



# WESTOP

## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHAPTER MINUTES FRIDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Central California meeting was called to order by President Gillermina Martinez at 11:15am.

### Present:

Gillermina Martinez	CSU, Bakersfield
Ricardo Marmolejo	COS
Norma I. Cuevas	CSU, Fresno
Omar Correa	CSU, Bakersfield
Reynaldo Cuesta	CSU, Bakersfield
Bernardo Reynoso	CSU, Fresno
Jenny Amaro	CSU, Fresno
Jenny Robledo	CSU, Fresno
Josie Casanova	CSU, Fresno
Liliana Sanchez	CSU, Fresno
Martina Granados	CSU, Fresno
Mary Lopez	CSU, Fresno
Sandra Fuentes	CSU, Fresno
Susana Lucero	CSU, Fresno
Tonni Rudd	CSU, Fresno
Veronica Vargas	CSU, Fresno
Wendy White	CSU, Fresno
Jesus Clemente	CSU, Monterey Bay
Oscar Luna	CSU, Monterey Bay
Helena Orozco	CSU, Stanislaus
Jessi Reyes-Murray	CSU, Stanislaus
Kristen Correia	COS
Cindy Dunn	FCC
Dennis Adkins	FCC
Ginna Bearden	FCC
Linda Mendoza	FCC
Mayra Machain	FCC
Aurelia Gonzalez	MJC
Breanna Binda	MJC
Arnold Melgar	NHU
Patricia Ahumada	NHU
Judy Spell Dupree	Reading & Beyond
Diana Banuelos	Reedley College
Franky Meza	Reedley College
Gilbert Cervantes	Reedley College
John Lorona	Reedley College
Jorge A. Aguilar	UCM
Orquidea Largo	UCM
Dave Ferguson	University of Washington

## **I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Guillermina Martinez welcomed everyone and asked that everyone introduced themselves.

## **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 AGENDA BY ARNOLD AND SECONDED BY REY. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2008, MEETING HELD AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY IN SAN JOSE, CA MINUTES, BY JOHN AND SECONDED BY ARNOLD. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

### **A. TREASURER: Carrie Lujan, CSU, Monterey Bay**

- i. Carrie: Could not make it to the meeting this morning.
- ii. Jesus Clemente reported for Carrie: The current budget amount is \$14,004.44.
- iii. Guille will confirm with Carrie on budget amounts.

### **B. PRESIDENT: Guillermina Martinez, CSU, Bakersfield**

- i. Last Board Meeting was in Arizona on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, Guille was ill and not able to attend.
- ii. Items discussed:
  - I. The board hopes to get the TRiO name out, and is wanting to get in contact with Alumni and utilize them to promote TRiO. The board is asking to please submit the names and contact information of TRiO alumni whom currently hold high roles and positions to Tomasa.
  - II. WESTOP Conference
    - a. Still needing volunteers
      - Facilitators and Evaluation: Contact- Sergio Galvez Cal Lutheran College
- iii. Pending items:
  - I. CVENT: asked for assistance but still awaiting for the help, most likely will not get resolved until the WESTOP conference.

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

- i. Ricardo: Congratulated those who had just submitted their APR.

- ii. Membership for CEN CAL and WESTOP is being updated daily. If anyone is interested in obtaining this information they can get in contact with Ricardo to receive the link or the list of paid members.
- iii. WESTOP Conference: is coming up, please make an effort to attend March 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix Arizona.
- iv. During the last meeting, in SJSU, Ricardo asked that the CenCal members send a small report to WESTOP so that everyone knows what we are doing. Please make time to do a report and have some information to send out, also send it to Cen Cal listserv and share your program events
  - I. Jenny A.: it can be called best practices can serve as a tool for others.

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

- i. Welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members to please take a moment to sign in.
- ii. Thanked the individuals who turned in committee reports, but only received a couple of them. She asked that committee chairs please submit reports before the meeting, this way it makes it easier to record the minutes.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. LEGISLATION & EDUCATION: (Kimberly Hughes)**

- i. Ricardo: Kimberly is absent but sent out a report.
- ii. Ricardo: Read Kimberly's report.
  - I. The senate is now working on it's version of the economic stimulus plan.
  - II. Draft letters have been sent to CenCal members to do their part and intervene by contacting your Congressmen in advance on behalf of TRiO programs.
  - III. The House decided to postpone a vote on the "omnibus" appropriations bill for the FY 2009. The current extension is in place until March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
  - IV. The FY 2010 budget cycle begins this month.
  - V. COE Policy Seminar is March 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The focus will be on the stimulus plan.
  - VI. Upcoming Competitions: SSS Spring/Summer 2009; ETS and EOC in Fall 2009; UB Summer 2010; and McNair summer 2011.
- iii. Guille: Clarified the safe practices of lobbying.
- iv. Guille: Will need a volunteer to attend policy seminar, hopefully President Elect will be able to.

**B. SUMMER JAM: Arnold, CSU, Monterey Bay**

- i. Arnold: Distributed copy of report.

- I. Does not have a full committee in place, all the planning so far has been done in house (NHU).
  - II. Dates have been reserved as well as the facilities.
  - III. Guest speakers have been reserved.
  - IV. Attached to the report are hotel rates in the area.
  - V. Need to confirm the total number of participants- estimates have been done to a total of 150-200 participants.
  - VI. Food prices included.
  - VII. Has included two agendas for those programs that cannot stay overnight.
- ii. Arnold: Asking for suggestions and/or changes.
- I. Martina: \$30 per student is a little high. What has been done in the past years is that programs are allowed to bring up to 50 students and pay a set amount that has been max \$600, suggests revisiting and designating a set amount per program.
    - a. Arnold: Will consider but thinks that will also depend on number programs that will commit by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - b. Rey: Suggests having them send a list of participants once they commit.

**C. PDS: Gillermina Martinez, CSU, Bakersfield**

- i. Gillermina: Two workshops have been locked in but wants to step out of today's meeting with a location.
  - I. Options are Chuckchansi or Hollywood. Guille wants to choose a location where getting to the location is not a problem or a huge expense.
    - a. Jessi: Suggests we stay within our Colleges and Universities.
    - b. Rey: Suggests we speak to Guille now and let her know what we want and expect.
    - c. Arnold: Wants to know some of the reasons why certain programs could not come to PDS last year.
      - Wendy: No real reason were given to her but suggests to be conducted on a University Campus.
    - d. Rey: Fresno would be a more central location.
    - e. Dave Ferguson: Would hate to see the chapter limit themselves to attend professional development, it is something you work out now with your supervisor to try to attend. PDS is usually the highest revenue event of the chapter. PDS' were developed to get everyone to attend especially for those that were not able to attend the WESTOP.
    - f. Ginna: We have to be flexible, something we teach our programs. This is just a bad year because of the economy

and maybe this year it can be different, make it a one-day event.

- g. Jessi: It would be difficult to justify Hollywood and would really like to stay within Central California.
- h. Rey: Who is able to host us in their college?
- i. Jenny A.: Normally the event is 3 days, we can cut down to 2 and can make it easier for some to attend and it is easier to justify going out to a campus vs. a casino.
- j. Jenny R.: Fresno throws out the name in the pot.
- k. Ben: Suggests Monterey Bay.
- l. Wendy: Coming out of Kona there was 100 people in the roster and people just did not respond which was very frustrating, we have to commit.
- m. Guille: Will take Fresno State and Monterey Bay in consideration.

II. Guille: PDS dates are set for Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**D. SLC: Rey CSU, Bakersfield**

- i. Rey handed out copies of committee report:
  - I. It was cancelled but kept in communication with those programs attending although forgot to let their committee members and were still working hard.
  - II. Norma: Scholarships are presented during this event, any suggestions as to when they can be presented?
    - a. Rey: This would be an item for the scholarship committee to discuss.

**E. TRiO Day: Jolisa Espinoza, San Jose State**

- i. Guille: Jolisa is not present but sent in her report.
  - I. Due to the lack of Nor Cal representation and due to a holiday it has been tentatively postponed.
  - II. Looking at doing a state wide event to combine WESTOP chapters.
  - III. Looking for all chapters to agree on a date, and will send t-shirts to all participants to wear while giving back to the community.
    - a. Ricardo: Would this require all chapters to get together?
    - b. Guille: Every institution would be going out and do a type of community service in their community.
    - c. Cindy Dunn: Suggests doing Habitat for humanity to gain greater attention.
    - d. Arnold: Suggests Cesar Chavez day since it symbolizes day of service.
    - e. Guille: Asks to please send your suggestions to Guille or Jolisa.

**F. SCHOLARSHIPS: Jesus Clemente, CSU, Monterey Bay**

- i. Jesus: Final count of submitted scholarships were 36, 8 came from UB program at Fresno State, 16 were from ETS programs, and 12 from SSS programs.
- ii. The scholarship committee will meet again on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February at Fresno State to continue to review applications. All of the SSS applications were reviewed today, but will also make final decisions on the winners on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Looking at awarding 8 students at the amount of \$500, subject to change.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS: Ben Reynoso, CSU, Fresno**

- i. Ben: Currently in the process of adding an information sheet on the web for the new members to fill out.
- ii. Once scholarship recipients are selected he would like to post their information on our website.
- iii. Would like to get an idea of how many CenCal members are planning on to attend the WESTOP Conference in Phoenix?
  - I. Of all members present (39) six said they would be attending.
  - II. Ben asked if someone can take pictures during the conference and email to him to post on the website.

**H. HISTORIAN: Dennis Adkins, Fresno City College**

- i. Dennis: Last meeting in SJS he was able to grasp some of insights and observations of how the CenCal chapter came about. He wrote up a premise, passed out copies and asked that we give him feedback.
  - I. He would like for all members who were around during this time to please contribute any history, timelines, observations, personal insights, stories, etc. they may have. Email to: [dennis.adkins@fresnocitycollege.edu](mailto:dennis.adkins@fresnocitycollege.edu)

**I. BYLAWS: Omar Correa, CSU, Bakersfield**

- i. Omar: No report for this meeting.

**J. FUNDRAISING: Susana Lucero, CSU, Fresno**

- i. Susana: Explained the purpose of the CenCal pins and the marble game (6 including the green marble left).
- ii. Running total is \$2,650.

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**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. COE Fair Share Funding

- i. Jenny: Had very little communication and direction, Angelica has sent some information through email but not sufficient to get started with the fundraising.
  - I. Info given to Jenny:
    - a. As a chapter there is no set dollar amount and have not been able to figure out what CenCal's share is.
    - b. Guille: Angelica is in charge to designate specific amounts and will ask to provide us with one.

**B. Nominations for 2009-2010**

- i. Guille: Would like to get everyone involved, encourages everyone to step up and be involved with the chapter. All positions need to be filled for Ricardo's term. Guille will send an email with nomination forms for those not present can nominate.
- ii. Ricardo: Not sure as how other institutions work but when putting in a travel request it is more likely to grant travel if you are the chair or part of the committee.
- iii. Ben: Suggest that if only a few are going to WESTOP it is best to vote when most are present.
  - I. Guille: Would like to include everyone in the voting process, if needed absentee ballots will be handed out.
  - II. Wendy: Suggests to have job descriptions on the website and she offers to talk to anyone wanting to know more information.
  - III. Guille: Asks that those people currently chairing send descriptions to Ben so that he can put them on the website.
- iv. Nominations:
  - I. Not many nominations came through today therefore, Guille will send out a nomination sheet via list serve.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. None

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Jessi: Upcoming Conference in CSU Stanislaus
  - i. Transition from Student to Teacher Conference, on Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 8:00am-3:30pm at CSU Stanislaus Event Center.
- B. Patricia Ahumada: NHU is a 4 year private institution and is interested in the CenCal Chapter knowing more about their university and has decided to pass out some information so we can share with our students and professionals.
- C. Next chapter meeting is in WESTOP and Bakersfield after that.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY BEN. AND SECONDED BY MARTINA AT 12:51pm. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**