Cape Cod Community College Association (CCCCA) Minutes of the General Meeting, October 27, 2010

The meeting came to order at 12:05 p.m.

The minutes of the March 31, 2010, General Meeting were accepted, and the Order of Business was adopted.

President's Report:

President Barnes distributed a written report, which highlighted the following:

- Member participation in the upcoming elections is critical. Defeating ballot Question 3 and electing education friendly legislators are essential for the well being of public higher education.
- Mary Jenkins, a new at-large member of the CCCCA Executive Committee, brings a professional staff perspective to the committee.
- Student evaluations for online courses are being moved and consolidated into Vice President Miller's office. All faculty members will be held harmless for any of the student evaluations of online courses that were never compiled and received. The college, along with the other 14 colleges, will work through the statewide committee to develop a better means of delivering, receiving and compiling this data.
- College management agreed at MACER to re-evaluate its policy of reassigned time for program review chairs. The current policy denies additional reassigned time to department chairs and program coordinators for doing this work yet gives reassigned time to others.
- The Day contract has been signed and funded by the legislature. The first increases will be on June 30, 2011.
- The DCE MACER has begun to meet. Michele Wolfson and Betsy Smith have been appointed to serve on the DCE MACER.
- Grievance update:
 - The Jacques arbitration is completed. Final reports are due to the arbitrator in November 2010 and we should receive the ruling in December.
 - The McCormick arbitration is scheduled for April 2011.
 - Two DCE mediations are scheduled for December 10, 2010. One involves the DCE over enrollment of courses.
- President Barnes has been asked to chair the MCCC Bylaws and Rules Committee.
- At the request of several nursing faculty, a retirement and GPO/WEP information session will be arranged.
- The hybrid faculty/professional staff positions that were out of contract compliance are all faculty positions now.
- The CAS petition process to bring in positions into the unit is nearly completed. Most of these positions are parttime professional staff positions such as tutors and counselors with a few part-time day instructors.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Sweet reported that the CCCCA's account has a current balance of \$1,186.46.

Old Business

Christine McClure has agreed to serve as the CCCCA's Strategic Action Committee (SAC) representative.

Presentation

MCCC President Joseph LeBlanc spoke to the members about the importance of the upcoming election to the public higher education community. Passing ballot Question 3, which would reduce the state income tax rate to three percent, would probably decimate funding for higher education. The MTA is starting a new initiative to move the Union from a service organization to a member-driven, collaborative organization. A member-to-member campaign to increase union activism will be launched in the spring.

President LeBlanc also reported that public higher education union leadership was instrumental in pressuring the legislature to fund the contracts.

Announcements:

The CCCCA is looking for volunteers for the Bylaws Committee.

The CCCC Board of Trustees refused to take a stand against ballot Question 3.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Guarino, CCCCA Secretary