American Federation of Teachers Local 6157
Committee on Political Education (COPE)

Meeting Minutes

September 28 2018
12:00pm – 1:00pm
San Jose City College
B-203

1. Call to Order – meeting was called to order by AFT 6157 President Paul Fong at 12:03pm

   Members present: Paul Fong, Phil Crawford, Fabio Gonzalez, Andres Quintero, Dennis Meakin, Alex Lopez, Elaine Ortiz-Kristich, Linda Ferrell

   Item 7.a (heard out of order) COPE Chair – President Fong nominated Andres Quintero as COPE Chair, motion was seconded by Fabio Gonzalez. **Motion Paul Fong, Second Fabio Gonzalez: Approved 5-2 Ferrell and Ortiz - Kristich dissenting**

2. Introductions – Given that everyone present knew each other, the body, through consensus, decided to forgo introductions.

3. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda was amended to hear item 3.a Membership, immediately after item 3. Items 8c and 8d were added to the agenda which dealt with SJECCD Board of Trustee races and Phil Crawford’s candidacy for Santa Cruz City Council respectively. **Motion Fabio Gonzalez, Second Paul Fong: Approved Unanimous**

   3.a Membership - question was raised as to when a person has a vote on COPE, is it when a person submits COPE contribution card or when their payment is deducted from their check. Daryl Hemenway was consulted and he read from the bylaws stating that membership began when payment was received. Linda objected to Dennis Meakin voting as he has not paid any cope dues as of today. Daryl read from the AFT 6157 constitution stating members must be paying members. The body was asked to vote as to when they wanted to consider someone a member and provide them voting rights. Motion was made to afford rights to vote upon submission of a contribution card **Motion Phil Crawford, Second Paul Fong: Approved 5-2 Ferrell and Ortiz-Kristich dissenting**

4. Approval of the Minutes - N/A

5. Recognition and Announcement – N/A
6. Public Comment  N/A

7. Cope Chair – heard out of order after item 1

8. Discussion Items

   a. Measure A Endorsement  **Motion Phil Crawford, Second Fabio Gonzalez** - **Unanimous**
   
   b. Working Partnerships Champions of Change Dinner Sponsorship – $1,000  **Motion Paul Fong, Second Fabio Gonzalez**: **Approved** 7-1 Ortiz-Kristich Dissenting

   c. Board of Trustees Elections -

   Sole Endorsement of Paula Quintero for Trustee Area 2  **Motion Paul Fong, Second Fabio Gonzalez**: **Approved Unanimous**

   Sole Endorsement of Maria Fuentes for Trustee Area 4  **Motion Phil Crawford, Second Elaine Ortiz-Kristich**: **Approved Unanimous**

   An amendment for a dual endorsement for Fuentes and Nguyen was moved by Paul Fong.  **Motion Paul Fong, Second Andres Quintero**: Fails 2-5, Crawford, Gonzalez, Meakin, Lopez and Ortiz-Kristich Dissenting - Ferrell not voting

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Monetary contribution to Phil Crawford of $350 dollars in support of his candidacy to the Santa Cruz City Council Motion Fabio Gonzalez, Second Phil Crawford Approved 6-2 Ferrell Dissenting

9. Information Items – N/A

10. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned the chair at 1:00pm

Minutes approved via email on 10/2/18 by a majority of the COPE Board.