



WESTOP
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
MINUTES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2008

The August 1st, 2008, Central California meeting was called to order by President Guillermina Martinez in Cal Poly San Luis Obispo at 11:25am.

Present:

Guillermina Martinez	CSU, Bakersfield
Ricardo Marmolejo	COS
Carrie Gonzalez-Lujan	CSU, Monterey Bay
Norma I. Cuevas	CSU, Fresno
Bernardo Reynoso	CSU, Fresno
Jenny Robledo	CSU, Fresno
Martina Granados	CSU, Fresno
Susana Lucero	CSU, Fresno
Cesar Tlilcoatl Velasquez	CSU, Fresno
Cesar Margarito	Cal Poly, SLO
Tracee Johnson	Cal Poly, SLO
Kristen Correja	COS
Judy Spell Dupree	Rdg. & Beyond

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Susan Sparling, Director of Student Academic Services, welcomed everybody to the campus. She gave a little history on TRiO programs in Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Meeting began at 11:25 am with President Guillermina Martinez's welcome and thanked everyone present for attending the meeting.

Ricardo Marmolejo, Vice President of the Chapter, welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 1ST, 2008 AGENDA BY CESAR VELASQUEZ AND SECONDED BY MARTINA GRANADOS, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: ADDING UNDER NEW BUSINESS: "C" NEW MEMBERSHIP AND "D" WESTOP LOAN.

MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 9TH, 2008, MEETING HELD AT CSU MONTEREY BAY MINUTES, BY CESAR VELASQUEZ AND SECONDED BY MARTINA GRANANDOS. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

President Guillermina Martinez requests that from now on at every meeting we begin with the Treasurer's report followed by the president, vice president, and ending with the secretary's report.

A. TREASURER: Carrie Lujan, CSU, Monterey Bay

- i. Currently in bank \$22,375.00, but there will be a total of \$23,025.07 after depositing the last Summer Jam check received in addition to \$66 still needing to be added from fundraising (Pin and Raffle Ticket Sale) that took place during last meeting on May 9th at CSU Monterey Bay.

B. PRESIDENT: Carrie Lujan, CSU, Bakersfield

- i. Guillermina Martinez: Has created a schedule of proposed chapter and board meeting dates and location, copies were handed out during the last meeting (May 9th, 2008) and document was sent through the listserve as well.

C. VICE PRESIDENT: Ricardo Marmolejo, College of the Sequoias

- i. Nothing to report but is thrilled to be the new VP. His focus will be on membership. He plans to target new as well as existing chapter members and hopes for more active chapter participation.

D. SECRETARY: Norma I. Cuevas, CSU, Fresno

- i. Nothing to report.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. LEGISLATION & EDUCATION: (Chair remains Vacant)

- i. Guille: Spoke to Stephen Dominguez. Wants everyone to be aware that the House of Representatives approved the final HEA reauthorization bill by an overwhelming majority of 380 to 49 (with 6 members not voting).
- ii. Guille: Still asking for someone to step up and chair this committee.
- iii. Martina: Will volunteer but would like to give the opportunity to new members, will withdraw if someone else volunteers.
- iv. Cesar M.: Volunteered but needs to get approval first.

B. SUMMER JAM: Blanca Melchor, CSU, Monterey Bay

- i. Cesar T. reporting for Blanca: We had \$7,800 coming in to the chapter, \$6,642 to pay, \$1,157.44 profit, and still expecting \$1,000 reimbursement from CSU, Monterey Bay to the chapter. University charged each program by the program's projected number of students attending vs. those actually presents the day of the event. Refunds will be given to the chapter vs. back to each institution.
- ii. Cesar: There were a total of 612 participants including staff and students, more than double the amount of students than usual, does not recommend to allow that many students for next summer jam.
- iii. Cesar: All evaluations were compiled and will be presenting them next chapter meeting.

C. PDSP: Wendy White, CSU, Fresno

- i. Jenny Robledo reported on behalf of Wendy: There will be a planning meeting taking place on September 5th that will be hosted at Fresno State at 10am.
- ii. Jenny: Wendy has signed a contract with the Double Tree hotel, she sent dollar amounts by email and is looking for people to sign up to help out.
- iii. Guille: If you want to volunteer in the committee please sign up with contact information (passed out a sign in sheet).

D. SLC: Tentative CSU, Bakersfield

- i. Guille: CSUB is willing to host the conference for this coming year, Rey Cuesta and co chair Guille.
- ii. Pushing for event to happen in January but if needing to be postponed it will happen sometime in February.
- iii. Also asking for volunteers (sign in sheet passed around)

E. TRiO Day: Jolissa Espinoza, San Jose State

- i. Guille: Jolissa not able to attend this chapter meeting. Asking for people to sign up to committee. Looking into hosting it in February or beginning of March.

F. SCHOLARSHIPS: Jesus Clemente, CSU, Monterey Bay

- i. Carrie reporting for Jesus: Jesus unable to attend had a family emergency. Carrie read out the list committee members.
- ii. Carrie: If you have any questions or wish to be added to the committee please email Jesus.
- iii. Guille: Clarified we have the Peggy Whitehead done through WESTOP- but will not know if they will continue funding due to lack of funds.
- iv. Ben: asked Guille to clarify who may apply and receive the Peggy whitehead scholarship.
 - I. Cesar T.: Clarifies that only the hosting region will receive the scholarship, but if there are extra monies they might give one to

every chapter. The allocation of money changes from year to year, Guille will know after attending the board meetings.

- v. Guille: This year's scholarship committee is only in charge of selecting awards for the CenCal scholarship.

G. COMMUNICATIONS: Ben Reynoso, CSU, Fresno

- i. Ben: Passed out a report on what is happening with communications. Jenny helped Ben get acquainted with the listserv, he has printed those names of people on the listserv and asked for everyone to review and help update and delete those individuals no longer active.
- ii. Ben: still needs to be compensated for the purchase of iWeb (software/license bought to keep and maintain our new website). A receipt was given to Jesus (he believes) during the last meeting, if receipt is not found he will fax a copy to Carrie.
- iii. Jenny R.: Can people add themselves to listserv through the website?
 - I. Ben: No they have to send an email request to Ben to be added.

H. HISTORIAN: Dennis Adkins, Fresno City College

- i. Guille: Suggests emailing Dennis any past successes and or current so that Dennis can put together a newsletter and compile Cen Cal Chapter history.

I. BYLAWS: Omar Correa, CSU, Bakersfield

- i. Guille: Asked for bylaws to be sent to Guille, by chapter founding members, to give to Omar for review. Cesar T., Martina G., and Carrie L., believe to have a copy will forward to Guille as soon as they find a copy.
- ii. Cesar T.: Omar needs a committee to review the bylaws and make changes if needed.
- iii. Ricardo: Asked if it would be a good idea to upload the bylaws onto the Cen Cal website
- iv. Cesar T.: Believes there is a copy in the documents folder in the old website, needs to check if the old webpage is still up.
- v. Ben: Has the old website bookmarked will check if document is still up.

J. FUNDRAISING: Susana Lucero, CSU, Fresno

- i. Susana: From the last meeting we collected \$30 of pin sales and \$36 raffle ticket sales; money will be given to Carrie today.
- ii. Carrie: Has to check running balance to give a total.

MOTION TO APPROVE OFFICER REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS MOTIONED BY RICARDO SECONDED BY BEN. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. SUMMER JAM BRIEF DISCUSSION (COMMENTS, PROS & CONS)

- i. Ricardo: It was good; there were a lot of students, many left with a good sense of summer jam. Beneficial especially to those new students, they participated and met new people. Overall the event was a success. Only thing he wished would have been different, the amount of activities allowed to host by each campus. Ricardo felt a little left out because was not able to conduct activities his program planned for.
- ii. Cesar: The reason why that happened was because there were too many activities submitted; activities were cut across the board. It seemed that some schools had more programs than others, but that was because some universities had more programs than others. Activities were cut by programs vs. institutions. No programs conducted more activities than others.
- iii. Martina: Thought the event went well. Enjoyed to see the pictures during Reading and Beyond's summer closing ceremony, looked beautiful with all the colors and the amount of participants.
- iv. Guille: Enjoyed the event and all types of weather in one weekend.
- v. Ben: One suggestion; more diversity with the music during the dance.
- vi. Cesar T.: University as a whole was really happy. The check in and check out process went smoothly; only two lost keys. Thanked everyone for bringing in student leaders for 18 color groups. Something needing to be worked on for the next summer jam event is on student leaders and their approach to teambuilding. They need to focus more on how to be cheerleaders and not soar losers. Need to work on a more extensive team leader orientation.
- vii. Cesar T.: Evaluations comments included; it should be longer and wanting to go to the beach.
- viii. Kristen: her students suggested to have the dance after the competition so that they are able to dance and hang out more with their group colors.
- ix. Jenny: Suggests to give students cards to pass out and network with others, she has done this with her students at different events and they really enjoy it. Also serves as a good ice-breaker.
- x. Ricardo: Allowed for his students to come closer and become more united as a program.
- xi. Cesar T.: Diana from Reedley did mention concerns with the food. Not everyone had the same breakfast because there was no room to host everyone breakfast at the cafeteria. Also breakfast ran out and there was not enough to feed everyone.

B. COE FAIR SHARE FUNDING

- i. Guille: Before Kona Wendy sent out a request to donate for the Fair Share. This year Guille would like to propose that we begin a piggy bank for fair share money and each time we meet add a dollar or donation amount per member.
- ii. Cesar: CSUMB has a piggy bank that they can bring in for next Cen Cal meeting.

- iii. Carrie: Other thoughts; in Burlingame teddy bears were given upon donation.
- iv. Cesar: Do other chapters pay dues? MAYOP, aside from chapter fees, they pay dues.
- v. Guille will ask during next board meeting to find out what other chapters are doing to collect their fair share.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PDS- NO DISCUSSION

B. SUMMER JAM CHAIR FOR 2009

- i. Guille: Reedley College has previously volunteered, will get confirmation from them hopefully next meeting.

C. NEW MEMBERSHIP

- i. Guille: Conducted discussion via e-mail with WESTOP Board, Guille opposed to make proposed membership fees. Guille opposes to proposed change on institutional membership fees. They propose that regardless of project numbers, the institutions would only receive 6 votes and fees are increased. More institutions with more projects will be penalized with having the same amount of number votes. Hope that by the August 15th and 16th results regarding membership will be known.
- ii. Cesar asked if there was discussion on adding more voting slots, Guille responded that there was, but that they cannot add more voting slots due to bylaws.
- iii. Guille: Asked if there is anything that the Chapter would like for her to take back to the board.
- iv. Martina: Comments that she knows that they need the money, but the rationale behind it is not going to fix the problem. Instead of an incentive it looks like a penalty, they need to reconsider.
- v. Jenny: does not understand the logic behind that.

D. WESTOP LOAN

- i. Guille: Guille sent out through the listserve a document coming from Joy verifying that WESTOP is in financial trouble due to the reimbursement needing to give to the people that were not able to obtain reimbursement.
- ii. She is asking the SoCal, Arizona, and Cen Cal chapter to loan \$5,000.00 each. The loan can be given as a lump sum or as a "pay no more" for C-Vent. Does not know how soon, but knows that repayment will happen.
- iii. Guille: Commented that in conversation with Wendy, according to her WESTOP knows what our chapter budget is. Wendy is willing to loan.
- iv. Cesar T: Guille's presidency begins July 1st so it is Guille's decision and not Wendy's.
- v. Guille: Wants to bring it to the chapter for feedback before making a decision.
- vi. Martina: Will be okay with loaning but would like to know more about repayment plan.

- vii. Jenny: Would also like a plan in writing stating repayment plan. Would have wanted to vote on this issue, it is not fair they do this now when no one is a renewed paid member.
- viii. Guille: will wait until next board meeting to get more information and then make a decision.
- ix. Cesar T.: Suggests finding out more of the repayment plan, and having it in writing, what is the money going to be used for? Suggests cutting out some of their expenses as well, timeline of repayment, and be placed in a list to be paid as membership comes in.
- x. Chapter agrees to support the loan with explanation and payment plan.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next meeting will take place on Friday October 10th, 2008 following our annual PDS in Sonoma County.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY RICARDO M. AND SECONDED BY CARRIE AT 1:30pm . MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY