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March 12, 2008

Present: Dean Murakami, Robert Perrone, Gabriel Torres, Diana Hicks, Nyenbeku George, Wayne Olts, KC Boylan, Hali Boeh, Andrea Balsamo, Dennis Smith, Lynn Ott, Tonie Hilligoss, Fred Dawkins, Charles Van Patten, Lanny Hertzberg

Excused: Kris Fertel, Reona James, Dolores Delgado Campbell, Zack Dowell, Donna Nacey

Absent: Jason Newman, Sandy Warmington, Annette Barfield

- I. Convene the LRCFT Executive Board 3:00 PM
- II. Approval of the agenda by consensus with changes, approval of the February 27, 2008 minutes by consensus
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. **Liaison Reports:**
 1. **AS** – No report.
 2. **FACCC** – Van Patten distributes document with information on new legislation. Information on the state budget is also distributed. Van Patten suggests board members review information. The LRCFT board should take a position on the bills listed. Murakami suggested creating a matrix with positions taken by FACCC and CFT. Murakami reports that the FACCC PAC is conducting candidate interviews. Murakami will interview candidates for the 5th AD, Yamada and Cabaldon on March 17th at the LRCFT office. The interviews will be at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM, board members are encouraged to attend.
 3. **CFT** – Smith distributes and reviews documents on the proposed Oil Tax Bill. Smith reports that he has been visiting districts that have faculty who will potentially be laid off because of the state budget. A discussion regarding the impact of lay offs on faculty and students is discussed. The Education Coalition, which CFT is a member of, is working on a proposal of fair and progressive taxes for the budget. The Ed Coalition is looking for teachers and parents who live in republican districts to write letters to the Sacramento Bee regarding the budget and teacher lay offs. Smith discusses the proposal by CTA to merge with CCA. A meeting will be held at the NEA/AFT Higher Education Conference in Washington DC.
 4. **SCLC** – Murakami reports that he attended the Labor Seminar. There were about 50 people at the seminar. Murakami presented on community college funding, retirement as well as other issues affecting community colleges.
 5. **LACLA** – Torres announces the beginning of the Cesar Chavez Day March has been identified. There are dinner and dance tickets available, as well as a poster of original art. Murakami reviews SB 1322 for board members and discusses the importance of addressing this bill.

DISCUSSION

- V. **Retiree Chapter Update:**

Hertzberg reports on LRCFT's meeting with Pat Crawford of CFT, on LRCFT'S retiree chapter. Murakami, Perrone and Bill Mahan attended the meeting. Crawford provided LRCFT with by-laws from AFT San Francisco and Santa Clara. Possible changes to LRCFT's constitution were discussed. Crawford suggested LRCFT charge dues of \$5 a month for members of the chapter. Crawford also discussed the lack of representation of CFT and AFT at STRS meetings. Hertzberg reminds board members that the AFT has announced all retirees of LRCFT are lifetime members of AFT at no cost. Hertzberg reports on the progress at CRC regarding retirees. CRC is taking the lead from SCC which provides many benefits to their retirees.

Hertzberg reports on Second Saturday held at LRCFT. Second Saturday was very successful. Dowell, Boylan and Murakami attended the gallery opening. There were a lot of faculty members attended as well. CRC faculty will provide artwork in April and ARC in May. Policies and procedures for the gallery are being worked out.

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VI. CFT Constitutional Changes:

Smith distributes and reviews proposed changes to CFT Constitution for board members. Discussion is held.

VII. Alumni Dinner:

Boeh updates board member on arrangements for upcoming Alumni dinner.

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VIII. Treasurer Report:

Perrone reports on proposed LRCFT budget

IX. President's Report:

Murakami reports on media event with Garamendi.

Meeting adjourned PM