

Santa Monica College
Collegewide Benefits
Minutes of the Meeting
March 23 2006

Present

Pat Brown, Co-Chair
Sandi Burnett, Co-Chair
Lenore Banders
Al DeSalles
Mitra Moassessi
Ana Rojas
Peggy Shannon

Absent

Peter Geltner
Jeanette Goolsby
Mimi Vaval, Resource Staff Assistant

Assistants

Letty Kilian, Staff Assistant

Co-chair Patricia Brown called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Noting that there was no quorum, she requested the Committee to review the March 23, 2006 Minutes.

March 2, 2006 Minutes (as amended)

- Quotes for the following medical plans will be provided in the RFP:
Blue Cross, Health Net, **AETNA**, **CIGNA**, Pacific Care

Approval of the Minutes was placed on the agenda for April 4, 2006 due to lack of quorum.

Reports and Discussions

Co-chair Pat Brown announced that Dr. Tsang will appoint a replacement for Reagan Romali who will be unable to attend future Committee meetings due to her current work on the District's budget.

Faculty Retirement Benefits Workshop & STRS Workshop

Co-chair Pat Brown reported that the March 2, 2006 Retirement Benefits Workshop for full-time faculty was very informative and well attended. The March 9th STRS Workshop also had a good turnout. The Faculty Association is having a STRS Retirement workshop for adjunct faculty scheduled for March 24.

5th Annual Health Benefits & Retirement Conference

Co-chair Sandi Burnett reported on the Los Angeles Community College Guild's 5th Annual Health Benefits conference held on March 17, as a very informative CalSTRS workshop on retirement. She and Mitra Moassessi attended the conference. This generated some discussion about scheduling a workshop with a STRS representative to address retirement and STRS for the District's adjunct faculty.

Spring Benefits Forum

An e-mail announcing the upcoming March 30th Forum was sent campus-wide. A hard-copy flyer was also distributed to the posting locations throughout the District.

Retirement Benefits Workshop for Classified

The Committee is planning a retirement workshop on April 19 for classified staff.

RFP Response

Companies are reluctant to provide any quotes in response to the RFP. Co-chair Burnett forwarded an e-mail to the Committee from PacifiCare to Fickewirth where they are postponing their quote as their rates for January 2007 are not available at this time.

Adjunct Faculty Health Benefits, Separation, and STRS

The Committee is considering an informational workshop for part-time faculty to help them be better informed in knowing what options are available to them.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Approval of March 2, 2006 Minutes
- Spring Benefits Forum Results
- Discussion of Additional Forums
- Blue Cross Response to RFP

Adjournment: 10:25 a.m.

The next meeting of the Collegewide Benefits Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Library Conference Room.