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Present: Dean Murakami, Robert Perrone, Chuck Van Patten, Donna Nacey, Annette Barfield, Dolores Delgado Campbell, Jason Newman, KC Boylan, Dennis Smith, Reona James, Kristine Fertel, Tonie Hilligoss, Alex May, Zack Dowell, Gabriel Torres, Fred Dawkins, Reona James, Robyn Waxman, Nyenbeku George, Diana Hicks

Excused: Rod Tarrer, Hali Boeh

Absent:

- I. Convene the LRCFT Executive Board 3:00 PM
- II. Approval of the agenda by consensus, approval of the January 27, 2007 minutes by consensus.
- III. Public Comment: Ken Burt, Political Director of CFT, speaks to LRCFT Executive Board members about the CFT's Activists for Congressional Education (ACE) and AFT's Pipeline Program.

IV. Liaison Reports:

1. AS – No Report.
2. FACCC – Smith reports on status of FACCC's legislative agenda. FACCC will continue to work on the 50% law. Smith attended a luncheon with Senator Jack Scott, Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee, Assemblymember Anthony Portantion, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, and Lt. Governor John Garamendi. Smith discusses the CCC initiative at the luncheon. FACCC lobby day is on March 5, 2007. There is no cost to attend lobby day.
3. SCLC – Murakami announces there has not been a large meeting. A short meeting with the Executive Board and Pac Committee was held. Proposals were made for a school bond measure in the Bradshaw/Hwy 50 area and flood control assessment.

ACTION

V. Cesar Chavez March: (1st Reading)

Gabriel Torres moves to endorse the 2007 Cesar Chavez March in Sacramento on March 31 and financially support for water, food, permits and publicly. Torres requests a donation of \$1000 from the LRCFT. Boylan moves to suspend the rules, Delgado Campbell seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus. Boylan moves to approve motion and request for \$1000, James seconds the motion. Discussion is held. Murakami discusses the CFT's Women's Rights conference and march to Cesar Chavez Park. Boylan calls for the question, motion passes by consensus.

Discussion

VI. Resolution of support for the Tri-National Conference:

Torres presents resolution of support to board members. Document is distributed and reviewed. Torres gives background on the Tri-National conference. Torres attended the conference and reviews resolutions passed at the conference. A five point platform is presented and discussed. The resolution regarding the Oaxaca teachers is discussed and their needs are discussed. A tour of the US will be made by the Oaxaca teachers. Help with transportation and housing will be needed. A liaison from LRCFT will also be needed to communicate with other unions. Torres volunteers to be the liaison for LRCFT.

VII. CFT Convention:

Murakami announces that there will be a teacher from Oaxaca speaking at the CFT convention. There will also be a speaker from South Africa that will address the convention. Murakami discusses the constitutional amendments proposed. Smith gives detail to the proposal, explaining the dues formula. A discussion regarding the \$3.00 defense fund is held. Of the \$3.00, \$2.00 will go to the minimum funding schedule for the pension fund and \$1.00 will go directly to the CCC initiative. Smith is in support of the change. Murakami announces the three candidates for President and the two candidates running for

Secretary/Treasurer. There will be forums held for the candidates to speak at. Nacey suggests the group attending the CFT convention meet to discuss issues that will need to be voted on.

VIII. CCI Update:

Smith announces that the campaign has contracted with Acosta Salazar for the media campaign. Discussion regarding strategy and the media campaign is held.

IX. Minors on Campus:

Murakami discusses the issues which came through the academic senate. Murakami distributes documents for the board to review. Discussion is held.

X. Media Training Update:

Murakami announces a training will be offered to LRCFT board members with Fred Glass, CFT Communication Director. Murakami encourages board members to attend.

Reports

XI. Grievance Report:

James announces there is one grievance at FLC with a librarian but it will not move forward. Boylan gives background information regarding the grievance. The faculty member has decided to resign and has found a new position

XII. Building Update: :

Perrone reports work that has been completed at the new building. At this time a possible move-in date will be sometime in April 2007. Interior decorators from Western Contract have been hired to work on the new building.

XIII. Chief Negotiator Report:

Smith discusses the situation regarding the counselors work year. The issue has been worked out.

IX. President's Report:

1. The SUJIC will be meeting March 19, 2007. Murakami suggests the team get together before the meeting to discuss issues the LRCFT will like to address.
2. Murakami gives update to Watada case.
3. Consultation Council – discussion regarding West Valley Mission College and the 50% law is held. The union sued the district and the system for not enforcing the law.
4. Orientation – Murakami announces the orientation will be next Wednesday, please RSVP to Reina or Robert.
5. Pick a Prof – letter to CRC is reviewed and discussed.
6. Article in the San Jose Mercury News regarding failing students in community colleges is reviewed and discussed.
7. Legislation – Murakami distributes and review legislation for executive board members.