

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Communications Council Meeting Notes
January 31, 2017; 9:00 a.m.

<p>Introductions/Check-in</p>	<p>Paul Parnell, Brandon McLaughlin, Ed Eng, Claudia Habib, Christine Miktarian, Wendell Stephenson, Lucy Ruiz, Barbara Hioco, Darnell Harris, Stephanie Curry, Lacy Barnes, Don Lopez, Susi Nitzel, Dan Hoffman, Lori Bennett, Liz Romero, Claudette Matz</p>
<p>Agenda Review (Draft) February 7, 2017, Board of Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>Dr. Parnell explained the new process of developing the board agenda with the use of the BoardDocs. He led the general discussion reviewing the draft agenda.</p> <p>Specific topics of discussion were:</p> <p>Ed Eng discussed item F – Governor’s Budget, and provided information regarding preliminary numbers relative to the budget. He stressed the pension liability for PERS and STRS and the impact on the budget due to future increases.</p> <p>Christine Miktarian discussed item G, Districtwide Solar Initiative Proposal. She presented details related to the SPURR utility JPA proposal in relationship to solar projects. She explained the highly competitive process for this firm becoming the statewide contractor. She discussed the advantages of the proposal in terms of cost savings and explained there will be no cost to the district for installation. She reviewed an in depth presentation that will be provided to the board at the February meeting as an information item. She explained there will be a public hearing at the board meeting in March. There was discussion regarding the placement of solar panels at the various parking lots. Don Lopez stated the challenge at FCC is the unknown plan for future buildings at the campus. Dr. Parnell stated the proposal will not prevent the district from entering into potential agreements with other solar companies in the future.</p> <p>Christine Miktarian also discussed item H, Capital Construction Projects and Bond Measures C and E in detail. She updated the committee on the progress relative to architect interviews, program manager for the construction projects coming on board, future survey of the needs of a West Fresno campus, the Oakhurst site, partnership with Tree Fresno, and starting the fund raising for the Fine Performing Arts Building at Reedley College. She stated the five-year construction plan will go to the board in May, and a potential PLA/CBA workshop is being planned for the near future.</p>

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Associated Student Government

Brandon McLaughlin, FCC Student ASG Representative provided an update of ASG/campus activities. Highlights were the need for a change in ASG president for the remainder of the semester, working on getting bus passes for 50 students, Ram Pantry food drive, and the issue of smoking on campus.

Academic Senates

Liz Romero, CCC Academic Senate President, reported on the status of Educational Master Plan, and stated they are looking at the guided pathways program and becoming more involved with that program. She asked for clarification on board policy (BP) revisions, and who looks at the corresponding administrative regulations (AR) to ensure changes are made. Dr. Parnell stated the Chancellor’s Cabinet makes revisions to the AR’s if necessary.

Stephanie Curry, RC Academic Senate President, reported on the process used for starting the Guided Pathways Initiative. Two people from Bakersfield College visited the campus and shared how that college started Guided Pathways on their campus. The academic senate is working on a dual enrollment committee operating agreement.

Wendell Stephenson, FCC Academic Senate, stated they are monitoring the Guided Pathways Initiative and dual enrollment. He stated they are working on the policy which allows students to challenge the pre-requisite process. He reported on the status of Education Master Plan and the Strategic Plan.

Classified Senates

Susi Nitzel, FCC Classified Senate President, reported they will have a guest speaker present on the topic of student activities and how to get involved with the students. She stated elections are coming up, and announced FCC will be hosting the Classified Senate Presidents retreat.

Darnell Harris, RC Classified Senate President, stated they have three senators who plan to attend the 2017 Classified Leadership Institute in June. He stated they are working on a “welcome” document for new classified employees which will be designed to help new employees transition to employment at RC.

Dan Hoffman, CCC Classified Senate President, reported Lorrie Hopper presented to their group regarding the hiring procedures and the approval of new positions at CCC, representatives plan to attend the Classified Leadership Institute also, and they are looking forward to the retreat at

	<p>FCC. He provided an update on the status of the Education Master Plan.</p> <p><u>SCFT</u> Lacy Barnes, SCFT President, reported they are appointing members to serve on the negotiation team. She also reported that she will be assisting with recruiting at the career fair being held in San Francisco. There was a brief discussion regarding the ACCJC and the union lawsuit.</p>
Presidents' and Chancellor's Reports	<p>Claudia Habib, VP of Madera CCC, reported the Strategic Plan has been developed and they have held workshops and forums to get feedback on the document. She stated it aligns with the District Strategic Plan. She announced RC will be having a 90th birthday celebration on March 7 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the RC cafeteria.</p> <p>Lori Bennett, President CCC, reported they are completing the Educational Master Plan and will be taking it to the board meeting in March for approval, and are working on the Strategic Plan. She stated there was a Veteran's orientation event last week and commented on the speaker series for CCC.</p> <p>Don Lopez, Interim Vice President of Instruction FCC, reported the campus is working on the strong workforce plan for submission, working with Fresno Unified School District on data sharing as well as working on the Promise.</p> <p>Barbara Hioco stated she is working on finishing the District Strategic Plan and the document is going through final review. She stated the strong workforce local and regional plans must be submitted and she is working on accreditation standard 4 part C & D.</p>
Bond Presentation	This item was discussed in detail earlier in the meeting during the agenda review.
Budget	This item was discussed in detail earlier in the meeting during the agenda review.

<p>Governance Policy Review</p>	<p>Dr. Parnell stated there was a question at the board meeting asking how the board policies are vetted. He re-emphasized the communication council is the vehicle for passing information up and down to the constituent groups. He stated during the agenda review, topics are discussed and policies are reviewed so that the information can go to the constituent groups. He stated policies/information are communicated back to the constituents through this process.</p>
<p>California/Central Valley Promise</p>	<p>Dr. Parnell stated the district is applying for a grant hoping to get \$1.5m to further the Promise pilot in collaboration with five school district, three colleges, CSUF and the Central Valley Pilot Promise programs. He explained high schools students who earn a 2.7 GPA and meet the a-g requirements, will be able to have their tuition paid for one year. The Promise is if students fulfill those requirements, the first year tuition will be paid for them. He stated the district received \$155,000 from an all-women's group and the foundation has matched the donation for a total of \$310,000 toward the Promise funding.</p> <p>Wendell Stephenson asked what contribution CSUF is making in terms of the Promise. Dr. Parnell explained CSUF is committing to making space for the district students that want to go to CSUF. There was discussion regarding the colleges that are involved and it was explained CCC is committed to getting involved in 2018. There was discussion regarding the group of educators and community leaders that visited Oakland recently to learn more about how they established processes related to the Promise. Mr. Lopez asked if there is an income level to participate. Dr. Parnell explained that 70% of the students receive a BOG waiver and the other 30% would benefit from this. He stated districts are trying to send a message that all can go to college.</p> <p>Wendell Stephenson stated the California Master plan envisioned that college was going to be free. He stated we have departed a long way from that goal and it seems like the Promise takes colleges away from that because now districts are raising money to offset the tuition costs. Dr. Parnell stated community college is the driver to move students forward in their education. It was point out that community colleges also focus on transfer students not all of the students are CTE or trade school students. Lacy Barnes stated community college is to assist all students in whatever goals they have.</p>

**Next Meeting, Tuesday, February 28, 2017
District Office Conference Room**