



WESTOP

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHAPTER MINUTES

**FRIDAY, May 1, 2009
California State University, Bakersfield**

The May 1st, 2009 Central California meeting was called to order by President Guillermina Martinez at 11:18am.

Present:

Gillermana Martinez	CSU, Bakersfield
Ricardo Marmolejo	COS
Norma I. Cuevas	CSU, Fresno
Cesar Margarito	Cal Poly, SLO
Rocio Lopez	Cal Poly, SLO
Reynaldo Cuesta	CSU, Bakersfield
Bernardo Reynoso	CSU, Fresno
Jenny Robledo	CSU, Fresno
Kami Thepphavong	CSU, Fresno
Kimberly Hughes	CSU, Fresno
Liliana Sanchez	CSU, Fresno
Mary Lopez	CSU, Fresno
Martina Granados	CSU, Fresno
Susana Cruz	CSU, Fresno
Toni Rudd	CSU, Fresno
Wendy White	CSU, Fresno
Helena Orozco	CSU, Stanislaus
Jessi Reyes Murray	CSU, Stanislaus
Kristen Correia	COS
Santiago Uvina	MJC
Ismael Serrano	UC, Merced

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Ricardo Marmolejo welcomed everyone and asked that everyone introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 1ST, 2009 AGENDA BY JESSI REYES-MURRAY AND SECONDED BY REY CUESTA.
MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD AT, REEDLEY, CA, ON FEBRUARY 2ND, 2009, BY REY CUESTA AND SECONDED BY MARTINA GRANADOS. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

A. TREASURER: Carrie Gonzalez-Lujan, CSU, Monterey Bay (Not Present)

- i. Gillermina: Carrie sent her a total of \$13,148.72. She has received only one check for Summer Jam in June from Cal Poly, SLO UB.
- ii. Jenny: Why is the balance different from the last amount reported in minutes?
 - ✓ Guille: does not have full report but believes it may be due to the loan we gave to WESTOP.
- iii. Guille: Final board meeting is May 11th, where she will report the final budget. She made copies for proposed budget 09-10 for all of us to review. Not much has changed from her term. She will also be asking for electronic voting before she submits budget May 11th.

B. PRESIDENT: Gillermina Martinez, CSU, Bakersfield

- i. Guille: Received an email regarding the negotiation rule making (sent by Thomasa)

- ✓ Summary:

The department of education concluded its negotiated rulemaking sessions intended to provide consensus on the draft regulations to be published by the department governing TRIO, GEAR-UP and HEP-CAMP (high school equivalency program and college assistance migrant program).

Negotiators representing COE and various RIO projects objected to:

- a. The department of education's refusal to allow tuition as an allowable cost in talent search. Failure to allow talent search to support that enrollment makes it impossible for some programs to effectively implement the requirements imposed on them by congress.
- b. Negotiators failed to come to consensus on the appeals process added to the TRIO chapter by the department.
- c. Negotiators had come to consensus on TRIO representative's positions of allowing disabled veterans to be served by veterans upward bound programs, regardless of their income or first-generation status.

- ✓ Discussion:

- a. Make sure to submit feedback, especially if you are in ETS, it is crucial that you do.

- ii. Guille: Thanked the chapter for allowing her to be the President, it was challenging but very rewarding. She has learned very much and met many people.
- iii. Guille: WESTOP Conference (Arizona). Was good, she received a great deal of information, great workshops were presented and targeted to all programs. At the conference there was a total of 35 CenCal representatives, but no reps during the voting. Guille was embarrassed because there were only 3 CenCal members that voted. Guille asks to please make sure that we vote and well represent our chapter.
 - ✓ Ricardo: Also gained a lot of information and knowledge on staff and student development. We should also be more active in voting and recognizing our hard working directors in CenCal.
 - ✓ Guille: Great attendance during the CenCal chapter informational meeting.
 - ✓ Guille: Next WESTOP conference will take place in Long Beach and the year after that will be in Reno. The board will go back to previous conferences to make sure that the rotation stays consistent.
 - ✓ Rey: The Nevada Chapter President Elect called Rey and asked if CenCal chapter can commit to helping Las Vegas put the conference together. His response was that he needed to consult with the chapter first.

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

- i. Ricardo: Attended Policy Seminar (discussion later in meeting)
- ii. Passed around the WESTOP membership list, please revise. For the future when you register for WESTOP please specify which chapter you belong to (CenCal)
- iii. Jesse Reyes-Murray: Will fees for WESTOP increase?
 - ✓ Guille: No they will remain the same.
- iv. Rey: COE membership went up
 - ✓ Jenny Robledo: Yes it did.

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

- i. Welcome to the last meeting of the year. Please take a moment to sign in.
- ii. Reports are very helpful when time comes to review the minutes, some of you submitted them by the deadline and others did not. Please take the time to submit the report or bring copies for the officers during the meeting.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. LEGISLATION & EDUCATION: Kimberly Hughes, CSU, Fresno

- i. Kimberly: Looking for committee members. Mentioned brief committee objectives/charges:
 - ✓ Both Chambers of Congress passed the \$3.5 trillion FY 2010 Conference Report on the Congressional Budget Resolution.

- ✓ This week, Members of Congress returned to Capitol Hill to resume its legislative business, most notably the FY 2010 budget.
 - ✓ This week, the Department of Education will host its final HEOA negotiation rulemaking session to discuss the new regulations for the TRIO, GEAR UP, and HEP CAMP programs.
 - ✓ With regard to upcoming competitions, we expect the Department to release the application for the next SSS competition in August with and October 2009 due date.
 - ✓ Obama delivered a speech at the White House highlighting his Administration's commitment to financing higher education opportunities as a means of economic growth and global competitiveness.
 - ✓ We have only one week left before President Obama releases his full budget request for FY 2010, which Congress will use as a starting point in determining funding for TRIO and other federal program.
- ii. Ricardo: Attended policy seminar and gave his summary.
- ✓ During the 2009 COE Policy Seminar, Ricardo and Francisco Bañuelos were scheduled to meet with Members of Congress to discuss various items that will affect the continued funding of TRiO Grants.
 - ✓ Amongst the four, Ricardo, Francisco, and two SSS staff members of Cerro Coso CC, they were able to meet with Congressmen Nunes, Costa, Radanovich, McCarthy and Cardoza. The items brought up were appropriations letter and the bipartisan TRiO.

B. SUMMER JAM: Arnold Melgar, The National Hispanic University (Not Present)

- i. Guille: Arnold was not able to make it but did submit a report;
- ✓ Confirmed total number of Participants, 630 including staff.
 - ✓ Nine institutions have confirmed with a total of 13 programs attending.
 - ✓ Has a list of items still needing by June 1st:
 - a. List of student names including staff, t-shirt sizes, submit registration fees (\$650 per program), and submit 2 games per program.
- ii. Ricardo: Noted that in his report he stated to be a two-day event, but the last he mentioned it changed to a one-day event.

C. PDS: Gillermina Martinez, CSU, Bakersfield

- i. Gillermina: PDS will be held in CSU, Fresno. Guille has already asked directors at CSUF for help and they have agreed.
- ✓ Dates are Oct. 7-8, only a two day event and will look into the agenda to see what can be cut out so that we have enough time to cover workshops.
 - ✓ Guille is asking to begin thinking of which workshops we would like to see take place.

- ✓ Will be sending a form for individuals to sign up and be part of the committee.
- ✓ Wendy: Are you looking into lowering the price, given that it will only be a two-day?
 - a. Guille: because we have not made much profit in other CenCal events it might be best to keep it the same.

D. SLC: Rey CSU, Bakersfield

- i. Guille: Student Leadership Conference did not take place this year and it remains vacant for the upcoming year.

E. TRiO Day: Jolisa Espinoza, San Jose State (Not Present)

- i. Guille : TRiO day was not possible this year and this position also remains vacant.

F. SCHOLARSHIPS: Jesus Clemente, CSU, Monterey Bay (Not Present)

- i. Norma: The committee has met and has selected a total of 10 recipients for \$400 scholarship each.
 - ✓ Educational Talent Search:
 - a. Ricardo Perez (Tulare Union High School)
 - b. Ariel Barrios (Tulare Western High School)
 - c. Nancy Xiong (Redwood High School)
 - d. Manpreet Kaur (Redwood High School)
 - ✓ Student Support Services:
 - a. Gerardo Zenteno (CSU Monterey Bay)
 - b. Fatima Ramirez (CSU Bakersfield)
 - c. David Taula (CSU Bakersfield)
 - ✓ Upward Bound & ELL Upward Bound:
 - a. Maria Guadalupe Ramos (Madera High School)
 - b. Mai Tria Moua (Edison High School)
 - c. Karina Perez (Fresno High School)
- ii. Students from ETS and SSS received personal calls from chair requesting “Statement and Photo” for our chapter’s website (information has been forwarded to communications chair) UB award recipients will be announced during their Senior Luncheon in May.
- iii. College students may submit proof of enrollment plus statement and photo and receive their award immediately, HS students may have to wait until they enroll in classes at the university.

G. COMMUNICATIONS: Ben Reynoso, CSU, Fresno

- i. Ben: Scholarship Recipients are on the website. Log on and click on scholarships.
- ii. Historian piece is on the website.
- iii. Also added the schools we service as a chapter.
- iv. Summer jam invoice is online as well.
- v. Board will change pictures and seats after today.
- vi. Asking for suggestions on better quote for the website.

- vii. Made changes to titles or any changes that need to be made, like outgoing staff.
- viii. Added quicker links to the WESTOP page.
- ix. Wants to show off the seniors and the schools they are going to, please send him information on all your seniors.
- x. We are taking our group picture after today's meeting.

H. HISTORIAN: Dennis Adkins, Fresno City College (Not present)

- i. Guille: Dennis not present and nothing to report.
- ii. Jessi: brought a binder with information on what happened the first year of CenCal to give to our next historian.

I. BYLAWS: Omar Correa, CSU, Bakersfield (Not Present)

- i. Guille: Omar is not present he is preparing for his wedding tomorrow.
- ii. Ricardo: something that was discussed during the Az. Conference, was that the bylaws should not be bylaws but guidelines, something for next chair to expand on.

J. FUNDRAISING: Susana Lucero, CSU, Fresno

- i. Susana: Running total is \$2,882. Only 5 total marbles with green already included.
- ii. Tickets will be for sale after the meeting 6 tickets for \$5 and you must buy your CenCal pin if you do not have one.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. COE Fair Share Funding

- i. Jenny: If paid before June 30th they wont have to pay the extra \$500 per institutional membership. If a request is sent to Phillip stating you want to pay but your funding does not come in until after June, he can still grant you to pay the same amount and not the additional \$500.
- ii. As a CenCal chapter most of our institutions are members. Jenny will divide the CA fair share amounts by chapter. 0-1 program 3,000, 3+ ...

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Installation of Officers and Committee Chairs for 2009-10 (Norma)

- i. President Elect: Cesar Margarito
- ii. Treasurer: Norma I. Cuevas
- iii. Secretary: Arnold Melgar
- iv. Summer Jam: Diana Bañuelos
- v. Legislation: Kimberly Hughes
- vi. Historian: Dennis Adkins
- vii. Scholarships: Susana Cruz
- viii. TRiO Day: Wendy White
- ix. Fundrasing: Santiago Uvina
- x. Communications: Bernardo Reynoso
- xi. Student Leadership Conference: Reynaldo Cuesta

- xii. Bylaws: Kristen Correia
- B. Reimbursement for Ricardo Marmolejo's participation in Policy Seminar
 - i. **Rey Cuesta Motions to Reimburse Ricardo for the amount of \$730.64 difference for attending policy seminar. Motion was approved unanimously.**

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Rey: We have to recognize individuals in our chapters that have contributed many years of service. The candidate is always available to help and is a great contributor to CenCal and one of the original members of the CenCal board. Service award was given to Jessi Reyes-Murray.
- B. The Upward Bound Program at Fresno State has a student in great need. Mom was deported to country of origin leaving UB student to care for her two younger siblings and all the responsibilities of an adult. Asking for a contribution from the members as well as from the chapter.
 - i. **Martina motioned for chapter to consider giving the student, Karina Perez, \$500 dollars for hardship seconded by Rey. Motion was approved unanimously.** (Norma will fill out check request and submit to Carrie).
 - ✓ Discussion: None.
- C. Next Chapter Meetings
 - i. August 7th, 2009 at College of the Sequoias more information to come.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY MARTINA AND SECONDED BY KRISTEN
AT 1:13PM. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**