

*West Los Angeles College Chapter
AFT Local 1521
Minutes of May 20, 2010*

A brief meeting was held in the Music Studio, and then adjourned to join with the Senate in honoring retirees Carolyn Widener, Lloyd Thomas, and Rod Patterson.

Minutes of April 15th were reviewed and approved.

Budget: Olga reported on the District Budget Committee's recent deliberations, and stated that the district's budget is the same as in recent previous iterations. She shared a document summarizing the Governor's May Revise of the budget.

- \$19.1 billion shortfall
- Possible elimination of CalWORKS
- Negative COLA for community college faculty (- 0.38%)
- Funding for 2.2% enrollment growth
- Redirection of \$5 million from both EOPS and part-time faculty compensation to CTE

Olga noted that while the District's enrollment grew by 7%, it was only funded for 2% of that growth. Five percent had to be absorbed by colleges' budgets.

NC-PERS Scholarship Awards: Olga announced the six student winners of \$500.00 scholarships. She stressed that recipients make significant contributions to their communities, while keeping up with their studies. Recipients included Maria Flores (Dental Hygiene), Gary Gerlinder (Nursing), Cassandra Green (Pre-Law/History), Christa Jones Botton (English), Carly Mesmic (Dental Hygiene), and Viktoria Trizno (Paralegal Studies).

Online Courses: Eric Ichon reported that in the Spring of 2010, 113 International students took 172 units of course work online. This is an increase over the previous totals of 91 International students taking 70 units online. In other notable statistics he reported that hybrid enrollment increased 156% and total online pure enrollments increased 32%. Olga asked how far along is the ESL Institute for Chinese students. Eric replied that he has met with representatives and that there is the potential to offer an intensive language academy. Students have taken assessment tests to start summer or fall.

Article: Richard Olivas called the meeting's attention to an article regarding the privatization of community college courses in California in a Memo of Understanding signed by the state Chancellor and Kaplan University. ("Chancellor's office cuts private deal with Kaplan University." It was published in California Teacher, Feb/Mar 2010, p. 14.).

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