
 - a. Eliminating all the BOGs or eliminating the Bs and Cs (76355 “b”). Even if everybody pays, it is not enough to do what we want to do and to have parity with CSUs and UCs, especially not for the smaller schools with a couple of thousand students. What would it take to make a school with 5000 students be able to afford health services? All the small schools would still not be okay.
 - b. Get back-fill as a permanent line item on the budget for every year.
 - c. Get the general fund to pay for accident insurance premiums
 - d. Insure a health center on every campus in the state based on Title V.
 - e. Insure that all contracted services should meet Title V regulations.

8. Next Southern Section Meeting will be on September 30th and October 1, 2004. It will be held at the Anaheim Campus but Cypress will handle the arrangements. We will do the CCC Confer training at that time. Training will take an hour.

9. Thank you of retiring officers and installation of Sharon Manakas as President of Southern Section.

10. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Benne
Secretary, Southern Section

April 14,2004

Dear Assemblywoman Jackson,

The Health Service Association of California Community Colleges (HSACCC) would appreciate meeting with you to discuss issues of great importance to the health of students enrolled in Community Colleges. The California budget crisis has affected Community College Student Health Service's ability to provide health care to the 2.9 million California Community College students. Your constituents in the 35th Assembly district have recommended that HSACCC leadership might approach you with our Health Fee crisis.

Background:

The health fee issue can be summarized by the following facts:

1. The amount of the health fee is fixed by law (currently \$13 Fall/Spring & \$9.75 Summer),
2. The students who receive Board of Governor's Grant Waiver (BOGGW) do not pay the health fee.
3. The health fee is the only source of income for most community college health centers.

While low income students who receive BOGGW have been exempted from paying mandatory health fee, these students are entitled receive all the benefits of the health services. These students are often uninsured or under-insured and the college health center is the only health care access they have. There is currently no back-fill for this lost health fee revenue. In addition, the law requires colleges that collect health fees continue to provide the same "level of service as provided in 1986-87", know as "maintenance of effort". In previous years, the state guaranteed districts that maintained this level of service would be reimbursed for the costs. Because of the state budget crisis, the state has suspended the reimbursement of these "maintenance of effort" funds. Currently, it is estimated that the state of California owes approximately \$170,000 in suspended mandated reimbursement to Santa Barbara City College alone and approximately \$18,000,000 to all other eligible community colleges for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 academic years.

Last November, the Board of Governors recognized the need for maintaining health services for community college students by passing a budget line item to backfill the lost health fee. However, it was subsequently cut from the state budget. Health Services are now faced with significant losses and are losing the ability to provide the needed health services on our campuses.

Statement of Need:

In this budget year, we need assistance from the legislature to reinstate the line item in the community college budget " to backfill health fee revenue for low income students who qualify for BOGGW". I have attached three documents which discuss this "Backfill of Health Fees..." budget item in detail:

1. Budget line item detail passed by the Board of Governors in November and submitted to the Governor for the 2004-2005 budget.
2. Testimony to Board of Governors in support of the Budget line item to Backfill waived fees
3. Testimony to Board of Governors in support of the budget line item and discussion of access and equity.

HSACCC leadership would like to meet to discuss this Health Fee issue and other ways the legislature might ease the funding crisis for California Community College Health Services.

Yours very truly,

Lori Brault

Lorain Brault, MS RNP
President Elect, HSACCC

Community College Student Health Services Facts and Funding

Student Health Services assist students in maintaining and improving physical, emotional and social well being so they may succeed in their academic and vocational programs. The loss of student health services will negatively impact student success and retention. Published data from a UC system survey found that 25% of all students who dropped out of college did so for health reasons.

A Health Service survey (completed May 2003 with 96 community colleges responding) found there are 78 student health centers on community college campuses. (13 are contracted off campuses and 5 have no student health centers). Each campus student health center provides an average of 12 different services.

Student health centers are supported almost exclusively by a \$13/semester student health fee:

- Low income Board of Governor's Fee Waiver (BOGW) students are exempted from paying that health fee.
- BOGW students make up an average of 30-50% of enrolled students.
- Low income students with no other health resources (medically uninsured) represent 49-65% of visits to the campus health centers.
- The \$13 student health fee is 6 to 10 times lower than the UC or CSU fee. There are no waivers of those health fees.

Student health services are facing a severe funding crisis:

- The extraordinary success of financial aid's new outreach funds have offered many new students the benefit of BOGW support and at the same time significantly decreased funding for student health services.
- The lower enrollment due to the 2003-04 budget cuts has further decreased the health service revenue base.
- The suspension of "Maintenance of Effort" funds mandated by Education Code has generated further reduction in funding for many community colleges. This budget cut reduced health service funding for those colleges by as much as 40%.
- The \$12.7 million budget augmentation for "backfill of health fees" for low income students that was approved by the Board of Governors in November 2003 but was deleted in the Governor's January budget.
- Academic Senate and Student Senate had supported the backfill for health fees.

Without some additional funding there will be serious cuts or even loss of health services which have been available for our 2.9 million students. Community college students are already losing health services due to budget cuts in both student health services and community clinics which serve low income populations. Student access will be impacted if no health services are available particularly for high health risk, low income and other disadvantaged students.

Student Health Services urges all legislators to act to restore the \$12.7 million budget item to backfill health fees for low income students in the 2004-2005 community colleges budget.